



The Roman Catholic DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE

Wednesday Weekly

January 24, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2024

*They were astounded at his teaching,
for he taught them as one having
authority, and not as the scribes.*

-Mark 1.21-28



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

- Ignatian Silent Retreat for Men Poster
- Job Posting Financial Officer
- Job Posting Nelson Financial Administrator
- 2023 Parish statistics re Rome report - fillable
- Pastoral Letter on Social Media
- 2023-2024 Update-Jan 24, 2024

Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeal Update

Please see the update attached to this week's Wednesday Weekly.

2023 Parish Statistics for Rome Report

It is that time of year again. Please provide the necessary information in the attached form for each of your **parishes and missions** and send to **Fr. Matthew Bellerive** via email (mbellerive@pgdiocese.bc.ca) or fax (250-964-2101) by noon **Monday, February 5, 2024**. Thank you!

CCCB Releases Pastoral Letter on the Use of Social Media

The CCCB has released a pastoral letter on the use of social media titled: "Let Your Speech Always be Gracious." It provides tools for moral reflection and self-examination, as well as suggests seven commitments for the use of social media.

Please find a copy of the letter attached to this week's Wednesday Weekly or view the CCCB announcement here: <https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/bishops-release-a-pastoral-letter-on-the-use-of-social-media/>

Feast: The Presentation of the Lord and World Day for Consecrated Life

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and World Day for Consecrated Life*

Solemn Mass with Bishop Stephen Jensen

**Sacred Heart Cathedral
February 2, 2024, 12:10 PM**

You may bring candles for blessing.

Soup and bun luncheon in the lower church hall after the Mass.

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On February 2, The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and World Day for Consecrated Life, Bishop Stephen Jensen will offer the 12:10 PM Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Following the Mass, the Catholic Women's League from the cathedral will serve soup and bun luncheon. This is a special time in the calendar of the Church to recognize religious men and women especially those who are serving in our diocese. You are invited to come and celebrate.

Candles will be blessed at the beginning of the Mass. Those who will attend are welcome to bring candles for blessing.

Prince George Share Hope – January 23, 2024 Update



Since the invasion of Ukraine began in Feb 2022, Prince George Share Hope has helped to settle 301 displaced Ukrainians within 118 families, across our diocese. Financial support is one of many settlement supports offered by Prince George Share Hope.

We are approaching the third year of violence across Ukraine and we are currently experiencing a surge in applications from people looking to travel and settle here.

We are pleading to our supporters for more funds to help continue our efforts. If you would like to donate funds to Share Hope, there are many options for giving. Cheques can be made payable to RCEC-Share Hope and can be dropped off at any office of a Catholic Parish in Prince George, or mailed to: Share Hope, C/O Diocesan Pastoral Centre 6500 Southridge Avenue, Prince George, BC, V2N 5P9.

Donate online by Credit Card via CanadaHelps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/70838>

E-transfer to: sharehope@pgdio.ca (In the memo field add your name and address.)

Donations to Share Hope will receive a charitable tax receipt.

For more information regarding Prince George Share Hope please contact Eva Gillis at Immaculate Conception parish or Dick Mynen at St Mary's parish via email to pg.sharehope@gmail.com

Save the Date: Men's Spiritual Retreat – Mar 1-3, 2024

Men's Spiritual Exercises Retreat

Date: Mar 1-3, 2024

Please see the attached poster for details.

For more information, contact Norman Hebert

norman.hebert@protonmail.com

778-890-0540

Grief to Grace Retreat: May 14-18, 2024



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 **May 14 - 18, 2024 in Kelowna**. For more information please email griegtograncelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

Rest in Peace: Fr. Vincent Laplante, OMI

In your charity, your prayers are asked for Fr. Vincent LaPlante, OMI, who died in Vancouver last week. He served in the diocese over many years as Vicar General, Director of the Frontier Apostolate, Pastor of Fort St. James & Villages of Tachie & Pinchi; Pastor of Notre Dame, Dawson Creek; Pastor of St. Joseph's, Vanderhoof & the missions of Stoney Creek & Fort Fraser.

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

Job Postings

Diocese of Victoria

- **Financial Officer:** The Diocese of Victoria, located in beautiful British Columbia, is recruiting for the position of Financial Officer. The Financial Officer serves as the financial administrator of the Diocese and reports directly to the Bishop. This is an exceptional opportunity for an individual who wants to be part of the Diocese's senior management team and to oversee the stewardship of the organization's fiscal resources in support of the mission of the Diocese. The position of Financial Officer is an ecclesiastical office which is open to lay persons, and is governed by the provisions of the Code of Canon Law. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Please see the attached job posting for details or visit here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>

Diocese of Nelson

- **Financial Administrator:** The Diocese of Nelson, which encompasses the Okanagan and Kootenays of beautiful British Columbia, is recruiting for the position of Diocesan Financial Administrator. The office is located in Kelowna at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. The Financial Administrator is responsible for oversight of all financial operations of the Diocese and provides strategic financial guidance and effective advisory support to the Bishop. This position oversees 35+ parishes and the 7 Catholic Independent Schools of Nelson Diocese (CISND). This Financial Administrator ensures compliance with regulatory requirements and fosters long-term financial sustainability of the Diocese. Please see the attached job posting for details or visit here: https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/jobs/show_job.jsp?REC_ID=1516

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.