



The Roman Catholic
**DIOCESE OF
PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

October 18, 2023

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2023

*Give therefore to Caesar the things that
are Caesar's, and to God the things that
are God's.*

-Matthew 22.15-21



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](#)
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Attachments

- 2023-24 Appeal Poster
- 2023-24 Appeal Brochure
- 2023-24 Appeal Update
- Diocesan Men's Conference Poster
- Diocesan Men's Conference Brochure

Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeal

The next update on numbers for the Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeal will be on October 25, 2023.

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.

Kelowna Retreat: Oct 20-22

Contact Vicki at 250-762-2273

www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

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

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.

I am with you FALL LECTURE SERIES

Dr. Deborah Zeni and Dr. Jane Pritchard on journeying with women through pregnancy.



Night One
October 24, 8pm (ET)

"I am With You": Fall Lecture Series – Night One October 24th

October 24th, 8 PM (ET)/5 PM (PT)

The deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research presents "I am with you" a two-night

lecture series on supporting women and families through pregnancy and after. Registration is free and easy. Sign up today at www.deveber.org or directly through Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jvHoMw-NRZKxgaeMbXJKGO

Night One: Dr. Pritchard and Dr. Zeni on journeying with women through pregnancy.

Dr. Jane Pritchard is a family medicine physician in Toronto. Her practice is comprised of marginally housed or homeless people in Toronto and Latin American refugees from El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Columbia. “My family practice is in an urban setting, but with a very special group of people; who have experienced much trauma, and overcome many obstacles, but the memories are always with them.”

Dr. Deborah Zeni is a family physician in Georgetown, Ontario. She shares a family practice with her husband, Dr. Paul Zeni, and together they provide medical care for all ages—including prenatal care and palliative care. “Currently my practice has an above average number of women who have experienced trauma or considerable hardship.”

In this lecture, two doctors will share their experiences and wisdom caring for pregnant women from varied backgrounds, circumstances and experiences. We will glimpse the work of two individuals guided by their life-affirming values, faith and overwhelming commitment to their patients.

Dr. Zeni explains, “Our patients not only respect, but expect us to uphold our life respecting, equity and diversity centered practice where everyone is a somebody.”

Please contact us at bioethics@deveber.org if you have any questions or would like assistance with registration.

**“I am With You” Fall
Lecture Series: Night
Two – November 7th
November 7th 8 PM (ET)/5 PM (PT)**

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**FALL LECTURE
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Night Two
November 7, 8pm (ET)

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Dr. Thomas Bouchard, a family medicine practitioner in Calgary, will discuss his own experiences accompanying families through perinatal palliative care and Perinatal Hospice. The term “Perinatal

Hospice” was coined by Dr. Byron Calhoun and is a “model of care that incorporates the strengths of prenatal diagnosis, perinatal grief management, and hospice care to address the needs of families.”

“I started the family physician navigator program in Calgary,” explains Dr. Bouchard, “to help guide couples through a difficult pregnancy journey when the interpretation of consults from obstetricians, neonatologists and other specialists can be overwhelming.”

In this lecture, Dr. Bouchard will share stories and images from the families he has supported in Perinatal Hospice care — highlighting the guiding role of a family doctor and reminding us all of the beauty of a life, no matter how short.

“A new child is miraculous, even if they may have a short life. When love and life are concentrated in a short timeline of life, there are often more intense emotions and opportunities for deep transformation and hope, even in what seems like very dark moments.”

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*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.

St. Mary’s Carlos Acutis Youth Group Events

Our next St. Mary’s Carlo Acutis Youth Group is on the Feast of St. Luke this **Wednesday, October 18th from 6pm-8pm.**

We are meeting in the St. Mary’s School Gym to celebrate St. Luke! All youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend.

We will also be meeting on **Tuesday, October 31st for the St. Vincent de Paul All Hallow's Eve Food Drive.** We will gather at St. Mary's in the school parking lot (Gillett St.) at 6pm and then we will go out in groups around the neighbourhood to collect non-perishable food items for St. Vincent de Paul.

We will meet back at St. Mary's in the school gym for hot chocolate & treats. Please come dressed in your best costumes!

It would be awesome to see some creative Saint Costumes. Please spread the word and invite your friends!

Parents, please let Claudia know if you are able to volunteer with driving for this event.

Please contact Claudia at clowdy1@hotmail.com for more information.

Meet Religious Sisters! An Online Event for Girls Age 12-19


Dominican, Franciscan and Salesian Sisters from Vancouver and Ontario will be joining Lisa for an online event for girls ages 12 to 19! Open to all young women across the Diocese and beyond, come join us for a night of:

- Meeting the Sisters and hearing more about their communities
- Hearing their vocation stories
- Experiencing small group time led by the sisters based on your age group
- An opportunity for Q&A with the Sisters
- And watching the 15-minute documentary 'For Love Alone' together

This online event is for any young woman no matter where you find yourself – you might be attracted to religious life and open to discerning, or you might not be! It is so good for a young person to meet and talk with religious sisters. Sisters exude beauty, give us a foretaste of Heaven, are incredible spiritual mothers, and they live it all in intimacy with Jesus as His bride. So even if you've met religious sisters tons of times, or if

you've never met a religious sister before, this evening with sisters is for you! For the youth who met the Dominican Sisters at DYC this last spring, you know how amazing they are! Come spend an evening with them!

When: Thursday, October 26th at 6:30pm



Meet Religious Sisters

An Online Zoom Event
with Dominican, Franciscan
and Salesian Sisters

For Girls Ages 12-19
Thursday, October 26th
6:30-7:30pm via ZOOM

Email Lisa at lfindlay@pgdiocese.bc.ca to register

Where: Via ZOOM

Register: Email Lisa at lfindlay@pgdiocese.bc.ca to register and receive the link!

Questions: Email Lisa!

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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“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.