



The Roman Catholic
**DIOCESE OF
PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

January 11, 2023

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2023

*"Behold, the Lamb of God, who
takes away the sin of the world!"*

-John 1.29-34



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

- Appeal Update as of December 31, 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
- 2022 Parish Statistics for Rome Fillable Form
- How to download Sacrament Data from Parish Friendly
- Movie Night – Of Gods and Men

Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeal Update

I am pleased to report that we have reached nearly 87% pledged toward our diocesan goal and almost 82% already received; we have also surpassed \$39,000 pledged for the Healing and Reconciliation Appeal with over \$36,000 received.

Parish rebates have surpassed \$82,000 through pledges received and these funds will be distributed over the next few weeks.

Three parishes have met their respective goals since our last report on December 14th -- each of them with huge increases: St. Andrew's Parish in Fraser Lake jumped 31% to reach almost 103%, St. Mary's Parish in New Hazelton more than doubled their previous amount, adding 61% to reach nearly 112%, and St. Peter's Parish in Mackenzie almost tripled their total by adding 78% to reach more than 120% of their parish goal. Well done!

Two other parishes climbed closer to their goals and are almost there: Christ the King Parish in Kitimat added 8% to hit 85% of their goal and Notre Dame Parish in Dawson Creek added another 10% to hit nearly 91% of their goal. St. Joseph's Parish in Vanderhoof added 12% to get to 174% of their total and Sacred Heart Cathedral added another 22% of their goal to get to 169%.

We can and should celebrate these achievements, but we also need to remember that the Appeal contributions we have received are still nearly 20% short of our diocesan goal. That means that our smaller parishes, missions and ministries will only receive 82% of the funding they need. We would ask that you continue to keep the needs of these communities -- and those of the entire diocese -- in your prayers. We appreciate your participation in supporting these needs, both financially and spiritually, and ask for your continued assistance.

-James Fowlie, Business Manager

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**.

Shepherd's Corner Needs Volunteers

Shepherd's Corner is a ministry and outreach of the Diocese. Our purpose is to be a Christ-like presence in the downtown amongst homeless and street people. Because of the onslaught of Covid 19, we have been unable to invite people inside. This situation continues due to ongoing uncertainty, even though many restrictions in respect of Covid 19 have been relaxed. However, we are still able to provide (at our front door) services of drinks, snacks, clothing (when available) along with the warmth and presence of Jesus. We are open Monday to Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

We are very thinly staffed and are in dire need of volunteers.

As Catholics, Shepherd's Corner allows us an opportunity to do as Jesus asked us in Matthew 25: 35 - 40. One does not need to be an expert in matters of homeless people. What is important is that volunteers try to see that those people who come to our door are children of God. From a safety perspective, as noted above, we do not let people in, but serve them at the door, and we have strict procedures in place to ensure cleanliness and high standards of hygiene. In addition, all volunteers are required to arrange for a criminal record check, which can be arranged for on the website of the Diocese. Thus, steps are taken to try to help volunteers feel safe.

If you feel called to serve in any way, please contact Peter Ranson at <mailto:p-ranson@shaw.ca> or (250) 552-8980. Please also call us if you are uncertain about volunteering, or if you just wish to learn more about Shepherd's Corner.

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.

National Association of Catholic Nurses Canada (NACN-Canada)

Our goal is to align professional practice with faith through prayer, fellowship, mentoring, access to resources regarding ethical issues and participation in public discourse. On First Fridays at 3:00 p.m., pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with us using the link on our website. Join us for announcements regarding other events, both virtual and in-person.

CONTACT: NACN-Canada PO Box 19525, Manulife PO, 55 Bloor St. W., Toronto ON M4W 3T9.

EMAIL: <mailto:nacncanada.boardcontact@gmail.com> **WEB:** <https://catholicnurses.ca/>

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.

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.