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Wednesday Weekly

April 30, 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak around him and jumped into the water.

-John 21:1-19

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

- 2024-25 Appeal Update – Apr 30, 2025
- 2025 Pastoral Appointments
- Jubilee 2025 Events at St. Mary's Poster
- DYC 2025 Poster
- Prayer Card - Pope Francis
- Camp Emile Poster

Called Together Diocesan Appeal Update

Please see the attached report for this week's update on the Called Together diocesan appeal.

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.

Rest in Peace – Fr. John Greene, OMI

Fr. John Greene, OMI passed away on Easter Sunday. He was a former pastor of St. Mary's Parish, PG.

Please join us in praying for the repose of his soul.

Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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.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
- 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>

Rachel's Vineyard Update April 2025

Our efforts continue to initiate the Rachel's Vineyard Healing Ministry Program in Prince George. Our northern diocese is vast so many communities surrounding us will benefit from this healing ministry work.

We have now concluded our RV information meetings for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025. Thank you to those of you that were able to come out and support us. A solid core team is in place now and we are meeting regularly to continue with training and development.

There are 2 volunteer positions that we are looking to fill for the retreat weekends:

- 1) Music/props person
- 2) Hospitality

If you are interested in this ministry work and would like more information on these positions, Contact Adele: rachelsvineyardpg@proton.me

Please continue your prayers for those suffering that need healing as well as prayers for the team. "Your prayers are working". We are moving forward and hope to have a retreat in the near future.

For those who would like to support our work, cheques can be made payable to RCEC-DDF Send to:

Diocesan Pastoral Centre
6500 Southridge Ave, Prince George, BC, V2N 5P9

Or auto deposit by etransfer to: rachelsvineyard@pgdiocese.ca

With Gratitude,
Adele Stewart, St Mary's Parish
Father Michael, Christ Our Savior

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 Sisters of St. Cecilia

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/>

DYC 2025

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

All funds raised help Advocate 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.

Holy Family Camp 2025 – Save the Date

This year's Holy Family Camp will take place at Camp Morice from Friday June 27th to Tuesday July 1, 2025.

We will begin Friday in the late afternoon/early evening, and end at midday on Tuesday. Please share this information with friends or family who may wish to join you. Registration will open in May.

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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