



The Roman Catholic
**DIOCESE OF
PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

April 24, 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024

*"I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever abides in me and I in them
bears much fruit, because apart from
me you can do nothing."*

-John 15.1-8



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

- Job Posting – Principal – St. Michael School
- Hope on the Horizon Poster
- Job Posting – Payroll and Benefits Coordinator
- 2023-24 WW Update – April 20, 2024

National Family and Life Week – May 13-19, 2024

This year's National Family and Life week will take place from May 13 to 19, 2024 and the theme, "Love hopes all things," is drawn from the words of St. Paul: "[Love] endures all things, trusts all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (1 Corinthians 13:7).

In preparation, the CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life has prepared a Pastoral Toolkit which can be found on the shared Google Drive here: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yWLR81Bx4fpG8gmx0kSJr89n4IZJv7DF>

The pastoral kit includes a message from the CCCB President, the NFLW2024 logo, a catechesis, prayer intentions and daily activities for families and parishes, graphics for social media campaigns and pastoral suggestions for a Mass for family and life.

DR Online Connect: Canada - From Decline to Revival: Charting a Path Forward – May 30, 2024

Pastors, diocesan staff, and ministry leaders across Canada share a common desire to reverse the Church's statistically alarming decline.

Externally, the Church grapples with closures, dwindling vocations, and the culture's waning acceptance of Christian values. Internally, this decline fosters a sense of hopelessness and concern among leaders in the Church today.

The call is for every parish to establish a new path forward, grounded in mission and evangelization, to help more people experience Jesus personally and enter the sacramental life of the Church.

To confront these challenges together, Divine Renovation invites you to this year's DR Online Connect: Canada event, From Decline to Revival: Charting a Path Forward on **Thursday, May 30** where you will:

- Connect with fellow mission-inspired Canadians for a 90 minute conversation
- Learn from Fr. James Mallon who will share effective strategies to guide parishes in transitioning from maintenance to mission
- Be inspired by a parish who will share how they've been able to defy the trends
- Engage in dialogue and prayer with each other
- Take your next step in contributing to the Church's revival and growth

Register here: <https://divinerenovation.tfaforms.net/f/DR-Online-Connect-Canada>

4th Centenary of the Dedication of Canada to Saint Joseph

The year 2024 is a significant one for the Canadian Church and the Saint-Joseph Oratory of Mount Royal in Montréal, marking the 400th year since the dedication of what is now Canada to Saint Joseph.

In 1624, what was then "New France" was consecrated to St. Joseph. Though the exact date of the consecration is not known, it is believed to have probably taken place between July 16 and August 15, 1624, thanks to the work "Devotion to Saint Joseph in New France," where a portion of a letter discussing the consecration was reproduced on page 5: <http://histoiresainteducanada.ca/la-consecration-du-canada-a-saint-joseph/>

In 1834, Pope Gregory XVI definitively approved the vow of 1624 and officially named St. Joseph as the first Patron of Canada. St. Joseph was honored as patron and protector of the Church of Canada even before being declared patron and protector of the universal Church by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1870.

2024 is also the 100th anniversary of the blessing of the cornerstone of the basilica and the 150th anniversary of the perpetual vows of Brother André, the founder of the Oratory, whose strong spirituality encouraged pilgrims to “Go to Joseph.”

To celebrate these anniversaries, the Oratory invites communities to organize pilgrimages to the Oratory this year, from March 10th to October 19th, the date of the foundation of the Oratory.

Parishes wishing to plan such a pilgrimage should reach out to the Reception and Pilgrimage Office of the Oratory at 1-514-733-8211 ext. 2790 or via email at pelerinage@osj.qc.ca.

Society of St Vincent de Paul – Clothing Donations Needed

Our St Vincent’s Thrift Store (1645 3rd Avenue, Prince George, 250-562-5136, store manager Colleen) requires **clothing**, all types, infants to adults. Our thrift store is open Mondays to Saturdays, see our Facebook Page, *St Vincent De Paul Society PG* as well. All our proceeds go to feed and clothe the needy.

Additionally, we are in need of volunteers to work alongside our staff, Mondays to Saturdays, with flexible schedules—especially suitable for retirees, or young folk needing volunteer experience.

Thank you,
- Joseph P. Creegan
President, SVDPPG

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats

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 and healing.

Registering now. Confidentiality assured.

Merrit retreat: April 30 – May 2, 2024

Contact Nancy at 250-267-5081, phone or text
rvkamloops@yahoo.ca

Advokate – Baby Bottle Campaign May 12th to June 16th

Advokate Life and Education Services’ annual Baby Bottle Campaign will take place from May 12th to June 16th.

The mission of Advokate is “to bring hope in action to vulnerable women and low-income families facing unplanned pregnancy while promoting the inherent worth and dignity of every human being.”

If your Parish would like to participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign, please email Bethany at bethany@advocate.ca and let her know how many bottles you will need. Advocate also has promotional materials for the campaign available here: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zMB2ggQxm8ac5GuwyviceO8Fyt2dZD6A>

You can also fill a virtual bottle at <https://babybottles.ca/>

Outpouring of the Holy Spirit – Evening Talks at Immaculata Parish in Burns Lake



OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ACTS 2:3

TOPIC: Rediscovering the abundant life given to us by Jesus Christ (cf. John 10:10)

YOU MAY BE GOING THROUGH SOME OF THESE LIFE PROBLEMS

Our world is fallen from an original state of goodness to societal evils such as wars, poverty, riots, racial conflicts, communication gap, and exploitation all because of the effect of Sin on relationships. Individuals suffer from fallen nature as well, through loneliness, isolation, depression, insecurities, meaninglessness and personal relationships characterised by fear, anger, bitterness and mistrust.

THIS IS FOR YOU

Kindly join us at Immaculata Catholic Church, Fridays from 6:30-7:30 on the following days

April 12: God's Love for You

April 19: Salvation - God came to save you

April 26: New life- The Old Life is destroyed by Jesus

May 3: Receiving God's Great Gift that satisfies your soul

May 10: Helping you identify your God-given Gifts

May 17: Praying for God's healing

May 24: Praying for baptism in the Holy Spirit

June 14: Growth in the life of Prayer, community, scripture and sacraments

June 21: Transformation of a strong spiritual identity and sense of mission

COME! THIS IS THE ACCEPTABLE TIME, THE DAY OF YOUR DELIVERANCE!

GOD BLESS

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 griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

Diocesan Youth Conference – Registration Now Open

Two Dominican Sisters, one Benedictine Monk, our priests, and a group of Catholic young adults – The Diocesan Youth Conference 2024 is going to be beautiful.

Who: For all youth Gr. 7-12

Where: The Pastoral Centre, Prince George

When: May 24-26th

Register here!: <https://forms.office.com/r/Va2pJJ2hyZ>

Email: Lisa Findlay with all your questions: lfindlay@pgdiocese.bc.ca

REGISTRATION IS
NOW OPEN!

*"There he made
his home*



*in a town called
Nazareth..."*

~Matthew 2:23~

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Walk for Life – June 1, 2024

The annual "Walk for Life" fundraiser hosted by Advokate Life and Education Services will take place on June 1, 2024 this year.

To sign up for Walk for Life, visit <https://walkforlife.ca/> and

1. Click "Fundraise"
2. Register. Click "Register Now" and complete the online registration form, ending with "Submit", at the bottom of the page. This will take you to...
3. Create your fundraising page. Click "Prince George – Create My Fundraising Page."
4. Click "Create a fundraiser." This is where you decide on your fundraising goal.
5. Invite your friends and family to sponsor your walk/run!

Your fundraising page link can be copied and shared on social media, email, or text for anyone to sponsor you. Hardcopy pledge forms are available at Hope for Women for in person donations such as cash and cheque.

Holy Family Camp 2024 – Save the Date

If you wish to join us again (or for the first time), you can mark your calendars for this year's diocesan Holy Family Camp, which will take place at Camp Morice from Friday June 28th to Tuesday July 2, 2024. We will begin Friday in the late afternoon/early evening, and end at midday on Tuesday.

Registration will open later this spring.

Questions can be directed to Fr. Ken at kanderson@pgdiocese.ca
or to Therese Steiner at ray.therese1999@gmail.com

Catholic Street Ministries: Hope on the Horizon

The [Hope on the Horizon Summer Outreach program](#) is an incredible opportunity for young Catholics aged 19 to 30 to answer the call of Christ and serve the homeless with compassion. Coordinated by the Archdiocese of Vancouver in collaboration with Catholic Street Missionaries, this transformative multi-week program will unfold from August 6 to August 21, 2024. Some of the benefits will include:

- **Authentic Christian living** - During this time, participants will live an intensive communal life, praying, learning, serving the poor and enjoying recreational activities together.
- **Holistic formation** - The program offers a holistic formation, nurturing their human, apostolic, spiritual, and intellectual development.
- **Inner healing** - As young missionaries step out of their comfort zone to love those who are “hard-to-love”, they are subconsciously embracing their own poverty (i.e. wounds, weaknesses, ‘defects’); thus receiving inner healing.
- **Hearts set on fire** - Like the two disciples walking alongside Jesus on the road to Emmaus, participants will return with hearts aflame to serve their local churches.

For more information, see the attached poster or check out their website:
<https://www.catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon>

CISPG Looking for Camp Emmaus Faith Leader

CISPG's four western schools are looking for a young adult to commit to 5 days of leading the daily faith component of Camp Emmaus, an important annual gathering of grade 6 students from four western schools in our Diocese.

This is an incredible opportunity to evangelize: to lead prayer times, give talks, lead music or faith related activities for roughly 90 grade 6 students, all in the chapel located on the grounds. Deep connections are built with the youth, and the goal is for them to encounter Jesus through their time with you.

Camp Emmaus runs from June 3rd-7th this year near Terrace, BC. This role includes financial compensation, with consideration for travel expenses. Please contact Tamara Berg at tberg@cispg.ca if you are interested in committing to this ministry opportunity.

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We ask for your prayers and help to find Catholic certified teachers for our Catholic Schools. CISPG hires non-Catholics with the expectation they understand and are respectful to Catholic values and lifestyle.

Teaching vacancies and the application forms can be found at <http://cispg.ca/careers/>

Please share this with anyone you may know that could be teaching in our vibrant Catholic Schools!

CISPG Seeking Substitute Teacher and Teacher on Call Applicants

CISPG Catholic schools are seeking applicants to apply at the local school level to be a substitute teacher/teacher on call, early childhood educators, childcare facilitators or an education assistant.

Consider employment with CISPG, enjoy time with our wonderful students and staff. Apply today <http://cispg.ca/careers/support-staff-application-form/>

Applicants need to be 19+, available weekdays September through June each year and be ready to work with a number of students in an engaging and exciting school environment.

Experience working with children (parenting, coaching, volunteering, etc.) is considered an asset.

Job Postings

The Catholic Independent Schools of Nelson Diocese (CISND)

- **Principal of St. Michael School:** CISND is seeking a passionate and experienced individual to lead St. Michael's School. Please see the attached job ad for details.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson

- **Payroll and Benefits Coordinator:** The Diocese of Nelson is recruiting a Payroll and Benefits Coordinator. Please see the attached job ad for details.

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