



The Roman Catholic
**DIOCESE OF
PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

November 23, 2022

First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022

*"Therefore you also must be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an
unexpected hour."*

-Matthew 24.37-44



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

- Appeal update as of November 23, 2022
- Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan Job Ad – Executive Assistant
- Research and Resources Development Assistant Job Description
- St. Therese Institute – Co-Director
- St. Therese Institute – Executive Director
- Advent Mission Poster
- Advent Coffeehouse Poster

Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeals Update

I am happy to report that we've now surpassed three-quarters of our diocesan goal, having reached almost 77% pledged of which 71% of our goal has already been received. Over \$63,000 will be returned to parishes once those pledges are fulfilled.

We didn't have any additional parishes reach their goals over the past two weeks. However, St. Patrick's Parish in McBride continues to climb, having surpassed 200% of their goal. Immaculate Conception Parish in Prince George are just under 96% of the way to their goal, with Sacred Heart Parish in Terrace right behind at just under 93%. Notre Dame Parish in Dawson Creek leapt 23% to reach 68%. St. Andrew's Parish in Fraser Lake added a solid 15% and are almost at 58% of their goal. Immaculata Parish in Burns Lake jumped 10% and are nearly halfway to their parish goal. Well done, all of you.

Our Healing and Reconciliation appeal has now reached almost \$32,000 in pledges with approximately \$30,500 already received.

I want to thank everyone for their continued generous support of our smaller parishes, missions and ministries throughout the diocese. With the challenge of inflation hitting everyone, it can be more difficult to prioritize the needs of others. Please remember that these communities throughout Northern B.C. are also challenged by continually increasing costs and rely on your support more than ever. We continue to place our trust in the Lord and encourage everyone to continue to faithfully pray for the needs of everyone throughout the diocese.

-James Fowlie, Business Manager

Fake Email Messages from the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese

There have been reports from people receiving emails and text messages pretending to be sent by priests or the bishop and requesting assistance of some kind. Please DO NOT respond. Emails from the bishop would come from pgdiocese.bc.ca or pgdiocese.ca. While most fake messages have been from gmail.com accounts, there have been rare reports of some fake emails imitating legitimate email accounts.

Our advisors have told us that there are no steps we can take to prevent these messages from being sent. All we can do is advise everyone of the problem. If you receive an unexpected email claiming to be from the Bishop, Clergy, or any religious in the diocese and are not certain if it is legitimate, please call the Diocesan Pastoral Centre at 250-964-4424 or forward the email to the Pastoral Centre at reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca.

For more information on the many types of phishing messages and how to identify them, please visit this government website: <https://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/en/phishing>

Pilgrimage to World Youth Days in Lisbon, Portugal – August 2023

Young adults ages 18-35 who are interested in participating in a pilgrimage to the World Youth Days in Lisbon, Portugal during August 2023 are invited to an information session on Wednesday November 30th at 7:00pm.

Location: Diocesan Pastoral Centre - 6500 Southridge Ave.

Contact Fr. Ken Anderson at kanderson@pgdiocese.ca if you wish to receive a link to attend virtually or if you have any other questions.

Advent Mission with Guest Speaker Jean-Paul de Fleuriot

From December 2nd to 4th, Christ Our Saviour Parish will be hosting an Advent Mission with guest speaker Jean-Paul de Fleuriot. Please see the attached poster for the schedule.

Advent Coffeehouse Fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul



Aspenglow
An Advent Coffeehouse
December 18, 2022

Fundraiser for the St. Vincent de Paul Society
Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Prince George B.C.
7pm to 9:30pm
\$5 per person - \$10 per family

Join us for an evening of live music performed by local talent,
silent auctions, door prizes, delicious Christmas treats and much more!
If you have any questions or donations please contact Lisa at lvfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca

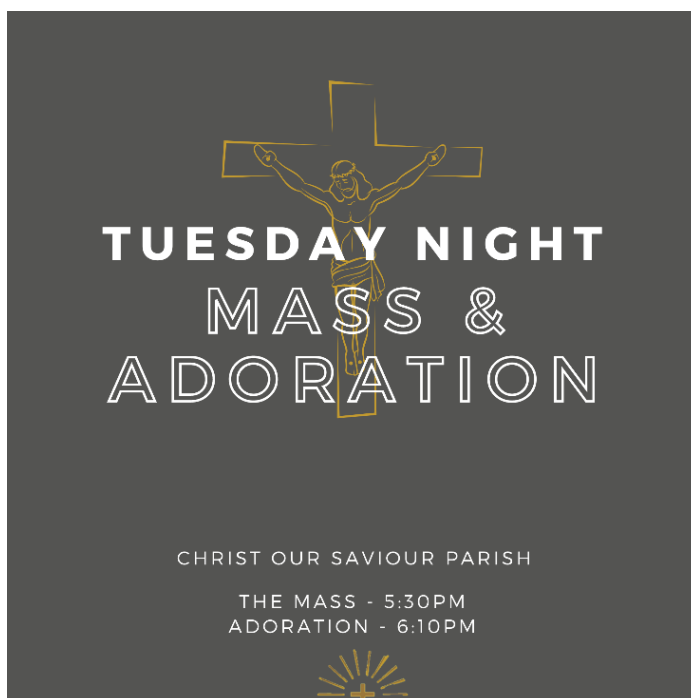
There will be printed posters given to each of the Prince George parishes. Throughout this week and next, one of our young adult organizers will drop off posters at each parish.

Hope for Women Christmas Hampers – Sponsor a Family this Christmas

Hope for Women Pregnancy Services has handpicked several clients and their families to be recipients of a Christmas Hamper to help with the holidays. If you would like to sponsor a family in Prince George this year, here's how you can help:

- The first thing you need to do is let Hope for Women know that you're on board by contacting chelsea@hopeforwomen.ca
- You will then be paired with a family that fits with your budget. Depending on the size of the family, hampers will cost between \$200-600 to create.
- Behind the scenes, Hope for Women will gather a wish list from the family to make this process as easy and fun for you as possible. Then they will send you a shopping list that includes gift ideas for the family members and other optional items such as gas or grocery cards.
- Shop for the items to add to your hamper.
- Drop off your hamper. Instructions will be given by the site manager in your area with the date and time for drop off.

Feel free to round up your extended family and make this a new holiday tradition or make it a project for your church group or staff team. We definitely can't do this without you!



Tuesday Nights – Mass and Adoration 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 parishioners from across the city. Fr. Michael celebrates Mass at 5:30PM, followed by Eucharistic Adoration which begins at about 6pm and ends at 7pm. There's also the opportunity to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Adoration. All are welcome to make this night a consistent part of their week.

Employment Opportunities

Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan

- **Executive Assistant to the Archbishop:** The Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan has an exciting opportunity for an Executive Assistant. This is a full-time position of 40 hours per week,

including occasional weekends. Reporting to the Archbishop, this team member will be responsible for administrative support to the Archbishop and other chancery officials, and to archdiocesan committees; organizing and attending various events and meetings throughout the archdiocese; assisting foreign priests with requirements of life in Canada; and, assisting with the development and dissemination of archdiocesan policies and procedures. Please see the attached job posting for further information.

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

- **Research and Resource Development Assistant – Office for Family and Life:** The CCCB is looking for a full-time research and resource development assistant to work under the supervision of the Director of the Office for Family and Life for the English sector. Please see the attached job description for more details

St. Therese Institute, Bruno, SK

- **Executive Director:** The Executive Director provides managerial and administrative leadership to develop and implement the necessary plans to accomplish the organizational goals as directed by the Board. This role is responsible for overseeing administration, fund-raising, programs and the execution and further development of the organization's strategic plan. Please see the attached job posting for further details.
- **Co-Director of Formation:** The Co-Director works collaboratively with the Director and Assistant Director of Formation to ensure the quality of the pastoral ministry, academics, way of life and faith formation of all the students, with a special emphasis on journeying with the female student community. Please see the attached job posting for further details.

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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.

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"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.