



The Roman Catholic
**DIOCESE OF
PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

October 11, 2023

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15, 2023

"The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet."

-Matthew 22.1-14



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
- 2023-24 Appeal Brochure
- 2023-24 Appeal Update
- Blank Donation Forms for Parishes
- Feast of Our Lady of Aparecida Poster
- Diocesan Men's Conference Poster
- Diocesan Men's Conference Brochure
- Living as Catholics in Challenging Times Poster

A Prayer for Peace

O God, merciful and strong, who crush wars and cast down the proud, be pleased to banish violence swiftly from our midst and to wipe away all tears, so that we may all truly deserve to be called your children. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*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.

If you are unable to use the QR code on the poster to sign-up, here is the link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/living-as-catholics-in-challenging-times-tickets-725492546737?aff=oddtcreator>

Alternatively, please email reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca or call the Diocesan office at 250-964-4424 to register.

Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeal Update

We are grateful to everyone for the tremendous support we have received since our last update. We have now reached 39% of the diocesan goal in pledges with almost 26% already received. In addition, our Healing and Reconciliation Appeal has raised almost \$8,000 with all the funds received.

A number of parishes made significant progress toward reaching their combined goal. Sacred Heart Cathedral and St. Mary's (PG) have both reached 44% with St. Joseph's in Vanderhoof slightly behind at 43%. Notre Dame has surpassed 30%, Sacred Heart Parish (Terrace) and Immaculate Conception (PG) have reached 29%, and St. Joseph's in Smithers has hit 24%. Many other parishes have been rapidly gaining ground as well.

We are very thankful for the participation and support from everyone. We know that with inflation making it harder for everyone, it's even more of a sacrifice to contribute this year. As our smaller parishes, missions and ministries are encountering the same challenges in meeting rising demands while confronting rising prices, we are ever more grateful for your sacrifice.

Please remember to continue to pray for the many needs throughout the diocese and, if you are able, please prayerfully consider providing your financial support.

St. Mary's PG – Feast of Our Lady of Aparecida – October 12th

St. Mary's Parish in Prince George will be celebrating a Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Aparecida on October 12th at 7:00 PM. A Parish potluck dinner will also be held on Sunday, October 15th at 5:00 PM.

Please see the attached poster.

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.

Right to Life Society of Prince George Annual General Meeting

You are warmly invited to attend the AGM of the Right to Life Society of Prince George (formerly the Prince George Pro Life Society) on Tuesday, October 24th, at 7:00 PM at the Overcoming Faith Christian Centre (4520 Wheeler Road).

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

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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.

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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.