



The Roman Catholic
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PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

February 7, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Sick

February 11, 2024

*"If you choose, you can make me clean."
Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his
hand and touched him, and said to him,
"I do choose. Be made clean!"
Immediately the leprosy left him, and he
was made clean.*

-Mark 1.40-45

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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- [Salt & Light](#)
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Attachments

- Ignatian Silent Retreat for Men Poster
- Job Posting Financial Officer
- Job Posting Nelson Financial Administrator
- 2023-24 WW Update Feb 7, 2024

Ash Wednesday – February 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are universal days of Fasting and Abstinence in the Church. Fasting is binding on all those who are 18 to 59 years of age and in reasonable health, and abstinence from meat is binding on those 14 and older. Parents and educators are the greatest influence in modelling these practices of penance to children too young to participate, and they have a duty to introduce children to these practices and help them understand their importance.

Fasting is one of the three pillars of Lent, along with prayer and almsgiving. It is a practice of self-discipline with a focus on penance intended to purify our faith and serve as a witness to the depth of our faith. It allows us to share in the suffering of those who are starving.

Abstinence from meat is done in remembrance of the Lord's Passion, how he gave up his flesh for us, and as another act of communal penance.

Traditionally, money saved from fasting and abstinence has also been given to the poor.

Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeals Tax Receipts

We are in the process of producing the appeal tax receipts for all of 2023. These will be sent out over the next week and will include donations received between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023.

If you have moved and have not updated your address on file with us, please email us at appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca with your new mailing address.

Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeals Update

I'm just providing a quick update, as there is not a lot to report on since January 24th. We are happy to see that there have been some additional contributions to both Called Together and the Healing and Reconciliation appeals.

St. Anthony's Parish made a huge jump this week and has reached 88% of its diocesan goal which means they will soon be able to receive parish rebates on further donations.

We want to thank everyone for your continued financial and spiritual support of the appeals. I do want to remind everyone that we're only at just over 84% of our goal collected, which means that the recipients of appeal funds will only be partially funded. If you haven't yet made a financial contribution to the appeal or are able to increase your support, please consider doing so.

Thank you again for your continued support of our smaller parishes, missions and ministries throughout the diocese.

-James Fowlie, Business Manager

CCCB Releases Pastoral Toolkit for World Day of the Sick – February 11, 2024

As the 32nd World Day of the Sick approaches, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has released a pastoral toolkit of resources to help promote a commitment to prayer and accompaniment of the sick. The resources can be found on Google Drive here: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yDVR1M1ZYa3Tb7YcwLOIT0aBQRPYWshV>

Visit the CCCB website for the full press release regarding the upcoming World Day of the Sick here: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/pope-francis-message-for-the-32nd-world-day-of-the-sick-february-11-2024/>

Monthly Day of Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a Personal Date with Jesus on **Tuesday, February 13th, 2024** 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.

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

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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.

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

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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.