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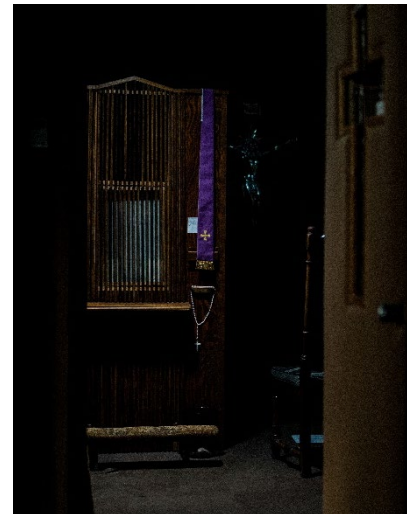
Wednesday Weekly

September 7, 2022

**The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 11, 2022**

*There will be joy in heaven over
one sinner who repents.*

-Luke 15.1-32



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](#)

**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](#)

Attachments

- Fall 2022 Pastoral Care Training Sessions Descriptions
- Fall 2022 Pastoral Care Training Poster
- Blank Donation Forms for Parishes
- 2022-23 Appeal Brochure
- Appeal Update as of Sep 7, 2022
- 2022-23 Appeal Poster
- 2022-23 – Week 1 – Kick-off

A Message from Bishop Jensen

It has come to my attention that priests from the "Society of St. Pius X" have been visiting parts of the diocese and celebrating Mass and perhaps other sacraments.

Unfortunately, these priests often do not make clear their status in relation to the Catholic Church and parishioners may be led to believe that this society and its clergy have some recognition from the diocese. This organization is not in communion with the Church and Catholics should not attend these services.

-Most Reverend Stephen Jensen

2022-23 Diocesan Annual Appeal and Healing and Reconciliation Appeal

September 10/11 is the *Called Together* and Healing and Reconciliation Kick-Off Weekend.

This weekend, our focus will be on the Bishop's letter (found in the brochure). In response to requests from parishes, we will not have a video this year.

You should be receiving your bundle of appeal packages addressed to your parishioners. Those who do not have an addressed package should take one of the packages without an address label.

Attached to the Wednesday Weekly are the Kick-Off Weekend Instructions, the Appeal Update with parish goals, and PDF copies of the brochure, Appeal poster and pledge forms. The pledge forms may be printed in case you have need of them as parishioners are welcome to make their donations before Commitment Weekend.

Please remember that we will have a three-week active phase for the Appeal this year: September 10/11 - Kick-Off, September 17/18 is the combined Educational and Promotional Weekend and September 24/25 is Commitment Weekend.

For those who wish to contribute by credit card, we ask that you go to the Diocesan web site www.pgdiocese.bc.ca and click the link, midway down the home page, that says, 'Click here to donate to the Annual Appeal'.

Please note that, this year on Canada Helps, there are **two** Appeal options – one for Called Together and one for the Healing and Reconciliation Appeal.

We also ask that eTransfer donors use the message box in Interac eTransfer to indicate four things:

1. **Name of parish that should be credited for their Called Together donation**
2. **How much of their donation is going to Called Together and how much is going to the Healing and Reconciliation appeal**
3. **Their Diocesan donor number from their Called Together envelope, if possible**
4. **An email address so that we can reach them with any questions.**

If you have any questions about the Appeal, please contact me at jfowlie@pgdiocese.bc.ca or call the Pastoral Centre at 250-964-4424.

Rachel's Vineyard Fall Retreats

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing.

Registering now. Confidentiality assured.

- **Kelowna Retreat: October 21-23**
 - Call 250-762-2273 or email info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com
- **Lac Des Roches Resort Retreat: October 25-27**
 - Call 250-267-5081 or email rvkamloops@yahoo.ca

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.

Ethiopia - From Apathy to Empathy

The regional director for Ethiopia at CNEWA, Agraw Fantu, has written an op-ed testifying to the increasingly dire hardships of the people of Ethiopia, particularly those in the Tigray region where war started in November of 2020 and continues to this day, remaining largely unknown to Canadians and others in the West.

Ethiopia was already suffering from food scarcity before the war in Ukraine caused prices to rise, and poverty has been increasing all across the country.

To read the full article, click here: <https://cnewa.org/ca/ethiopia-from-apathy-to-empathy/>

Alpha – September 21, 2022

Alpha is a program which provides an opportunity to invite friends and family members to hear the Gospel and explore a relationship with Jesus.

St. Joseph's in Vanderhoof will be hosting an online Alpha this fall, starting on September 21, 2022 and ending November 10th, 2022. It will take place over Zoom on Wednesday nights at 7:30 PM and, thanks to the online format, people from anywhere in the province can attend. If you or someone you know would like to attend, please email reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca and your email will be passed along to the host, Chris Wingham, so that you can receive the Zoom invitations.

For those curious about Alpha, please see the videos below:

Alpha in a Catholic context, Fr. Michael's Story: <https://alphacanada.org/campaign/alpha-for-catholics/>

Alpha trailer: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/184067598>

Lisa's Story: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/521141319>

Monthly Day of Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a *Personal Date with Jesus* on **Tuesday, September 13, 2022** at 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 second Tuesday of each month for *Personal Dates with Jesus* days.

Share Hope

Prince George Share Hope has helped over 70 people from Ukraine who have arrived in Prince George to find peace and support since the invasion began. We are currently in dialogue with another 68 people which are expected to arrive over the next 6 weeks plus a family of 4 which will be settling in Vanderhoof. We are actively helping everyone to find housing, jobs and especially day care since many families are coming as moms and kids.

This number far exceeds what the committee was originally expecting to support, thus we are now looking for more support from the community. We are looking for more host families, more donations of furniture and household goods and more finances to help these people. If you can help out in any way, please email pg.sharehope@gmail.com

Donations made payable to RCEC-Share Hope will receive a charitable tax receipt and can be dropped off at any office of a Catholic Parish in Prince George or mailed to the Diocesan Pastoral Centre.

Donate online via CanadaHelps: www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/70838

E-transfer to: sharehope@pgdio.ca and in the memo field add your name and address.

Pastoral Care Training Program

The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training online series offered by the Diocese of Victoria will begin this fall. The nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, **starting on September 24, 2022**, except for Thanksgiving (October 8) **to conclude November 26**. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or smartphone with speakers, microphone and webcam, and a reliable Internet connection. **Please register through your local parish by September 16.**

Please see the attached materials for further details.

One Million Children Praying the Rosary – October 18, 2022

On Tuesday, October 18, Aid to the Church in Need is inviting children and families around the world to join them in prayer for world peace by praying the Rosary.

A virtual prayer group will take place on Tuesday at 7:00 PM EDT, for which you can register here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/one-million-children-praying-the-rosary-tickets-365893466207>

If you would like to organize a local prayer group or activity in your pastoral setting or school, you can obtain campaign material by submitting your request in writing to Mrs. Valerie Vulcain at vv@acn-canada.org or call 1-800-585-6333, ext. 227.

For the full press release, visit the ACN website here: <https://acn-canada.org/pray-more-than-ever/>

Employment Opportunities

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George (CISPG):

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

Want to share news in the Wednesday Weekly?

Email reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca by **NOON** on Tuesday.

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

To receive all diocesan news directly in your inbox or on your phone

email reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca **OR TEXT** "pgd" to 514-900-0130 to join **Flocknote**. This is an email and text messaging tool created for churches, ministries, teams and other community organizations. It helps to communicate with the people by sending a simple text message. Please join us in keeping up with all the diocesan news.