



The Roman Catholic
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PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

January 4, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2023

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

-Matthew 2.1-12



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](#)
- [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

- 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
- 2022 Parish Statistics for Rome Fillable Form
- How to download Sacrament Data from Parish Friendly
- Christmas Dance Poster
- Movie Night – Of Gods and Men

A Milestone in the Diocese's History – the Retirement of Fr. Frank Salmon and Departure of Sr. Divinia

At the middle of January, Fr. Frank Salmon, OMI will retire from Our Lady of the Snows parish in Fort St. James.

His departure marks the end of an era of more than one hundred years, as the Oblates of Mary Immaculate were the first evangelizers of this part of Canada and Oblate priests and brothers served in the parishes of the diocese in the century that followed. In saying farewell to Fr. Salmon, we salute the long line of his Oblate confreres who gave themselves in the service of God's people here.

Sister Divinia Pedro, CSJ, has worked alongside Fr. Salmon for years and she, too, will leave the diocese to return to her community, the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Toronto. We thank her for years of generous service in the diocese.

Fr. Punnaiah Nalaparaju (Fr. Raju), Assistant Pastor since last summer, will become Administrator of Our Lady of the Snows and its missions.

At 10:30 am on Sunday, January 15 Bishop Jensen will celebrate Mass in Our Lady of the Snows Church to recognize and bid farewell to Fr. Salmon and Sr. Divinia.

Statement from the CCCB President on the Passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Bishop Raymond Poisson, president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, has released a statement about the passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who passed away on December 31, 2022.

To read the full statement reflecting on Pope Benedict's legacy, please see the following link: <https://www.cccb.ca/letter/statement-by-bishop-raymond-poisson-bishop-of-st-jerome-mont-laurier-and-president-of-the-canadian-conference-of-catholic-bishops-on-the-passing-of-pope-emeritus-benedict-xvi/>

Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI – Thursday, January 5th 2023

On Thursday, January 5, the day of the funeral of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in Rome, Bishop Jensen will offer the noon Mass at Sacred Heart cathedral for his intention.

You are invited to participate in the Mass to pray in thanksgiving for Pope Benedict's leadership and for the repose of his soul.

"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."

Parish Statistical Information for 2022

In order to submit the Annual Rome Report for 2022, statistical information is needed from each parish. Parishes are asked to complete the attached form and return it by fax (250-964-2101), mail (6500 Southridge Avenue, Prince George, BC, V2N 5P9) or email (jgarden@pgdiocese.bc.ca) to Fr. John Garden (Chancellor) by **February 3, 2023**. Thank you!

Parish Sacramental Records for 2022

Please download and submit all of your sacramental records from Parish Friendly for the 2022 Year via email to Fr. John Garden (Chancellor) at jgarden@pgdiocese.bc.ca by **February 3, 2023**. Please ensure that you download using the "Sacraments to CSV" format. Also, please ensure that you do not open the file before sending it as it cannot be uploaded by the Chancery Office if opened beforehand.

For instructions on how to download the sacramental records, please see the attached help guide. If you still have questions, please contact Mrs. Marth Primus, Administrative and Pastoral Assistant, Immaculate Concept Parish, Prince George, at: icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca or (250) 964-4898. If you do not have Parish Friendly, please send a hard copy of your parish registers to Fr. John via fax, scan, or postal mail by **February 3, 2023**.

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.

Rejoice: the annual YA Community Christmas Dance

Join the young adults for an evening of celebrating Christmas through dancing, good food, and fellowship. This Saturday, January 7th at 6pm at the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome, young and old alike. See the poster for more details.

Movie Night with the Bishop

Join the young adult community and Bishop Jensen in showing one of Bishop's favourite movies, 'Of Gods and Men' – Saturday, January 14th at 6pm at Emmaus. All are welcome.

Aspenglow: the Annual Advent Coffeehouse Fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul, 2022

The Advent Coffeehouse Fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul on Sunday, December 18th was a huge success. We wanted to say a big thank you to Vince and Tracy Pfanmuller and their kids for putting in so much time, energy and resources towards the evening, and a big shoutout especially to Brigitta Pfanmuller who dedicated hours to organizing it with Y/YA Coordinator, Lisa Vaughan-Farrell. Thank you to all from the Prince George community who donated a wellspring of silent auction items, provided baked goods, and offered their musical talent to the evening. Thank you to Bishop Jensen, who also offered a beautiful reflection that night, and to many other volunteers who gave their time and energy into decorating the Pastoral Centre gym, transforming it into a beautiful space that hosted more than 120 people. We raised just over \$1800 for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and that would not be possible without the generosity of those who contributed to making the night possible, and to those who attended and gave generously. It was a special evening and we're looking forward to next year's.

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

Advokate Life and Education Services

- **Director of Pregnancy Care Services:** The Director of Pregnancy Care Services is responsible for providing overall leadership to Advokate'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.