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The Roman Catholic

April 6, 2022 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April 10, 2022

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

-Luke 22.14-23.56



When Applicable - please ensure that the following items are in your bulletin and/or are also announced so that the same information is heard across the diocese. Thank you.

Online Broadcast of the Daily / **Sunday Masses:**

- Sacred Heart Cathedral, PG Facebook
- Annunciation Parish Prince Rupert Facebook
- St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers Facebook
- Church of the Resurrection, Facebook
- Notre Dame Parish, Dawson Creek, Facebook
- Sacred Heart Parish, Terrace, YouTube

For those with cable or optic TV, please check with your provider for the following or go directly to:

- Salt & Light
- Vision TV
- **EWTN TV**

Progress on the Path of Reconciliation

Bishop Stephen Jensen welcomed the news of Pope Francis' message of apology to residential school survivors at the end of his week of meetings with Indigenous, Inuit, and Metis delegates in Rome. This is another step on the journey of healing and reconciliation with those who welcomed missionaries and immigrants to this land long ago.

Last year, the Diocese of Prince George embarked on a fundraising appeal to support residential school survivors, their families and communities and to promote reconciliation among the indigenous and non-indigenous peoples in our part of the country. Over \$70,000.00 was raised by this special appeal, which represents about half of the amount the diocese has pledged as its share of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' collective pledge to raise \$30 million across the country over the next five years.

The bishops' conference established a new registered charity to manage funds raised across the country with transparency and good governance, including oversight from Indigenous Board Directors. The fund will publish annual reports and will be subject to an audit by an independent accounting firm each year.

All the funds pledged and raised from the diocese will be returned and used to support projects recommended by a local committee of Indigenous persons, which is in the process of being formed. The diocese will provide updates as this work proceeds.

We hope this initiative will be one more contribution to the work of fostering mutual respect and commitment to a shared future for all who call this land home.

For further reading:

https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Bishops-Announce-Indigenous-Reconciliation-Fund.pdf

https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/canadas-catholic-bishops-welcome-pope-francis-apology-toindigenous-peoples/

Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday

The Good Friday Collection, on April 15, 2022, is requested by the Holy See to help maintain Christian sites of the Holy Land and to support the Church in the pastoral, educational, and social works that contribute to a sustained Christian presence in the land where Jesus the Christ once walked.

This Pontifical Collection will be taken in the parishes during the Good Friday celebration. Those who are unable to attend the service are still able to contribute online by going to canadahelps.org and searching for "Commissariat of the Holy Land", or by Interac e-transfers to <u>terresainte@bellnet.ca</u>. Receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Custody of the Holy Land, I sincerely thank you for your support,

Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

PG4Ukraine – Share Hope Refugee Sponsorship

The Share Hope Refugee Sponsorship Committee has started a city wide PG4Ukraine initiative. We are raising funds and awareness in coordination with our efforts to help displaced persons and refugees fleeing from the war in Ukraine. This will include the option to relocate to Prince George.

If you would like to help with our fundraising efforts, you can donate directly to your Parish and mark it "in support of the Share Hope Refugee Sponsorship Committee."

You can also donate through CanadaHelps using the "Ukraine" option on the page for the Diocese of Prince George located here: <u>https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/70838</u>.

We are always looking for new members to join in our efforts.

For more information, contact Dick Mynen from St. Mary's at 250-565-4764 or Eva Gillis from Immaculate Conception at 778-349-7001.

Support Ukraine through CNEWA

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) is a papal agency dedicated to addressing the needs of near-eastern countries and implementing solutions with and through the Church in those countries.

Donations for Ukraine can be sent to CNEWA the following ways:

- Visit <u>https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/</u>
- > Call 1-866-322-4441
- Send cheques to CNEWA Canada, 223 Main Street, Box 80, Ottawa ON K1S 1C4

Hope for Women Staff Care Team Volunteers

Advokate Life and Education Services is looking for volunteers to join its new Staff Care Team for its Hope for Women pregnancy centres:

"The staff at our pregnancy centres share in the emotional journeys of our clients and some weeks are harder than others. We're looking for volunteers from Abbotsford, Prince George, Langley and their surrounding areas, that want to join our HFW (Hope for Women) Staff Care Teams. These teams will be organized through Advokate's head office and will come alongside our staff when there are particularly challenging weeks. This will mean providing them support and care by making them a dinner to take home, bringing in homemade cookies and coffee, bringing in a bouquet of flowers from your garden, and other creative ways to encourage and lift them up.

If YOU have a caring heart and enjoy showing appreciation through acts of service, we would love to have you on our HFW Staff Care Teams! Contact us at 604-852-4623 ext. 24 or email <u>marie@advokate.ca</u> for more information, or to express your interest in joining."

Walk for Life in Prince George – May 28, 2022

Advokate Life and Education Services is holding its first, in-person Walk for Life in Prince George. Walk for Life is a pro-life fundraising initiative which supports women through pregnancy counselling and resources, after-birth care, post-abortion care, and community education.

The Prince George Walk for Life will take place on May 28, 2022 and starts at 12:30 PM at Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park, 17th Ave, Prince George, BC, V2L 3X9.

Fundraise on your own or bring together a team to walk or run 5K or 10K and invite your friends and family to sponsor you. More details can be found on the website: <u>https://walkforlife.ca/</u>.

Prince George Pro-Life Society

These past two years, the Prince George Pro Life Society has kept a low profile, waiting for the end of COVID and restrictions, never expecting the pandemic to last this long. It is now time to take steps towards becoming more active, in whatever way possible. Our goal is to return to some, or all, of the events of past years, such as: Life Chain, Day of Infamy, 40 Days for Life, and our booth at the exhibition. Eventually, we hope to add on new events such as a pro-life movie and dessert evening.

To accomplish this, one of our first goals is to rebuild our membership to pre-pandemic levels. For those who are interested in joining us in our work for the respect and protection of all human life, please consider becoming a member of the Pro-Life Society. Membership is \$24 (adult/family) and \$12 (student/senior) per year. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 2333 Stn A, Prince George, BC, V2N 2J8. If you have any questions, please contact Laura at 250-563-3874 or at jafowlie@telus.net.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Dates

Many women, men, couples and relatives who have had an abortion experience suffer emotional and spiritual pain, afraid to reveal their deep secret.

We invite you to come on a Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat where you will receive God's mercy, compassion, and grace to replace shame, guilt, anger, and grief.

Registration is open now. Confidentiality is assured. Please see below for retreat dates and contact information:

Lac Des Roches Resort Retreat – May 3-5, 2022

- o Call or text: 250-267-5081
- Email: <u>rvkamloops@yahoo.ca</u>

If you or someone you know is suffering from an abortion experience, there is no need to suffer in silence, Rachel's Vineyard is here to help.

Monthly Day of Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – April 12, 2022

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a *Personal Date with Jesus* on **Tuesday, April 12, 2022** -Holy Weekat the Domano Chapel, 6500 Southridge Ave. **Mass** will be celebrated at **7:30 AM** and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM for a day of silent prayer and adoration. We will pray for the universal Church and the world, and for the people and needs of our Diocese. In particular, we will pray for the protection of all human life, for all the sick, for vocations, for Peace in our world, and for the intentions of those participating in the day. Please mark your calendar on the <u>second Tuesday of each</u> <u>month</u> for *Personal Dates with Jesus* days.

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Diocesan Youth Conference 2022 – May 6th and 7th



Save the date! -Our annual Diocesan Youth Conference is happening on May 6th and 7th!

Hosted at Christ our

Saviour Parish in Prince George, with Meg Hunter Kilmer as our speaker! DYC is back in person!

The theme for the 26th annual DYC is 'Come Holy Spirit'. Registration and more info to come! Open to all youth Gr. 7-12!





Tuesday Nights at Christ Our Saviour

All youth and young adults are invited to Christ our Saviour Parish, each Tuesday night, to spend an evening with Jesus, alongside a community of other young people! Fr. Michael celebrates Mass at 5:30PM, followed by leading us through Eucharistic Adoration. Throughout Adoration, we have praise and worship led by some of the young adult community, have time for silence, and there's the opportunity to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are welcome to make this night a consistent part of their week.

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Friday Nights at Domano

All young adults are invited to come out to Domano Chapel at 6pm each Friday. During Lent, we start with an outdoors, candlelit Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass at Domano Chapel. Afterwards, we have community and dinner with one another at Vianney House. For continual updates on what each Friday looks like, check us out on our Instagram Page: JP2 Catholic Club. All young adults are so welcome to make this night a consistent part of their week.





JP2 Catholic Club Instagram

For all young adults, students at CNC or UNBC, young professionals, or young families – follow us on our Insta: @jp2catholicclub! We post everything from inspirational content for your prayer life, to events that are happening in the area! Our Instagram is the place to go for updates and changes made on our week-to-week events and gatherings.

Employment Opportunities

Camp Morice Society:

We are looking for 2 people who are Catholic, outgoing, energetic, and love running youth programs to fill our "Year Long Program Director" and our "Summer Assistant Program Director" positions! If either of these interest you, please go to our website for the full job description www.campmorice.ca or contact president@campmorice.com for more info!

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George (CISPG):

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George (CISPG) is hiring for September 2022 including the Principalship of Annunciation School in Prince Rupert and full-time teaching positions in Terrace, Kitimat and Dawson Creek. Please help spread the word! Postings found at <u>http://cispg.ca/careers/</u>

CNEWA Canada National Director:

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CNEWA Canada, a papal agency that helps provide humanitarian and pastoral support to peoples and churches in the East, is currently looking for a dedicated, hardworking and passionate National Director to lead the Canadian bureau. The job posting can be found <u>here</u> and more information about the CNEWA can be found on their website: https://cnewa.org/ca/

Want to share news in the Wednesday Weekly?

Email <u>reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca</u> by **NOON** on Tuesday.

Late entries will be published in the following week's edition. Please send in Word format.

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