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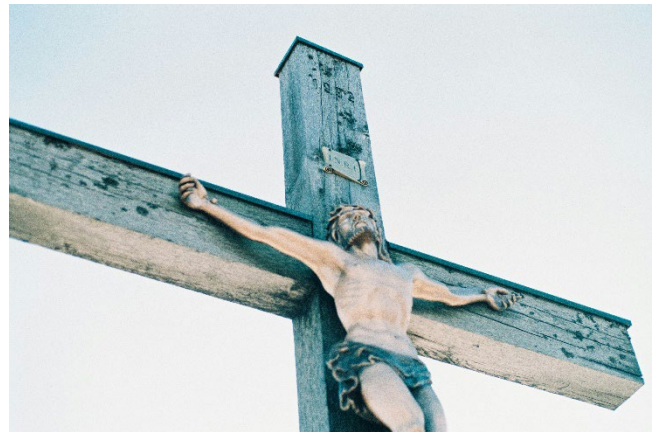
Wednesday Weekly

September 11, 2024

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15, 2024**

"Whoever wants to become my follower, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake, and for the sake of the Gospel, will save it."

-Mark 8.27-35



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

- Hope for Women – Langley Assistant Site Manager Job Ad
- Photo-Video Release Form
- 2024-25 Appeal Poster 11x17
- 2024-2025 Appeal Update 1
- Appeal Pledge Forms 2024-25
- Appeal Week 1 – Kick off 1
- Called Together Brochure – 2024-25
- Men's Ignatian Silent Retreat Poster

Submit your Photos to the Wednesday Weekly

If you have photos of a parish event, achievement, or ministry in action in your community, consider submitting them to the Wednesday Weekly at reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca. Have a story to tell that goes with it? Let us know and it can be featured in the Quarterly Special Edition (next edition: September 18, 2024).

Please see the attached Photo-Video release form to ensure that proper permissions from the people in the photos have been granted prior to submitting photos. We cannot use photos for which permission has not been granted.

St. Mary's Youth Ministry – Alpha Youth Series

We are excited to announce we will be hosting the Alpha Youth Series starting on **Wednesday, September 18th from 6:30-8:30pm** for all youth in grades 7-12 at St. Mary's in the School Gym! It will run for 9 consecutive weeks including an Alpha Weekend at the end of October.

The Alpha Youth Series is designed to engage youth in conversations about life, faith, and Jesus. The Alpha Youth Series has been totally reimagined for today's youth culture. Through 13 sessions filmed in Vancouver, London, Paris, Rome, Israel, and many other incredible locations, the Alpha Youth Series

explores timeless questions about life, faith and God for a new generation. The series offers compelling stories, images, questions, and discussion topics well spread throughout each episode to better engage youth, helping them think about how these issues relate to their lives as they discuss with their friends and leaders.

We are looking for many volunteers to assist with everything from inviting the youth in your life to attend Alpha Youth, being part of the prayer team to pray for

everyone involved with Alpha, small group hosts and helpers, looking after the A/V, preparing, cooking, and serving meals, helping with set up and clean up. Being part of the Alpha team is a powerful way to grow in your own faith and build meaningful relationships with other team members while providing our youth with an opportunity to encounter the love of Christ! Please contact Claudia at the St. Mary's Parish office 250-564-4097 or at cbetz@pgdiocese.bc.ca if you would like to be part of the team. Thank you for your support! God Bless!



Young Adult Fall Retreat: Friday, September 27th to Sunday, September 29th, 2024 – Registration Now Open!

The retreat will take place at Camp Morice, beginning with supper on Friday and ending at about noon on Sunday.

We will be joined by Sister John Frances and Sister Jeanne d'Arc, Franciscan Sisters of The Eucharist.

This retreat is for Catholic young adults age 19-35 who are seeking to grow in their relationship with God and desire to hear and respond to his voice.



To register, scan the QR code or click here: <https://forms.office.com/r/4izGDxAMW>

RAINBOWS Registration is Open

Has your family or someone you know experienced a death, divorce, separation, or other painful transition?

If so, our accredited site at St. Mary's Parish, Prince George, may have the grief support program for you. Registration for our fall session, starting September 19th, is now open.

Please visit www.rainbowspg.com for all information and registration.

Grief to Grace Retreat – September 2024



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. Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ. The next retreat in Canada is **September 24-28, 2024 in Kelowna**. For more information please email griegtograncelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

Celebrate Life Gala – October 3, 2024

Advokate Life and Education Services:

Our 7th Annual Celebrate Life Gala is coming up on **Thursday, October 3rd, 2024 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**, at the Conference and Civic Centre, **and we want to see you there!**

This has been our busiest and most exciting year where we have experienced exponential growth in all our programs and **WE CAN'T WAIT TO TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT!** We have an exciting, big announcement to share as well.

Last year, we had an amazing time, celebrating the 10th anniversary of Hope for Women's life changing work in our province. We were blessed to enjoy a keynote message from Victoria Robinson. This year, we have another fabulous evening planned for you. We are welcoming Gianna Jessen, to share her story with

us. **Gianna has a powerful personal story of surviving an attempted saline abortion! Her testimony shares her triumphs of overcoming many obstacles to live a life of faith and advocacy for the value of life at all stages.**

Remember, seating is LIMITED and you don't want to miss a chance to listen to Gianna share her story, **AND to hear how Advokate is bringing clarity to confusion and countercultural change in a broken world.**

To sponsor a table, head to our website at <https://celebratelifegala.ca/pg/> or contact Bethany at bethany@advokate.ca or 604-852-4623 x26.

You can also RSVP for general seating via the website.

Family as the Seedbed of Culture – A Talk by Dr. Ryan N.S. Topping

When: October 10, 2024 at 7 PM

Where: Diocesan Pastoral Centre – Conference Wing (will also be livestreamed)

In our time, the family has come under attack. Yet the Christian home remains the seedbed of renewal both for the Church and for society. In this presentation, Dr. Topping shares insights from a recent study on Canadian vocations, and practical tips drawn from his own experience as a husband of 24 years and father of 10 to help you cultivate your family as a seedbed for Catholic culture.

About Dr. Topping:



Dr. Ryan N.S. Topping earned his Doctorate in Theology from the University of Oxford. Till 2024 he was Professor of Theology and Director of the Benedict XVI Institute for the New Evangelization at Newman Theological College, in Edmonton, where he also previously served as Academic Dean. Dr. Topping has published on a variety of Catholic themes and figures, from St. Augustine, to Dante, to G.K. Chesterton in academic and popular journals. He has published ten books on Catholic culture and education. His latest book is *Thinking as Though God Exists: Newman on Evangelizing the Nones* (2023); his recent research report, *Meet our New Priests: 12 Key Findings About the Background, Discernment, and Seminary Formation of Canada's most Recent Ordination Classes* (2023), was based upon a first-of-its-kind national study on new ordinands in Canada. Dr. Topping and his wife have ten children, the eldest of which is a seminarian for the diocesan priesthood.

One Million Children Praying the Rosary – October 18, 2024

You are invited to take part in *One Million Children Praying the Rosary (OMC)* event organized by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Canada on Friday, October 18 2024.

You can participate in the virtual event by registering at: <https://Onemillionchildrenprayingtherosary.eventbrite.ca>.

You can also schedule a time to pray the Rosary in your parish, school, religious community, home, with family or friends, etc. Make your intentions known to Ms. Valérie Vulcain, annual campaign coordinator, at vv@acn-canada.org or by calling 1800-585-6333, ext. 227, who will be happy to provide you with materials, such as a poster and flyer, to help organize your activity.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

For emotional and spiritual healing, Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer a supportive, 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. Confidentiality assured.

Kelowna retreat: (Fri-Sun) October 18-20, 2024. Contact Vicki at 250-762-2273, www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com, or Facebook – Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna.

Merrit Retreat: (Tues-Thurs) October 22-24, 2024. Contact Nancy at 250-267-5081, call or text. Email: rvkamloops@yahoo.ca.

Prince George retreats: STARTING IN 2025. For more information, contact Fr. Michael at Christ Our Saviour (mebomuche@pgdiocese.ca) or Adele at St. Mary's (rachelsvineyardpg@proton.me)

Spiritual Exercises for Men – Ignatian Silent Retreat, November 1-3 2024

Following the Ignatian Spiritual Exercise, this retreat for men will provide an opportunity to discover the path God has for you moving forward in your spiritual life.

Registration is \$220 including all meals and is on a first-come, first-served basis. There are limited accommodations reserved for out-of-town retreatants, with an additional cost of \$100 for the 2 nights.

The registration desk opens at 5 pm on Friday, November 1, 2024 and the retreat ends on Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 1:30 PM.

To register, please email or text below the number or address below and include the following information: Name, address, mobile number, emergency contact number, and need for accommodations along with any food allergies/requirements.

Registration: Norm Hebert at norman.hebert@protonmail.com or 778-890-0540.

2025 Call for Candidates for the Catholic Women's Leadership Program

The Catholic Women's Leadership Program is now accepting applications for the 2025 cohort, scheduled to begin in June 2025.

The program is open to all Canadian Catholic women, from all walks of life who have a genuine interest in making a difference in their communities and places of work.

A candidate must be a Catholic woman, at least 21 years of age, demonstrate oral and written English language competencies, have a genuine desire to cultivate her gifts of leadership, and have made a previous contribution to her community in some capacity.

The Program is an 11-month Certificate program with ongoing mentorship once the course work is completed. Throughout the Program, participants will be guided by professional facilitators from Saint Paul University. The Program is specifically designed to integrate faith and life, personal and professional leadership development. Spirituality and a Catholic faith perspective are the foundation of all activities; prayer and reflective practice are core elements integrated throughout the program.

At present the plan for 2025 of the Program will have an introductory get-to-know-you online module in June 2025; and a five-day intensive component in June 2025. This is scheduled to be through ZOOM, and you will be expected to be present. All other modules are online and consist of videos, readings, personal reflections, and discussion forums. The final face-to-face residency component is scheduled for June 2026 in Ottawa.

Details of the content of the different components and timelines can be found on the website at www.cwlfcanada.ca.

If you are or know of a Catholic woman who wishes to be a transformative and impactful leader, the Catholic Women's Leadership program invites you to complete the application process by December 15th, 2024, which can be found at www.cwlfcanada.ca/participate.

Job Postings

Advokate Life and Education Services

- **Hope for Women, Langley Assistant Site Manager:** The Hope for Women site in Langley, BC is looking for a full-time assistant site manager. Please see the attached job ad for details.

St. Vincent de Paul

- The PG Society of St Vincent de Paul is looking for Christian people to make a difference in the lives of the needy. While we are always looking for volunteers, we are currently looking to fill 2 vacant job positions: **Thrift Store Assistant Manager** and **Drop-In Center Assistant Coordinator** - both 40 hours per week, Monday to Friday. Please send resumes, contact information and references to jecreegan@gmail.com. Details will be sent upon request.

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.