



The Roman Catholic
**DIOCESE OF
PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

April 23, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
April 27, 2025

"You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

-John 20:19-31

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](#)
- [VisionTV](#)

- [EWTN TV](#)

Attachments

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- Prayer Card - Pope Francis
- Camp Emile Poster
- Ukraine Easter Concert Poster

*Bishop Jensen's Message on the Death of Pope Francis

April 21, 2025

To the Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Early on Easter Monday in Rome, Pope Francis left this world and entered eternity.

His legacy will include a tireless emphasis on care for the marginalized in society and for migrants and refugees, a call to responsible stewardship of creation, promoting reconciliation and peace, and a commitment to the poor.

His Apostolic journey to Canada in 2022 (what he called "a penitential pilgrimage") was made to advance reconciliation and healing for those who attended the former Indian residential schools.

His emphasis on the missionary character of the Church promoted a deeper awareness among Catholics of their Baptismal vocation to be witnesses for Christ.

When he inaugurated the Jubilee Year last December, Pope Francis called us to be "pilgrims of hope." Now that his own pilgrimage has ended, we hope that he has met a merciful Judge and pray that he will be given a place among the saints.

*O God, immortal shepherd of souls,
look on your people's prayers and grant that your servant Pope Francis,
who presided over your Church in charity,
may, with the flock entrusted to his care,
receive from your mercy
the reward of a faithful steward.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.*

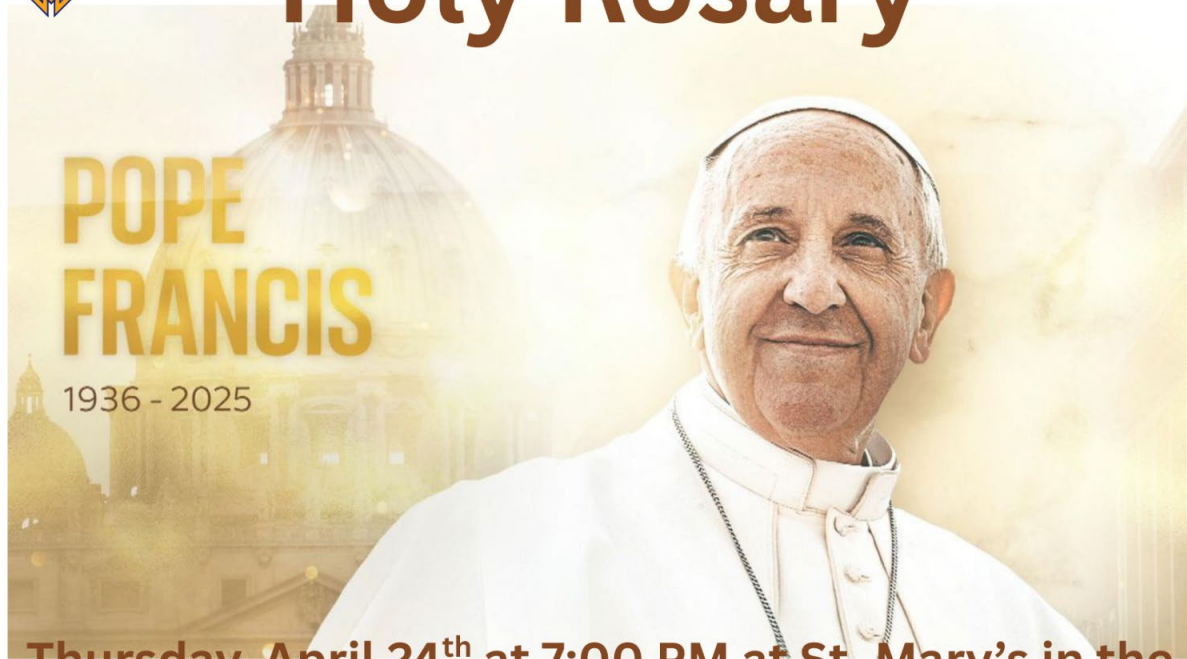
+ Stephen Jensen
Bishop of Prince George

Prayer for Pope Francis at St. Mary's PG – April 24th, 2025



St. Mary's
PARISH

Holy Rosary



Thursday, April 24th at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's in the Church. All are invited to join in prayer.



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 27, 2025
at
Sacred Heart Cathedral

- 1:00 PM | Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 2:00 PM | Confessions
- 3:00 PM | Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 3:15 PM | Mass



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FM Radio Broadcast 102.5

Mass of Repose for Pope Francis – May 2, 2025

Bishop Jensen will offer “Mass for the Dead” for Pope Francis at 5:30 pm, May 2, at Sacred Heart Cathedral. You are invited to come and pray for the repose of the late Pontiff.

“O God, Who in Your wondrous providence chose Your servant Pope Francis to preside over Your Church, grant, we pray, that having served as the Vicar of Your Son on earth, he may be welcomed by Him into eternal glory.” (from the Roman Missal)

Prayer Card for the Passing of Pope Francis

Please find attached to the Wednesday Weekly a PDF of a prayer card for Pope Francis. It was created and shared by the CCCB Publications and may be distributed and printed freely so long as it is not done for commercial purposes.

2025 Pastoral Appointments

Please see the attached PDF for the 2025 Pastoral appointments, effective August 1, 2025.

Monthly Day of Adoration – May 14, 2025

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a Personal Date with Jesus on **Wednesday May 14th, 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 8:00 PM for a day of silent prayer and adoration.

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 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.

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.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-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

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>

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

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

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

griegtograncelowna@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.

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/>

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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

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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.

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Email reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca by **NOON** on Tuesday.

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message. Please join us in keeping up with all the diocesan news.