



The Roman Catholic
**DIOCESE OF
PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

October 4, 2023

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8, 2023**

*The landowner will lease the vineyard
to other tenants.*

-Matthew 21.33-43



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

- 2023-24 Appeal Poster

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Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeal Updates

We have made some progress over the past week, reaching more than 18% of our diocesan goal with almost \$50,000 pledged and over \$43,000 already received. In addition, the Healing and Reconciliation appeal has reached over 4,000.

A number of parishes have been making good progress, with Sacred Heart Cathedral over 31% and Sacred Heart Parish (Terrace) at almost 22%. Immaculate Conception Parish (PG), St. Mary's (PG), St. Joseph's (Smithers), and Our Lady of Peace (Chetwynd) have all added to their totals to get them over the 10% mark toward their total combined goal.

We are grateful to all those who have already contributed, both financially and in prayer. We know that things are more challenging for many parishioners this year due to inflation and we appreciate your generosity even more because of this greater sacrifice.

If you have not yet contributed to our appeals, we ask that you prayerfully consider doing so. There are many people throughout the diocese who depend on the funds raised through the appeal and who are confronting the difficulties of increasing costs as well. Your support is so very important to meeting those needs.

As always, please continue to pray for the many needs throughout the diocese.

Rest in Peace – Rev. Bill MacDonald, OMI

In your charity, remember Father Bill McDonald, OMI, who died last week. He served in more than one parish in the diocese, including Sacred Heart Cathedral.

We have not yet received information about a funeral.

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

Monthly Day of Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a *Personal Date with Jesus* on **Tuesday, October 10, 2023** at the Domano Chapel, 6500 Southridge Ave. **Mass** will be celebrated at **7:30 AM** and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM for a day of silent prayer and adoration. We will pray for the universal Church and the world, and for the people and needs of our Diocese. In particular we will pray for the protection of all human life, for all the sick, for vocations, for Peace in our world, and for the intentions of those participating in the day. Please mark your calendar on the second Tuesday of each month for *Personal Date with Jesus* days.

Coast to Coast Rosary – October 13th

Rosary Coast to Coast- October 13, 2023 (6:00 PM Pacific)

"Light a candle, pray with your family and friends, or join an online livestream event at 3100 Weston Road, Toronto. Recitation of the Holy Rosary, chaplet of the Divine Mercy, consecration to Mary in song, and a brief reflection. There is no better time to be on our knees and implore God for mercy on our families and country!"



Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3731333108>

Meeting ID: 373 133 3108

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+13126266799,,3731333108# US (Chicago)

May our good Lord and His Blessed Mother and ours continue to guide and bless us all!

Canada Needs Our Lady Public Rosary – October 14th

On October 14th, thousands of Catholics will be taking part of a growing number of faithful Catholics who believe in Our Lady of Fatima's message and attend her request to pray the Rosary. Our nation desperately needs conversion and the Rosary is the one prayer the Mother of God asked us to pray in order to obtain the change of hearts.

A public Rosary for Canada will be held along HWY 16 West and Ferry Ave, along the paved walkway by the southern side of the School District Offices. It will take place on October 14th at 12 noon. Come with your family and friends to join in prayer for the conversion of Canada.

*Return to Spirit Reconciliation Series – Dates and Registration

A "Roots of Reconciliation" workshop, the first session of a Return to Spirit series focusing on reconciliation between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous peoples, will take place at UNBC from October 10th to 13th. The workshops will then be followed up with another, "Advancing Reconciliation," between October 23-26 which will bring the Indigenous and Non-Indigenous participants together for restorative, face-to-face conversations.

Please see the attached posters for registration details.

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

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.

*Living as Catholics in Challenging Times

The Diocese of Prince George invites you to **Dr. Ralph Martin's public presentation on October 17, 2023, 7:00 PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre**. The presentation will also be made available **LIVESTREAM via ZOOM** for those who cannot come to the Pastoral Centre. Please see attached poster.

"Living as Catholics in Challenging Times" is the focus of Dr. Ralph Martin's presentation. He will speak with us on his perspective on the clash between culture and Church, and insights in response to this clash.

As the culture we live in becomes more hostile to Christ and the Church many Catholics feel disoriented. What makes the situation even more challenging is that there are divisions, competing voices and confusion even within the Church. Dr. Martin will identify some of these issues and provide guidance about to keep our heads clear and our hearts at peace in the midst of our current situation.

Internationally regarded, Ralph Martin is the president of Renewal Ministries and a professor of theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. He holds a doctorate in theology from the Angelicum University in Rome.

"Dr. Martin is squarely facing the serious crisis that is unfolding both in the Church and in the culture. He does so in an honest but fair manner and offers solutions that, if implemented, would do a great deal to restore health and strength to the Church." Cardinal Gerhard Muller.

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

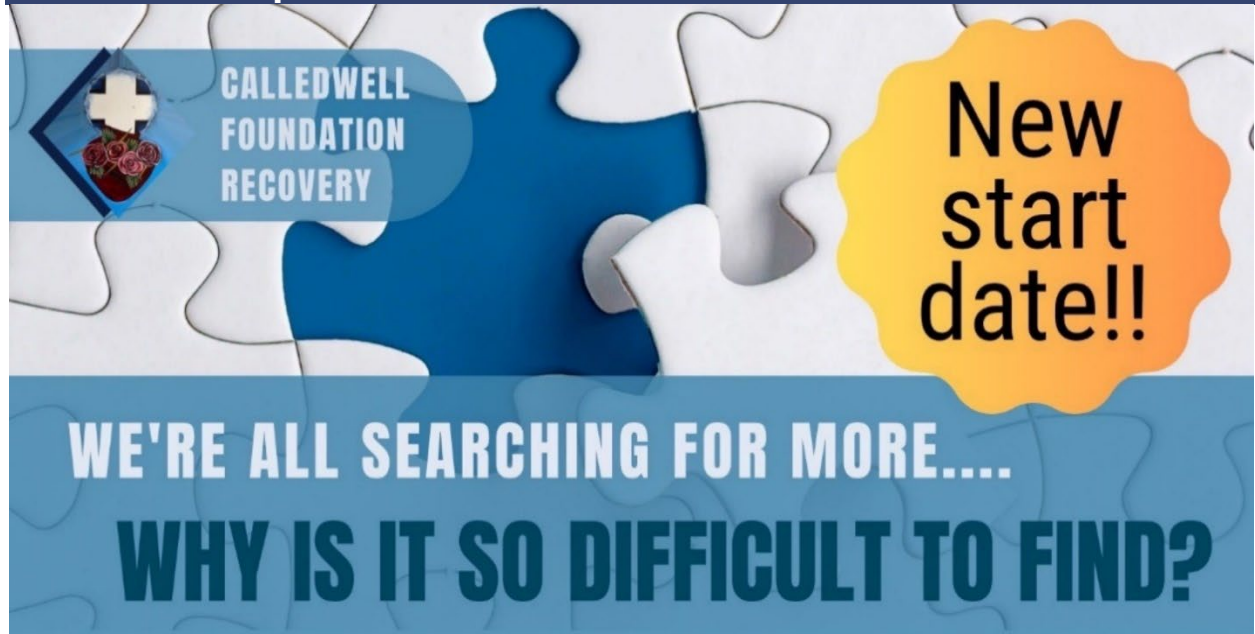
Rvkamloops@yahoo.ca

Kelowna Retreat: Oct 20-22

Contact Vicki at 250-762-2273

www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

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

Rooted in Hope

**ALLEDWELL
FOUNDATION
RECOVERY**

**New
start
date!!**

WE'RE ALL SEARCHING FOR MORE....

WHY IS IT SO DIFFICULT TO FIND?

- Are you yearning to forge genuine connections with the people around you?
- Do you find yourself longing for deeper, more meaningful relationships?
- Is the facade of living a 'perfect life' wearing you down?

**Rooted in Hope is for
you.**

WHAT IS ROOTED IN HOPE?

"Rooted in Hope" is a series of 10 weekly classes designed to teach you practical relational skills. You will develop a deeper awareness of yourself, grow closer to God, and learn to nurture authentic connections with those around you.

Lets move toward creating genuine connections and cultivating a future rich with meaningful relationships and authenticity.

October 11th - December 13th 2023!

Cost:

By donation to help cover facility rental

Time:

Wednesdays
7-9pm PST

Location:

Christ Our Saviour Hall
or online via zoom

FOR MORE INFORMATION

SCAN QR CODE OR EMAIL:

ALLEDWELL@PROTONMAIL.COM



Grief to Grace Retreat – October 24th to 28th



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 grieffogracekelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

*Diocesan Men's Conference – October 27th to 28th – “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 27th and will be followed by Mass at 7:00 pm. The conference will conclude midafternoon on Saturday, October 28th.

Facilitated by Fr. Troy Nguyen, Diocese of Calgary.

Registration is open! Please sign up by scanning the QR code, visiting 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.

Camp Morice Society AGM – October 16th

There will be an AGM for the Camp Morice Society on October 16th. 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 if you have any questions or input. Thank you.

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.