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Jesus asked, "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

-Luke 10.25-37

Upcoming Dates

- **Rose Prince Pilgrimage: July 11-13, 2025**
- **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: July 27, 2025**

Attachments

- **Hope on the Horizon Poster**
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News from around the Diocese

Colleen Easson: Winner of the 2025 Justice James Higgins Award

The Justice James Higgins Award:

The Justice James Higgins award is presented annually to a person or group in recognition of an exceptional contribution and dedication to Catholic education in Canada which has been demonstrated over time. It was created in memory of the Honourable Justice James Higgins (1913-1974) of St. John's, Newfoundland, a distinguished Canadian Jurist and Catholic school trustee. It is the highest honour provided by the Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association (CCSTA).

This year's winner is Colleen Easson of Prince George.

Colleen Easson:



Colleen Easson first came to Prince George with the Frontier Apostles in 1969. Having recently graduated from nursing school, Ms. Easson left Cornwall, Ontario to join more than 150 other youth in service of the Church in Northern British Columbia. During her time as an Apostle, Ms. Easson donated her hospital salary to the needs of our diocese, which benefited the Catholic schools which relied on the diocese to cover their costs in those early days. She met and married her husband Norm while serving the Apostolate, and they settled into family life here in Prince George.

Ms. Easson became a School Council Member and Chairperson for St. Mary's School in 1982 and remained on the Council for 24 years. She was later elected to the Board of Directors for Catholic Independent Schools in the Diocese of Prince George in 1988, and served on the board for 35 years, retiring in September 2023.

On a provincial level, Ms. Easson served on the Catholic Independent Schools Committee of BC (CISBC), helping to connect Catholic schools across the province, and was elected to be BC's representative for the Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association (CCSTA). She served as the BC representative from 1997-2023, playing a significant role in organizing and hosting the CCSTA AGM and Conference in Prince George in 2022.

Ms. Easson's dedication to Catholic education has left significant marks on the local, provincial and national levels in Canada. From lobbying on Parliament Hill, to networking with trustees across the country, attending and chairing countless meetings, Ms. Easson's service to the mission has been highlighted by her commitment to serve where needed and lead others with sincere humility and grace.



Congratulations to Ms. Eason on receiving the 2025 Justice James Higgins award and thank you for more than 40 years of dedication to Catholic education!



Rose Prince Pilgrimage - July 11-13, 2025

The Rose Prince Pilgrimage will be on July 11, 12, 13 this year. The guest speaker will be Fr. Vincent James, OMI. Please see the attached schedule for the full list of the weekend's activities.

Prayer and Ministry

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – July 27, 2025

The fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on July 27, 2025. This year's theme is *"Blessed are those who have not lost hope."* (cf. Sir 14:2).

The CCCB has provided various resources and a video to help remember and celebrate grandparents and the elderly in families and parishes. These resources include suggestions for the universal prayer, a blessing for grandparents and the Elderly prayer, a prayer to St. Anne and St. Joachim, and various others. They can be found here: <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/grandparents-and-the-elderly/>

Monthly Day of Eucharistic Adoration – August 13, 2025

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a **Personal Date with Jesus** during the summer months on **Wednesday AUGUST 13th, 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, Pope Leo 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.

With best wishes for a restful summer break, we invite you to take some time aside for a Personal Date with Jesus visit on the **SECOND WEDNESDAY of the month**.

Hope on the Horizon – Street Ministry Program

Young adults 19-30 from all over the world are invited to join Hope on the Horizon, a street missionary program this summer. Participants will live together for 6 weeks – praying, learning and reaching out to the homeless in Vancouver downtown east side together. This is a full-time immersion program. Participants cannot be studying or working from July 14 to August 22, 2025.

For more information please see the attached poster or website:

<https://www.catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon>

A testimonial video from last year's participants can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqJGbDnQsGs>

Retreats and Programs

Rainbows Registration Open

Has your family or someone you know experienced a death, divorce, separation, or other painful transition?

If so, our accredited site at St. Mary's Parish, Prince George, may have the grief support program for you. Registration for our fall session, starting early September, is now open.

Please visit www.rainbowspg.com for all information and registration.

Grief to Grace Retreat – October 2025

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. Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ. The next retreat in Canada is **late October 2025** in Kelowna. For more information please email griegtograckelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.



Employment Opportunities

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Smithers – Job Openings

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Smithers BC has positions open for a part-time Secretary/Administrative Assistant, a part-time Bookkeeper, and a part time Pastoral Assistant (a ministry position working in tandem to supplement the Pastor's ministry).

With the qualified candidate, it could also be a full-time position, satisfying all three needs. We are looking for practising Catholics, in good standing, who are alive in faith, eager to keep growing, and willing to participate in the pressing needs of our parish's renewal and evangelization efforts.

If you are interested or have questions about a position (or two, or three), please inquire directly with Fr. Jack Michalchuk, our Pastor, at jmichalchuk@pgdiocese.ca

St. Vincent de Paul – Store Clerk and Cook Needed

St. Vincent de Paul has two job openings available: one for a store clerk at the Thrift Store and one for a cook at the Drop-In Center. Both jobs are 40 hours per week. If you are interested and have qualifications for either position, please email your resume to svdppg@shaw.ca.

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