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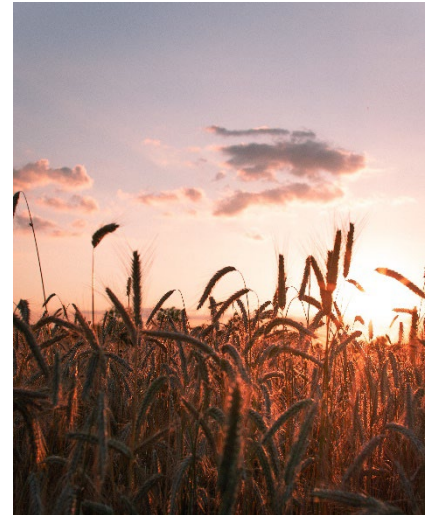
# Wednesday Weekly

September 20, 2023

**The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 24, 2023**

*"I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous? So the last will be first, and the first will be last."*

-Matthew 20.1-16



**When Applicable** – please ensure that the following items, especially those marked with an \*, 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

- RET Application
- RET Brochure
- RET Poster
- 2023-24 Appeal Poster
- 2023-24 Appeal Brochure
- Blank Donation Forms for Parishes
- Appeal – Week #3 - Commitment
- Our Lady of Good Hope Jubilee Invitation
- Photo-Video Release Form (2023)
- Vocation Armstrong Brochure
- Celebrate Life Gala Poster
- Diocesan Men's Conference Poster
- Immaculata Alpha Poster

## Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeals Update

**September 23/24** is Commitment Weekend and the final weekend of the active phase of the Diocesan Annual Appeal and the Bishops' Appeal for Healing and Reconciliation.

This week we ask the pastors to emphasize stewardship in homilies and encourage support for the Appeals.

Attached to the Wednesday Weekly is the Week 3 instructions. We have attached the blank pledge form template to this week's WW as well - it is designed to make it easy for parishes to print, cut and distribute in the pews. The poster and brochure are also attached.

We will not be providing an up-to-date Appeal Update this week. We will start distributing that next week.

**Please include the following information in your bulletins so that donors know what we need from them for electronic donations:**

For those who wish to contribute by credit card, we ask that you go to the Diocesan web site [www.pgdiocese.bc.ca](http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca) and click the link right on the home page that says, 'Click here to donate to the Annual Appeal'. One change on Canada Helps is that there are two Appeal options – one for Called Together and one for the Healing and Reconciliation Appeal.

E-transfers may be sent to [appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca)

**We also ask that donors use the message box in Canada Helps and Interac eTransfer to indicate four things:**

1. **Which parish should be credited for their Called Together donation;**
2. **How much of their donation is going to Called Together and how much is going to the Healing and Reconciliation appeal;**
3. **Their donor number from their Called Together envelope, if possible; and**
4. **An email address so that we can reach them with any questions.**

If you have any questions about the Appeal, please contact me at [jfowlie@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:jfowlie@pgdiocese.bc.ca) or call the Pastoral Centre at 250-964-4424.

## Submit your Photos to the Wednesday Weekly

If you have photos of a parish event, achievement, or ministry in action in your community, consider submitting them to the Wednesday Weekly at [reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca). Have a story to tell that goes with it? Let us know and it can be featured in the Quarterly Special Edition (next edition: September 27, 2023).

Please see the attached release form to ensure that proper permissions from the people in the photos have been granted prior to submitting photos.

## 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Anniversary of Our Lady of Good Hope – October 1<sup>st</sup>

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, the congregation of Our Lady of the Snows Parish invites the diocese to join them in celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady of Good Hope Church in Fort St. James. The church was built in 1873 and is the third oldest church in BC and the first permanent Catholic mission north of Williams Lake. The church was in steady use until 1951, and still holds Mass during the summer months.

There will be a procession from Cottonwood to Our Lady of Good Hope at 10:00 AM, followed by Mass celebrated by Bishop Jensen at 10:30 AM. A potluck luncheon will follow at Nak'al Bun School.

Please see the invitation attached to today's Wednesday Weekly for more information.

## Knights of Columbus Insurance Advisor

Looking to speak with an advisor from the Knights of Columbus about insurance? Please contact our regional insurance advisor, Blaine Anhel.



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## Alpha at Immaculata Parish Starting September 28<sup>th</sup>

Immaculata Parish in Burns Lake will be starting an Alpha series on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Alpha is a program which explores questions of basic Christianity. Who is Jesus? How do I pray?

Please see the attached poster for more details and how to register.

## Religious Education Trust Fund

As the school year begins, we would like to remind parishes and schools that the Religious Education Trust Fund is available to provide assistance for new diocesan, parish and school initiatives that support

programs for adult religious education and faith formation, initiatives for youth, indigenous catechesis and spiritual formation, and liturgical formation.

Application criteria are in the brochure appended to this week's Wednesday Weekly, as is the application form. Applications must be received by October 1<sup>st</sup> for review.

### **\*Life Chain – October 1<sup>st</sup>**

Life Chain, a peaceful and prayerful witness to the sanctity of all human life, will be held on Sunday, October 1st, from 2:00-3:30 pm on the footpath at the intersection of Highway 16W and Ferry Avenue. Please join us. Your presence will help to make a difference!

### **Men's Retreat: Yeshua – September 29 to October 1 in Rockridge Canyon, BC**

Men are yearning to encounter the real person of Jesus. The problem is that in today's fast-paced, digitalized world, many good men are often caught in a whirlwind of responsibilities and distractions. The deeper questions of purpose, faith, and personal connection with God can get sidelined.

The Men's Retreat: Yeshua, is more than just a three-day event; it's an opportunity to rediscover Christ. Guided by Jake Khym and Peter White, attendees will dive deep into understanding not just the teachings, but the very person of Jesus. The Men's Retreat offers:

- **Personal Discovery:** Learn that Jesus isn't just a figure in history, but a real, competent, and loving Savior who seeks a personal relationship with you
- **Brotherhood:** Forge deep connections with like-minded men who are committed to going deeper with Jesus
- **Adventure:** Break free from routine, and be immersed in the stunning outdoors of Rockridge Canyon

Here's what you need to do:

1. Register for The Men's Retreat at [www.liferestoration.ca/mensretreat](http://www.liferestoration.ca/mensretreat)
2. Invite a friend or brother priest to join you.
3. Get ready to deeply experience the person of Jesus.

Rediscover. Reconnect. Recommit. Register today.

### **Advokate Life & Education Services' 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrate Life Gala – October 5<sup>th</sup>**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrate Life Gala will take place in Prince George on October 5, 2023 at 7 PM at the Conference & Civic Centre located at 808 Canada Games Way.

Advokate exists to promote the inherent worth and dignity of every human being by offering practical support to vulnerable women and families facing unplanned pregnancy. Join us as we promote and celebrate LIFE, together.

This year's featured speaker is Victoria Robinson: Victoria is a national public speaker, author, podcast host, founder of "ReAssemble", a post-abortion recovery and education organization, and former host of HGTV's, My House is Your House. Victoria is the author of They Lied to Us, a compilation of women's abortion stories and her second book, They Lied to Us Too, focuses on men and abortion. Victoria takes a no-holds-barred approach with a timely message that's funny, thought-provoking, and powerful.

Please see the attached poster for how to reserve a spot.

## Celebrate Life Gala is looking for Volunteers

The Celebrate Life Gala in Prince George is looking for volunteers to help with set-up and decorating, check-in and registration, ushers, donation collection, and take-down. If you have time on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and would like to sign-up to help with one or more of these tasks, please sign-up at the link here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8IDh4prGmDCs2mDGZXrKFGx-O8CrewTaZfoHAbRyAtxiNWA/viewform>

## Seminarians Work and Share at the Carmelites, Armstrong BC – October 12-15

Come attend a work-weekend with Seminarians and the Carmelite Sisters in Armstrong, BC. Seminarians are helping the sisters and their farm with tree removal. It will be a time of work and fraternity and meeting young men thinking about the priesthood or religious life.

See the attached brochure for who to contact.

## Camp Morice Society AGM – October 16<sup>th</sup>

There will be an AGM for the Camp Morice Society on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Please find the details and zoom link below:

Monday, Oct 16, 2023, 7pm

ZOOM link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89238566259>

Email: [president@campmorice.com](mailto:president@campmorice.com) if you have any questions or input. Thank you.

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Fall retreats for the BC Interior, for Emotional and Spiritual Healing.

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer a supportive 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.

### Merrit Retreat: Oct 17-19

Contact Nancy at 250-267-5081 phone or text

[Rvkamloops@yahoo.ca](mailto:Rvkamloops@yahoo.ca)

### Kelowna Retreat: Oct 20-22

Contact Vicki at 250-762-2273

[www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](http://www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rachelsvineyardkelowna/>

## \*Diocesan Men's Conference October 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> – “Take Courage and Be a Man” (1 Kings 2:2)

What does it mean to be a man of strong faith in the Church and society today? Band together with other Catholic men to deepen your spiritual, personal, and family life and take up this challenge from 1 Kings 2:2.

Venue: Diocesan Pastoral Centre (6500 Southridge Ave., PG).

Arrival and check-in will begin at 6:00 pm on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and will be followed by Mass at 7:00 pm. The conference will conclude midafternoon on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Facilitated by Fr. Troy Nguyen, Diocese of Calgary.

Registration is open! Please sign up by scanning the QR code, visiting [www.pgdiocese.bc.ca](http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca), or using the link here: <https://forms.office.com/r/7JL08GDUEg>



The poster with more information is attached. Cost is \$85 per person, additional \$40 for overnight accommodation at Domano Renewal Centre (space is limited).

Contact Freddy Padilla for additional information at (250) 961-0273.

## Grief to Grace October Retreat



Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness. The next retreat in Canada is **October 24 – 28, 2023 in Kelowna**. For more information please email [griegtograncelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griegtograncelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential call to 250-

808-6403.

## One Million Children Praying the Rosary for World Peace – Save the Date: October 18, 2023

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Canada will be holding this year's One Million Children Praying the Rosary on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. In addition to children and their families, CAN invites pastoral workers in parishes and schools to contact Valérie Vulcain, the campaign coordinator, to be included on the mailing list for campaign materials which will be sent in August.

For more information about the campaign, please see the ACN press release here: <https://acn-canada.org/one-million-children-praying-the-rosary-for-world-peace/>

## Formed

Formed, a website full of Catholic content including talk-shows, documentaries, kid's entertainment, and educational series on various topics of the faith, is now available for anyone within the Prince George diocese to sign up for free.



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