



The Roman Catholic

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Prince George

Wednesday Weekly

Quarterly Special Edition

September 18, 2024

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 22, 2024

“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

-Mark 9.30-37

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- Priests' Convocation: October 9-11, 2024
- Family as the Seedbed of Culture – A Talk by Dr. Topping: October 10, 2024
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Community News and Events

Summer of 2024 at Sacred Heart, Terrace



Figure 1: Grade 6 students, staff, and volunteers from Christ the King School, Veritas School, Annunciation School of Prince Rupert, and Saint Joseph's School of Smithers were at Camp Emmaus in June Terrace.

Figure 3: Corpus Christi Sunday in June. Approximately 150 parishioners partook in the procession after Mass, then with a parish BBQ to follow.



Figure 2: In July, over 50 Students from the parish "dove" into friendship with God. Twelve volunteers helped out during our weeklong VBS.



Pro-Life Events and Healing Retreats

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.

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 Formation

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.

Monthly Day of Eucharistic Adoration

Due to the priests' convocation during the second week of October, our next Date with Jesus will be held on the **THIRD WEEK** of the month, on **October 16, 2024**.

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a **Personal Date with Jesus** on **Wednesday October 16th, 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, for the Synod in Rome, and for the intentions of those participating in the day.

Please note that we will return to the regular date, 2nd Wednesday of the month, in November and beyond.

A Great Symphony of Prayer: Mary, the Saints and Scripture

The CCCB *Ad hoc* Committee for the Preparation for the Jubilee 2025 is hosting a two-part series titled, “A Great Symphony of Prayer” which will enable the faithful one meaningful way to participate in the Year of Prayer which was announced by Pope Francis on 21 January 2024.

The Jubilee Office in Rome has prepared a series of booklets on prayer, the themes of which will be taken up during the webinar series. For each official language, there was one four-part webinar series in the spring with one more four-part webinar series coming in the fall.

Dr. Josephine Lombardi (St. Augustine's Seminary) presents the Fall Series: "A Great Symphony of Prayer: Mary, the Saints and Scripture"

- Thursday, October 3 (1:00 – 2:30 PM EDT): Praying with Mary/The Rosary
- Thursday, October 10 (1:00 – 2:30 PM EDT): Praying with the Saints/St. Teresa of Avila
- Thursday, October 17 (1:00 – 2:30 PM EDT): The Prayer of Jesus/John 17
- Thursday, October 24 (1:00 – 2:30 PM EDT): Lectio Divina/The Storm at Sea

Registration for the fall series in English is now open: https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Y6d9S5rIT5u1kgHCB9_IWw#/registration

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.

Youth and Young Adult

Young Adult Fall Retreat: Friday, September 27th to Sunday, September 29th, 2024 – Last Call for Registration!

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, as well as Fr. Michael Ebomuche, MSsCc.

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/4izGDAXAMW>



CFC – Youth Camp: October 11-13 2024

CFC-YOUTH FOR CHRIST
& SHC-YOUTH MINISTRY
PRESENTS

YOUTH CAMP

-open to ages 12-21-
Domano Renewal Centre
110-6500 Southridge Avenue, Prince George, BC.

OCTOBER 11-13, 2024

Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
Psalm 51:12

 registrations and payments
due by September 26, 2024.
Parents' orientation held on
the same day.

Prayer Events

Canada Needs Our Lady – Rosary Rally on October 12, 2024

Our second Rosary rally for Canada is coming up October 12th at 12noon. It will be held along Hwy 16 West and Ferry Ave along the southern side paved walkway by the School District Offices.

The Public Square Rosary sponsored by Canada Needs Our Lady will be one of more than a thousand rallies that will take place all across Canada on that day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offences committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of Canada.

Will you please join us and other Catholics on this very important day?

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.

Employment Opportunities

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.

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