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Prince George

Wednesday Weekly

Quarterly Special Edition

December 21, 2022

Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2022

*The Shepherds found Mary and Joseph,
and the child lying in the manger.*

-Luke 2.15-20



Upcoming Important Dates

- **December 25, 2022 – Christmas**
- **January 1, 2023 – The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and 56th World Day of Peace**

Attachments

- **Knights of Columbus Christmas Greetings 2022**
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Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 56th World Day of Peace

His Holiness, Pope Francis, has released a message and reflection for 1 January 2023, the 56th World Day of Peace. In it, he reflects on the difficulties that have faced the world over the last 3 years, but also on what those difficulties have taught us and how “no one can be saved alone.”

The message from Pope Francis can be found on the Vatican website here: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20221208-messaggio-56giornatamondiale-pace2023.html>

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!

Rest in Peace: Zacchaeus Knyll Cabigas

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Zacchaeus Knyll Cabigas, the newborn son of Jake and Martha Cabigas, who is the secretary and bookkeeper of Notre Dame. He passed away at 3 am on Monday, December 19th. We ask all the faithful to keep him, his parents, and their family in their prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Stories from Chetwynd

CWL Craft Fair and Art Show

For the first time since the pandemic started, the annual CWL Craft Fair and Art Show of Our Lady of Peace in Chetwynd returned on November 19th, 2022 to great success.

Every year, there's a baking table, craft table, quilt raffle, and Pie and Tea. Over the years there has also been a fishing pond for kids, bottle table, Lucky 7 table, cake walk, arms length and many others.

Known for many years as the CWL Christmas Bazaar, the event was renamed to Craft Fair in 2018 to avoid confusion, as “bazaar” is synonymous with “flea market” in some countries. The same year, the event was opened up to vendors, allowing them to rent tables at the fair. This year, there were 6 vendors, the highest number to attend the event. Most of the vendors were regulars from the local farmer's market.

In addition to the regular raffle and craft tables, an art show was added to the lobby, featuring the work of 3 artists from the parish for viewing as attendees entered the market area.

The event was organized by the CWL and supported by volunteer time, donations of baking, craft items, and pie for the pie and tea table. More volunteers than were signed up to help showed up to set-up, work the event, and clean-up.

Wheelchair Donation

Over the last year, Our Lady of Peace has wanted to acquire 2 wheelchairs for the church to assist parishioners who have a hard time walking. Recently, they contacted the Knights of Columbus in Fort St. John. Grand Knight John French showed up with a brand-new wheelchair for the parish on November 23, 2022.

On December 8th, 2022, the parish received a phone call from TLC Thrift Shop letting them know that a second-hand wheelchair had recently been given to them and offered to donate it to the parish.

Christmas Pancake Breakfast

On December 11th, 2022, Our Lady of Peace held their annual Christmas celebration. While usually a potluck, this year it was a pancake breakfast which a group of parishioners cooked for everyone, filling the room with the aroma of fresh pancakes, eggs, and sausages, with fruit and whipping cream to help satisfy the holiday sweet tooth.

Children's Christmas Dinner at St. Mary's, Prince George

On December 4th 2022, St. Mary's Parish in Prince George held a Children's Christmas Party and Pasta Dinner to help collect gifts for St. Vincent de Paul's annual Christmas baskets. The event was organized and held by the Knights of Columbus in the St. Mary's School Gym and made possible through many generous donations.

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

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.

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

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