



# The Roman Catholic DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE

# Wednesday Weekly

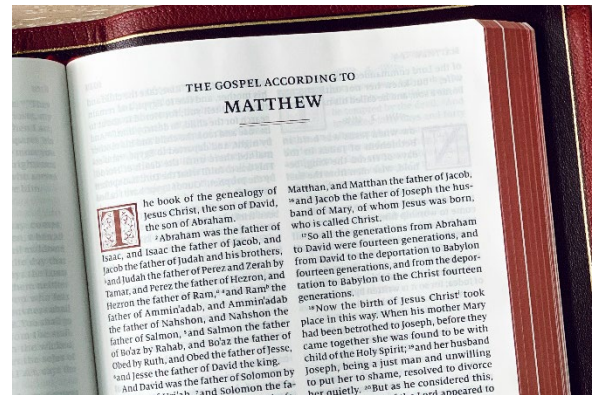
October 25, 2023

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2023

*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’”*

-Matthew 22.34-40



**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
- 2023-2024 WW Update-Oct25-23

## Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeal Update

I am grateful to everyone who has participated to date in our appeals. We are now just over 63% of the way to our diocesan goal in pledges and almost 53% already received. We also have reached more than \$18,000 in our Healing and Reconciliation Appeal with all funds received.

St. Mary's (PG) has hit 66.88% of their combined goal, and Annunciation Parish is right behind with 66.37% of their combined goal. Sacred Heart Cathedral is at 59.31% and St. Patrick's is at 57.85%. We have several parishes already in the 40-50% range.

I want to remind everyone that the appeal is supposed to help everyone in the diocese. Our combined goals set this year reflect this by combining the diocesan goal with a parish goal. All funds raised above the diocesan goal are returned in full to each parish for their projects.

A lot of our smaller parishes and missions rely on this support from across the diocese in order to help keep everything running. At this point, we can only fund half (53%) of the amounts allocated to them. If you haven't yet contributed to the appeal, I would ask that you consider supporting the work of these parishes and missions.

Again, I ask that everyone continue to keep the many needs of the entire diocese in your prayers, especially at Mass. Your continued support, both financially and spiritually, is both greatly needed and appreciated.

-James Fowlie, Business Manager

**"I am With You"  
Fall Lecture Series:  
Night Two –  
November 7<sup>th</sup>**  
November 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.deveber.org) or directly through Zoom at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_kl854REtQc-746G-bV1lw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kl854REtQc-746G-bV1lw)

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**FALL LECTURE SERIES**

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

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.”

Please contact us at [bioethics@deveber.org](mailto:bioethics@deveber.org) if you have any questions or would like assistance with registration.

## \*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.

## 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 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Where: Via ZOOM

Register: Email Lisa at [lfindlay@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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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