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PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

April 2, 2025

5th Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025

*'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied.
'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'*

-John 8:1-11

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

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Called Together Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

I'm pleased to report that we've managed to add another \$17,000 to our combined total, of which \$7,000 will go back to the parishes for their projects and \$10,000 will go to the smaller parishes, missions and ministries throughout our diocese. We've now reached almost 84% of our diocesan goal for the current appeal year.

If you have not received a tax receipt for donations made in 2024 (January-December), please contact us at appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca and we will do our best to help you out.

Sacred Heart Parish in Terrace got to almost 110% of their share of the diocesan goal, adding 11% in the last two weeks! Not far behind, Notre Dame Parish in Dawson Creek added a gigantic 25% increase to their portion of our goal, and are at 99.5%. Christ our Saviour Parish took an enormous 23% leap in reaching their share of our goal, reaching 92.5%. St. Joseph's Parish in Smithers added 18%, reaching 137%. St. Joseph's Parish in Vanderhoof added 4% reaching 150%. Our Lady of Peace in Chetwynd added 3% to reach 26%.

Thanks to everyone for your ongoing support of our appeal. I know how much our smaller parishes and missions rely on your assistance to help them meet their ongoing needs.

Please continue to keep all of the many needs throughout the diocese in your prayers.

James Fowlie
Delegate for Business and Finance

*Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

The annual collection for the Holy Land is our opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the Christians who live there. After the disruption in travel caused by the global pandemic, with the almost complete interruption of pilgrimages and the devastating effects on economic activities, many have been forced into exile.

If we want to strengthen the Holy Land and ensure living contact with the Holy Places, we must sustain the Christian community there which comprises parishes, schools, hospitals, homes for the elderly and assistance centres for migrants, displaced persons and refugees.

The Good Friday collection for the Holy Land offers us the chance to support the survival of the presence and work of believers, which dates back to the time of Jesus Himself. Please be as generous as you can!

CCCB Sends Letters to the Hon. Pierre Poilievre and Hon. Mark Holland Regarding Charitable Status and MAiD

On March 10, 2025, the CCCB sent two letters to the federal government. The first, addressed to the Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Conservative Party Leader and Leader of the Official Opposition, was regarding concerns about proposals made by the federal Standing Committee on Finance to change eligibility criteria for charitable status. Such changes would make it so that organizations which support the advancement of religion or pro-life initiatives will no longer be eligible for charitable status.

The second letter, addressed to the Hon. Mark Holland, Minister of Health, was regarding a recently-concluded “national consultation” on expanding Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in view of introducing advance requests.

Both letters can be found attached to the Wednesday Weekly, or via the CCCB website at the following links:

- <https://www.cccb.ca/justice-and-peace/citizenship-and-the-common-good/> (update to the “What’s New” link)
- <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/suffering-and-end-of-life/euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide/>

CitizenGo Petition to the Government to Keep Charitable Tax Status for Religious Charities and Organizations

A petition to Finance Minister Leblanc to allow religious charities and organizations to remain eligible for charitable tax status has been started on the CitizenGo platform.

Please consider signing the petition here: <https://www.citizenngo.org/en-ca/fr/15041-save-our-charities-and-churches>

For further reading on the subject, consider these following articles and Cardinal Leo’s letter to Minister Leblanc:

- Lifesite News: https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/torontos-cardinal-leo-urges-trudeau-government-not-to-touch-tax-status-of-pro-life-religious-groups/?utm_source=editions_menu&utm_campaign=usa&changed=346093210
- Cardinal Leo’s Letter: https://www.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/archdiocese-of-toronto-main-site/files/archbishop-leo/hon.-dominic-leblanc---february-21-2025.pdf?mkt_tok=OTA3LU9EWS0wNTEAAAGZQodyluM-pyicMjTKHlgmDVu2MQKuQdm35IXozOk-kLgAdUT4fj-Qte68bziGv1-1uLOBBbM49KgzUWkadO8NmvlfzTo7Hef3kBOCHFTQakBGlcjfM5U
- Western Standard: https://www.westernstandard.news/opinion/baklinski-faith-under-fire-what-it-would-mean-if-ottawa-ended-religious-charitable-tax-exemption/61310?mkt_tok=OTA3LU9EWS0wNTEAAAGZQodylsDTI_rYXtrn-cjG0XGIVVYVAVIEv8KpUcUFUTA-Mf1-A793wpXHMPfVA7b4F0LvWouqfzKaHKpGJ1RezuRuK6jBjLbTlgMuBn3RAIk27oQk

Journey through Lent

The CCCB has released new videos in this year’s “Journey through Lent” series, offering reflections on each week’s Sunday readings. The videos for the series can be found on the CCCB website here: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>

Monthly Day of Adoration – April 9, 2025

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a Personal Date with Jesus on **Wednesday April 9th, 2025** 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 6:00 PM** for a day of silent prayer and adoration.

Please note that we will close the Day at an earlier hour because of the **Chrism Mass** to be celebrated that same evening [7 PM] at Sacred Heart Cathedral, so that we all may attend this important annual diocesan celebration.

We will pray for the universal Church and the world, for our Priests and Bishop, and for the people and needs of our Diocese. In particular we will also 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 WEDNESDAY of each month** for Personal Date with Jesus days.

*Chrism Mass 2025 – April 9, 2025

Clergy, religious and lay faithful from across the diocese will gather with Bishop Stephen Jensen for the annual Chrism Mass at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The Chrism Mass will be followed by a reception. Those attending are invited to bring a plate of snacks to share and are asked to put the snack on the designated table in the lower hall before Mass.

Everyone is welcome to join our diocesan community for this important celebration. During the Chrism Mass, the priests of the diocese renew their commitment to priestly ministry. The Oil of the Sick, Oil of the Catechumens, and Sacred Chrism for use in the celebration of sacraments throughout the year are also blessed and consecrated by Bishop Stephen Jensen during the annual Chrism Mass.


For parishes and pastors: the cathedral will prepare number of bottles of holy oils according to the list from last year. If your parish is needing additional set of holy oils, please e-mail secretary@shcpg.ca.

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The Chrism Mass and Renewal of Priestly Promises

**Sacred Heart Cathedral
Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 7:00 PM**

 JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE



 LIVE @cathedralspg  FM Radio 102.5

2025 Jubilee Presentations at St. Mary's, Prince George

St. Mary's Parish in Prince George will be holding presentations and talks, followed by Holy Rosary and Confession, on the first Friday of each month during the Jubilee Year. Everyone is invited to attend these presentations. Please see the attached poster for the full schedule of presentations and presenters.

Presentations will also be livestreamed via St. Mary's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@saintmarysprincegeorge5396>

Women's Retreat – April 25th to 26th, 2025



Are you longing to grow deeper in the Joy of God's Love? Join God's Unfinished Works of Art as they lead us to discover and explore how we are truly Women of Resurrection.

Where: Domano Renewal Centre

All women are invited!

When: Friday, April 25th, welcome at 6:30 PM & Saturday, April 26th, 8 am to 3:30 PM

Mass, Adoration & Confession.

Breakfast, Coffee, Breaks & Lunch included – all for \$30

Contact: Jacinta Meir 604-819-2010

Daughters of St. Paul – Come and See Vocational Discernment Retreat – May 2 to 4, 2025

Every year, the Daughters of St Paul community in Toronto hosts a Come & See open to young women across the nation. This year, their Come & See retreat will be offered the first weekend of May (May 2-4).

The Come & See events offer young women an opportunity to step away, learn more about discernment in general, learn to deepen their personal prayer lives, and introduce them to Pauline spirituality, mission, and community life.

These events are open to women 18-30, although the Daughters of St. Paul are happy to check in with women who fall just over that age range to see whether this retreat would be right for them.

Please see the attached Poster for more information and how to register, or visit the Daughters of St. Paul website: <https://daughtersofstpaul.com/event/toronto-come-and-see-retreat/>

Rachel's Vineyard Spring Retreats – BC Interior 2025

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.

MERRIT: Tues - Thurs May 13 - 15 contact Nancy at 250-267-5081 phone or text
Email: rvkamloops@yahoo.ca

PRINCE GEORGE RETREATS STARTING IN 2025 - STAY TUNED

For more info: Father Michael at Christ Our Savior email: mebomuiche@pgdiocese.ca
Or Adele at St Mary's email: rachelsvineyardpg@proton.me

Come and See Retreat Weekend with the Daughters of St. Paul

SPRING 2025

May 2-4, 2025
Toronto, ON, Canada
**For single Catholic women
ages 18-30**

Retreat includes:
Daily Mass, community prayer,
Eucharistic Adoration, talks
by the Sisters, experience
of the Pauline mission,
silent retreat time,
community recreation,
and more.



For more information and to register:

vocations@paulinemediacom
703-549-3806
connect.pauline.org/vocation-events/

Grief to Grace Retreat



Through a 5-day 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 program in Canada is **May 20- 25 in Kelowna**. For more information please email griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

2025 Diocesan Youth Conference – Registration Now Open!

Registration is now open for the annual Diocesan Youth Conference. This year's guest presenters include the Benedictines of Westminster Abbey and the Dominicans of Mary Mother of the Eucharist.

The deadline for registration is May 15, 2025. Scan the poster for registration or register here: <https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/diocesan-youth-conference/>

Advokate Baby Bottle Campaign – May 11th to June 15th, 2025

Advokate Life and Education Services is once again launching its Baby Bottle Campaign in support of its Hope for Women Pregnancy Service Centres. Funds raised from this campaign help the service centres provide pregnancy tests, counselling, referral to community resources, free maternity and baby supplies, postpartum support and so much more.

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PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MAY 23 - 25 | For Youth Gr.7-12
Prince George, BC

GUEST PRESENTERS:

Benedictines of Westminster Abbey | *Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia*

Registration Deadline - MAY 15th

@dyc_pgofficial | Scan for Registration

REGISTER AT WWW.PGDIocese.BC.CA/DIOCESAN-YOUTH-CONFERENCE
FOR MORE INFO EMAIL US- DYC@PGDIocese.CA

Parishes wishing to participate can contact bethany@advokate.ca to request baby bottles, as well as download campaign materials from the Google Drive folder here: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zMB2qqQxm8ac5GuwyviceO8Fyt2dZD6A>

Individuals wishing to donate virtually can also do so through the Baby Bottle Campaign website here: <https://babybottles.ca/>

Walk for Life – June 7, 2025

The annual Walk for Life is now open for registration and will take place on June 7, 2025. Those wishing to register or donate can do so here: <https://walkforlife.ca/>

All funds raised help Advokate continue their mission of creating educated communities where families thrive, and babies' lives are valued and welcomed. Your gift provides tangible support like counselling, ultrasounds, maternity and baby supplies, postpartum care, and so much more to vulnerable women and families facing unplanned pregnancy.

Job Opportunities

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George (CISPG) has begun recruiting for the 2025-26 School Year

We ask for your prayers and help to find Catholic certified teachers for our 8 Catholic Schools, all 8 schools have vacancies. 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/>

Accounting Clerk – Diocesan Pastoral Centre

We will soon have a position opening in the Finance Office at the Pastoral Centre for an Accounting Clerk. This is a junior position, working with the Senior Accounting Clerk and reporting to the Delegate for Finance and Administration.

This is a full-time permanent position, on-site at the Pastoral Centre for 35 hours per week. It entails managing our payables, processing deposits, producing tax receipts, ensuring filing is up-to-date, dealing with inquiries to the Finance Office, assisting with reception and assisting the Senior Accounting Clerk with other tasks as needed. It requires good organization and communication skills and familiarity with standard bookkeeping practices.

We offer a pleasant working environment and a good benefits program. Salary will be commensurate with experience and education.

Please send your resume to jfowlie@pgdiocese.bc.ca.

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.

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communicate with the people by sending a simple text message. Please join us in keeping up with all the diocesan news.