



The Roman Catholic  
**DIOCESE OF  
PRINCE GEORGE**

# Wednesday Weekly

**May 7, 2025**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**May 11, 2025**

*'I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.'*

*-John 10:27-30*

**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**

- Jubilee 2025 Events at St. Mary's Poster
- DYC 2025 Poster
- Camp Emile Poster

## 2025 Conclave

The Conclave to elect a new pope has now begun. The CCCB has prepared resources and prayers for the faithful, encouraging them to invoke the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Blessed Virgin Mary, and St. Joseph.

The resources and prayers can be found here: <https://www.cccb.ca/about/the-election-of-a-new-pope/>

## Archdiocese of Vancouver – Infertility Webinar

**When:** May 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Are you or someone you know struggling with infertility? The World Health Association states that Infertility affects around 16% of the population at various times. Struggling with infertility can be a great burden for couples, and often an unspoken suffering within our faith community.

The Archdiocese of Vancouver wants you to know: you are seen, you are important, and we care about you. We want to acknowledge this suffering and walk with you in hope.

Please join our webinar where we explore the issues around infertility, offer practical information and resources and support as you navigate the cross of infertility.

### Our Presenters:

**Deacon Martin and Lora Cayer** who will share their testimony on how their relationship and faith has been affected by the long-term cross of infertility, and how in the midst of this suffering their marriage continues to be life-giving and filled with love.

**Dr. Paul Yong, MD, PhD, FRCSC and Theresa Yong** will give an informational presentation on some of the medical treatments for infertility and share their personal experiences with infertility.

For more resources, please visit <https://beholdvancouver.org/services/infertility>.

*Please note: This webinar will not be recorded.*

To register, click here: <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/a-catholic-approach-to-infertility>

## 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](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-Qte68bziGv1-1uLOBBbM49KgZUWkadO8NmvlzfTo7Hef3kBOCHFTQakBGlcjfM5U](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-Qte68bziGv1-1uLOBBbM49KgZUWkadO8NmvlzfTo7Hef3kBOCHFTQakBGlcjfM5U)

- 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-cjjG0XGIVVYYVAVIEv8KpUcUFUTA-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-cjjG0XGIVVYYVAVIEv8KpUcUFUTA-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

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [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 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/>

## 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.

**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

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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)

## 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](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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community organizations. It helps to communicate with the people by sending a simple text message. Please join us in keeping up with all the diocesan news.