



The Roman Catholic
**DIOCESE OF
PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

December 14, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022

"She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

-Matthew 1.18-24



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](#)
- [VisionTV](#)

- [EWTN TV](#)

Attachments

- Appeal Update as of December 14, 2022
- Job Posting – Director of Pregnancy Care Services
- Winter 2023 Pastoral Care Training sessions Poster
- Winter 2023 Pastoral Care Training sessions descriptions
- Winter 2023 Pastoral Care Training Registration form for Parishes
- KofC Christmas Greetings 2022

Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeals Update

I am pleased to report that we have exceeded 82% of our diocesan goal, with over 76% already received. This will mean that three-quarters of our funding goal will be distributed to the smaller parishes, missions and ministries throughout the diocese early in the new year. In addition to that, around \$73,000 will be paid back to parishes who have exceeded their parish goals.

I'm also very pleased to report that over \$37,000 has been pledged to the Healing and Reconciliation Appeal, with over \$33,000 already received. Thank you for your generosity.

I have been delighted to see more parishes reach their parish goal.

Christ Our Saviour Parish (PG) managed to cross 101% of its target and Immaculate Conception Parish (PG) reached 105% with almost all of it already received. They will start to earn rebates to be sent back to their parishes.

We've also seen a number of parishes make good progress and getting closer to their parish goals: Sacred Heart Parish (Terrace) is almost at 96%, Notre Dame Parish (Dawson Creek) had a 12% rise to over 80% of its goal, Christ the King Parish (Kitimat) had a big jump of 25% to reach 77%, St. Andrew's Parish (Fraser Lake) saw a 16% increase to hit 71%, and St. Mary's Parish (New Hazelton) jumped more than 28% to over 50% of its goal. Well done!

Some other parishes continue to add to their totals, providing additional funds for parish projects from Appeal rebates: Annunciation Parish (Prince Rupert) increased to nearly 400% of its parish goal and St. Joseph's Parish (Vanderhoof) added another 32% to hit 162% of its goal.

On behalf of those small parishes, missions and ministries throughout the diocese, I want to thank everyone for your continued support of our appeals. Many parts of our diocese rely on these funds to help with their ministry. Your contributions -- both financial and spiritual -- are an important sign of our unity in Christ. Please continue to pray for the needs of the entire diocese. We still have work to do!

This will be the last update until the new year.

-James Fowlie, Business Manager

Pastoral Centre Christmas Hours

We will close the Diocesan Pastoral Centre on the afternoon of Friday, December 23rd and will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 2nd. As some staff may book extra time off, we would ask that you send in any requests as early as possible in order to receive a response before we close the office.

All of us at the Pastoral Centre wish you a blessed Advent, a very joyful and holy Christmas, and a happy new year!

Pastoral Care Training Sessions

The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be offered online again this winter. Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, **starting on January 28, 2023, and running until April 1** (with no session on March 18 for Spring Break).

Participants who attend all sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or smartphone with speakers, microphone and webcam, a reliable Internet connection and access to Zoom.

Whether you are a member of your parish Pastoral Care Team, an Extraordinary Minister of Communion, a member of the Knights of Columbus, CWL or St. Vincent de Paul, clergy or religious, caring for a family member, or someone attending as a personal undertaking, this training program is important. It will show why those who visit the sick are unique and how they can offer more than a friendly visit – they can be the hands and face of Christ to others. Bishop Gary Gordon of the Diocese of Victoria feels “it is important to have parishioners trained at the ready to provide a caring and compassionate experience to those who are most in need.”

Please register through your local parish by January 18. For further information, please contact moiraking@shaw.ca

Please also find attached a schedule of sessions and a description of each session attached to the Wednesday Weekly. Parishes can also find attached a registration sheet for their use.

Christmas Greetings from the Knights of Columbus Across British Columbia

The Knights of Columbus from across British Columbia send their Christmas Greetings to everyone in the Diocese of Prince George. Please see the card attached to this week’s Wednesday Weekly for full-size.

*For God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son, so
that everyone who believes
in him might not perish but
might have eternal life.”*
John 3:16

*Merry Christmas
To You and Your Family*

**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Portraits and names of Knights of Columbus members:

- Bishop Gary Gordon
- Richard Lee Wish
- Joe Cahala
- Blaine Anhol
- Andrew Gethroist
- Joe Faubert
- Eric Boonington
- Mark Pan
- Olden Bala
- Edgardo Paves
- Marcel Renaud
- Mark Yang
- Edgar Mares
- Christopher Chan
- Dale Hoyle

Burying the Dead, Grieving Well – a Guide for Catholics on Bodily Disposition and Grief from the Episcopal Commission for Doctrine

The Episcopal Commission for Doctrine has released a document called “Burying the Dead, Grieving Well: A Guide for Catholics on Bodily Disposition and Grief.”

Today, Canadians are presented with the choice of numerous methods of bodily disposition. In this document, the Catholic Bishops of Canada are proposing to the faithful and to all people of good will a reflection on the way we treat the bodies of the deceased and live out our grief when faced with the death of a loved one. It is intended to help Catholics better understand the different options available and the way each relates to the natural process of bereavement and grieving, as well as serves as a guide to the Catholic liturgical and pastoral practices that accompany the grieving process. The Bishops hope it will be useful for families and friends dealing with the loss of a loved one, for pastors and those who welcome and accompany the bereaved, as well as for those in the funeral industry who take the religious dimension into account.



The document can be found on the CCCB website at bit.ly/cccb_buryingthedead or by scanning the accompanying QR code above.

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>

Aid to the Church in Need's 2022 Christmas Campaign

This year, the Christmas Campaign by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is focusing its efforts on the unprecedented hardships of Christians in Syria and Lebanon. The support provided in both countries consists of “housing assistance, the distribution of basic supplies, including food, the purchase of medicine, and pastoral assistance through the organization of youth camps, among others.”

The support from ACN enables Christians in Syria and Lebanon to remain on their ancestral lands, which are the historic homes of the first Christian communities.

In Syria, 90% of the population is living below the poverty line. In Lebanon, 70% of the population is living below the poverty line.

To read the full press release about the campaign, please visit: <https://acn-canada.org/christians-are-already-thanking-you-shukran/>

To view the campaign videos and donate online, please visit: <https://acn-canada.org/christmas-2022/>

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



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

Diocese of Prince George – Pastoral Centre

- **Accounting Clerk – Temporary Full-Time:** The Diocese of Prince George is seeking a temporary full time Accounting Clerk for maternity leave coverage which will commence early in 2023 and last up to 15 months. Reporting to the Business Manager, this position is responsible for a variety of bookkeeping and accounting duties in support of accounts receivable, accounts payable and other accounting and financial functions for several sets of books.
 - Skills and Qualifications
 - Business Accounting Diploma and/or two years related experience
 - Knowledge of Sage 50 and 300, Microsoft 365
 - A high degree of accuracy, judgment and ethics and the ability to work in a collaborative and team environment are essential

The successful candidate must be committed to working in a faith-based office environment.

The diocese provides a collaborative working environment and competitive remuneration including a comprehensive benefits package.

Interested applicants should send their resume to jfowlie@pgdiocese.bc.ca

Advocate Life and Education Services

- **Director of Pregnancy Care Services:** The Director of Pregnancy Care Services is responsible for providing overall leadership to Advocate's Hope for Women Program currently operating in three cities across BC. This includes providing supervision and emotional support to Site Managers, development of training materials and internal systems, and quality control of overall client care.

The ideal candidate has a bachelors degree in practical psychology, social services, counselling

or a related field, has experience working or volunteering at a crisis pregnancy center and is enthusiastic about our mission.

For more information on how to apply, please go to [Employment Opportunities](#) at <https://advokate.ca/get-involved>, contact Marie at marie@advokate.ca or see the attached job posting for more details.

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.