



The Roman Catholic  
**DIOCESE OF  
PRINCE GEORGE**

# Wednesday Weekly

April 9, 2025

**Palm Sunday**  
**April 13, 2025**

*"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."*

*-Luke 22:14-23:56*

**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](#)

- [EWINTV](#)

## Attachments

- Jubilee 2025 Events at St. Mary's Poster
- DYC 2025 Poster
- Women of Resurrection Retreat
- Jan-Mar2025 WorkSafeBC Form

## \*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!

## Parish WorkSafeBC (WCB) Reports (Deadline – April 20, 2025)

Included with the Wednesday Weekly is the WorkSafeBC (WCB) report form for January 1 – March 31, 2025. All payments that have been made to individuals or contractors who are NOT registered with WorkSafeBC must be reported.

If applicable, please return the form to the Finance Office by Noon of Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at the latest. See the form for further details.

Please contact Catherine at (250) 964-4424 ext. 2105 if you have any questions.

## National Family and Life Week 2025

**8 April 2025, Ottawa** - The Catholic faithful across Canada are invited and warmly encouraged to celebrate **National Family and Life Week 2025 (NFLW)** from Sunday, 11 May, 2025, to Sunday, 18 May, 2025. This annual event is an initiative of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, in collaboration with its Standing Committee for Family and Life, and the corresponding Office.

In the context of the Jubilee Year of Hope, the theme of this year's NFLW is **"Abound in hope"** inspired by Saint Paul's letter to the Romans: ***"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit"*** (Romans 15:13).

A 2-minute **launch video** has been produced for wide distribution, along with a digital Pastoral Toolkit available for download by families, parishes, parish groups, ecclesial movements and associations, and Catholic schools.

The Toolkit includes:

- Printable Activities for Children (6-8 years old, 9-12 years old), Youth, and Families
- Daily Social Media Graphics (#NFLW2025)
- Prayer for NFLW2025
- Homily Suggestions and Prayers of the Faithful

National Family and Life Week provides an opportunity for the Catholic faithful across Canada to be beacons of hope, promoting life, and living out the call to love one another at home, in communities, and

in the world. This Week is a welcome reminder that, through God's grace, all can abound in the certain hope that Christ is always present, serving as a guide along the path to His perfect love.

In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/national-family-and-life-week/>

## 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.citizengo.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](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-pyjcmjTKHlgmDVu2MQKuQdm35IXozOk-kLgAdUT4fj-Qte68bziGv1-1uLOBBbM49KgZUWkadO8NmvlfzTo7Hef3kBOCHFTQakBGlcjfM5U](https://www.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/archdiocese-of-toronto-main-site/files/archbishop-leo/hon.-dominic-leblanc---february-21-2025.pdf?mkt_tok=OTA3LU9EWS0wNTEAAAGZQodyluM-pyjcmjTKHlgmDVu2MQKuQdm35IXozOk-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](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/>

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, welcome at 6:30 PM & Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 8 am to 3:30 PM

Mass, Adoration & Confession.

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

Contact: Jacinta Meir 604-819-2010

## Easter Concert Fundraiser for Caritas Ukraine – April 26, 2025

Join St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church for an evening of uplifting music as local church choirs and talented individuals celebrate the passion and resurrection of Christ through hymns and songs. The proceeds will go to Caritas Ukraine.

When: April 26 at 6:30 PM

Where: St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 2414 Vanier Dr., Prince George, BC

Admission is by donation.

## 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](mailto:rvkamloops@yahoo.ca)

PRINCE GEORGE RETREATS STARTING IN 2025 - STAY TUNED

For more info: Father Michael at Christ Our Savior email: [mebomuche@pgdiocese.ca](mailto:mebomuche@pgdiocese.ca)

Or Adele at St Mary's email: [rachelsvineyardpg@proton.me](mailto:rachelsvineyardpg@proton.me)

## 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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>, 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

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REGISTER AT [WWW.PGDIocese.BC.CA/DIOCESAN-YOUTH-CONFERENCE](http://WWW.PGDIocese.BC.CA/DIOCESAN-YOUTH-CONFERENCE)  
FOR MORE INFO EMAIL US- [DYC@PGDIocese.CA](mailto:DYC@PGDIocese.CA)

Parishes wishing to participate can contact [bethany@advokate.ca](mailto: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.

## Camp Emile Rentals

The Camp Emile Society has released their rental rates for the summer of 2025. Please see the attached poster for details.

Members of the Camp Emile Society also receive a \$10 discount off regular rates. It's \$10 for a membership. Please visit the Camp Emile website for more information: <https://campemile.com/>

## 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](mailto:jfowlie@pgdiocese.bc.ca).

**Want to share news in the Wednesday Weekly?**

Email [reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto: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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