



The Roman Catholic
**DIOCESE OF
PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

November 29, 2023

First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023

"Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come."

-Mark 13.33-37



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](#)
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Attachments

- 2023-24 Appeal Update – Nov 29, 2023
- Within Thy Sanctuary – Advent Coffeehouse Poster
- Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal Poster

Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeal

I don't have much to report this week, as we only saw some incremental updates in pledges received over the past seven days. We saw almost a 2.5% increase towards meeting our diocesan goal and no change in our Healing and Reconciliation appeal.

I am pleased to report, however, that St. Patrick's Parish in McBride had a tremendous jump of 32% to reach their total combined goal, surpassing 108%. Very well done!

Christ Our Saviour Parish in Prince George had a significant increase of more than 15%, reaching 57% of their total combined goal. Immaculate Conception Parish in Prince George added 6% to their total, getting to more than 63% of their goal. St. Andrew's in Fraser Lake added 4% to reach nearly 39% of their goal.

I want to encourage you to remember our smaller parishes, missions and ministries throughout the diocese—especially during this Advent season. Many rely on the funds provided through the appeal to help support their regular operations throughout the year. I would ask for your continued support—both financially and in prayer—for their many needs.

Donations received prior to January 1st will be issued a tax receipt for 2023 in late January or early February. Those received after December 31st will be issued a tax receipt in early 2025.

- James Fowlie, Business Manager

Monthly Day of Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a *Personal Date with Jesus* on **Tuesday, December 12, 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.

O Antiphons at Immaculate Conception



To help us prayerfully prepare for Christmas, Fr. Matthew will be conducting a series of evening prayer services in the final week of Advent. It is in these days that the official Evening Prayer of the Church uses the "O Antiphons" which we know well from the hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

Starting at 5:30PM, and finishing by 6:00PM, a brief reflection will be given on the O Antiphon of the day, an explanation of Evening Prayer, then praying Evening Prayer with those in attendance.

So, come all ye faithful, to Immaculate Conception Church, Monday, December 18, through Friday, December 22 - each weeknight of the 3rd week of Advent - for 30 minutes of reflection and prayer as we journey through the last week of preparation for Christmas!

Advent Coffeehouse – Within Thy Sanctuary – December 17th



Everyone is welcome to attend the 8th Annual Advent Coffeehouse: 'Within Thy Sanctuary.' This evening is organized by young adults and families, and serves as an evening of fellowship, live music, and a silent auction fundraiser for a local charity in Prince George - all infused with spirit of Advent.

This year's Advent Coffeehouse's theme is Within Thy Sanctuary, an ode to and focus on the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. And in line with our theme, the silent auction fundraiser's proceeds will go to St. Vincent de Paul and Hope for Women here in Prince George! We're excited to raise money for them this Christmas.

St. Vincent de Paul helps the people of Prince George who are in need by: providing meals, hampers, support in finding resources, clothing and home furnishing, and a warm place to gather on a continual basis. For more information, check out their website: <https://ssvdppg.com>

Hope for Women exists to come alongside women, teens, and families facing unexpected pregnancy or pregnancy loss. All

their support services are free and confidential, and include almost everything from ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, prenatal classes to financial and emotional support, and so much more. For more information, check out their website: <https://hopeforwomen.ca>

Advent Coffeehouse: Within Thy Sanctuary:

Date: Sunday, December 17 ~ Doors Open at 6pm, and the Evening Begins at 6:30pm

Location: The Diocesan Pastoral Centre ~ 6500 Southridge Ave

Cost to Attend: \$5 per person, \$10 per family

Who can come: This evening is for people of all ages! Young and old alike will enjoy this evening

What to expect: MC'd by Prince George Catholic young adults, this night is full of local musical talent, baked goods and hot beverages, fellowship, a silent auction, and the spirit of Advent: the waiting and anticipation for Christmas.

See Poster for more information! And feel free to pass along the invitation to your loved ones.

Contact: Lisa Findlay for more information at lfindlay@pgdiocese.bc.ca

*Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal

The Knights of Columbus are holding their 62nd Annual Charity Appeal.

Funds raised from the Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal are donated back to the dioceses throughout BC.

You can purchase tickets at their website: <https://www.kofccharity.ca/>



62nd ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL

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 Nov 20 (2x\$1000), Dec 2 (2x\$1000)
Main Draw Saturday December 16, 2023, 8:01pm

An annual charity appeal of the Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation
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 Winners are responsible for cost associated with delivery/claiming of prizes.

Journey through Advent

The *Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops* presents *Journey through Advent* with the Most Rev. Bishop Jon Hansen, CSsR, Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith. Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2023.

The videos can be found on the CCCB website here: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

Dying with Christ - Living with Hope

The **Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada** has launched a program called *Dying with Christ - Living with Hope*, which presents a hope-filled perspective on a universal experience. The discussion, led by theologians and healthcare professionals, will give timeless perspectives on suffering, grief, dying, our duty to care, and how dying with Christ is attainable for everyone. This 3-part video series is designed for use in small group settings, large gatherings, by healthcare professionals and by Churches. To learn more, visit <https://cmdacanada.org/dying-with-christ-living-with-hope/>

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