



The Roman Catholic
**DIOCESE OF
PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

February 15, 2023

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 2023

*"Love your enemies and pray for
those who persecute you."*

-Matthew 5.38-48



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](#)
- [VisionTV](#)

- [EWINTV](#)

Attachments

- About Fiat Discernment Group
- Catechists Formation Level One Course
- Lenten Mission with Bishop Gary Gordon Poster
- Come and See the Life of the Franciscans Poster

Ordination of Deacon Matthew to the Priesthood – May 26, 2023

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to inform you that Deacon Matthew Bellerive has been called to ordination to the Priesthood.

Please mark your calendars for this diocesan celebration on Friday, May 26 at 7:00 pm in Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Let us continue to pray for Deacon Matthew and seminarian Paul Raine as they respond to God's call.

-Bishop Stephen Jensen

Bishops and Catholic Organizations in Canada Launch Turkey/Syria Earthquake Emergency Aid Campaign

The four Catholic organizations of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), Canadian Jesuits International (CJI), Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), and Development and Peace-Caritas Canada (DPCC) are launching an emergency aid campaign for Turkey and Syria, with the support of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB). Together, the organizations have pledged nearly one million Canadian dollars.

To read the full press release or learn more about these organizations and how to donate, please visit: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/bishops-and-catholic-organizations-in-canada-launch-turkey-syria-earthquake-emergency-aid-campaign/>

Canadian Red Cross Donations will be Matched by the Government of Canada for Earthquake Relief in Türkiye and Syria

From February 6 to 22, the Government of Canada will match donations from individuals to the Red Cross' Earthquake in Türkiye and Syria Appeal, up to a maximum of \$10 million.

If you would like to donate, please visit: <https://donate.redcross.ca/page/121880/donate/1?locale=en-CA>

Timesheet Correction

If you have not already done so, please make the following correction to the timesheet for the period February 12-25, 2023:

Move Family Day from February 13 to February 20.

If you have any questions, please contact Catherine at catherine@pgdiocese.bc.ca

Grief to Grace Retreat



Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse find healing. The next retreat is May 23 – 27, 2023 in Kelowna. For more information please email griegtograncelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

Rachel's Vineyard Spring Retreats

ABORTION HEALING SPRING RETREATS

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offers you a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal & healing.

Registering now. Confidentiality assured.

Kelowna retreat Mar -10 -12

- Call 250-762-2273 or email info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

Merritt retreat April 25 - 27

- Call 250-267-5081 or email rvkamloops@yahoo.ca

If you or someone you know is suffering from an abortion experience, there is no need to suffer in silence. Rachel's Vineyard is here to help.

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.

Catechist Formation Level One Course



Catechesis of
the Good Shepherd
Association of Canada

CATECHIST FORMATION Level 1, Part A

WHITEHORSE, YT
JUNE 29-JULY 5, 2023

A retreat-like course for adults
interested in the spiritual
formation of 3 to 6 year olds.

cgsac.ca/courses-1



Lenten Mission with Bishop Gary Gordon at Immaculate Conception Parish

Immaculate Conception Parish in Prince George will be hosting a Lenten Mission with Bishop Gary Gordon from Monday, March 6 to Wednesday, March 8, 2023. Admission is by donation. Please see the attached poster for more details.

Fiat Discernment Group for Women



The Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate (SOLI) are inviting young women 18 years or older to join their “Fiat” Online Discernment Group. This group is intended for women are considering the possibility of a Religious vocation.

The group gathers online on the first Monday of every month from 7:30 PM to 8:00 PM EST (4:30 PM to 5:00 PM PST). Please see the attached “About Fiat” information sheet for more information.

You can also learn more about the religious community of the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate by visiting their website at <http://solisisters.ca/>

Come and See the Life of the Franciscans

St. Francis Friary in Edmonton, AB is holding an event for young men (age 18-40) who are in a period of discerning their vocation. Come and experience Franciscan life from February 23rd to 26th. The experience will include the following: Masses, Praying the Liturgy of the Hours, Lectio Divina, personal prayer time, walk in the river valley, visit to Newman Theological College, inner city experience, and interaction with the Franciscans. All meals included.

Please see the attached poster for information on how to register.

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More info and registration will be released soon! Keep an eye out on our Diocesan Youth Conference Facebook page and Instagram account for more info, but if you'd like to receive updates on DYC straight to your inbox, email Lisa at lvfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca to subscribe to our Flocknote email list.

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.