



The Roman Catholic
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PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

August 13, 2025

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025

"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!"

-Luke 12.49-53

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](#)

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for the following or go directly to:**

- [Salt & Light](#)
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Attachments

- Jubilee 2025 Events at St. Mary's Poster
- Job Posting – Financial Administrator Diocese of Nelson
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Prayer for the Sick

In your charity, please remember in your prayers the mother of Fr. Rector Tolentino. She has just suffered a heart attack and stroke and is hospitalized in the Philippines.

Let us support Mrs. Tolentino and her family with our prayers.

*House of Commons e-Petition to the Government of Canada about Recommendation to End Religious Charitable Tax Status – August 15, 2025 Deadline

The House of Commons Finance Committee's pre-budget report proposes removing the "advancement of religion" as a recognized charitable purpose under the Income Tax Act, as well as revoking charitable status from organizations which are against abortion. A House of Commons e-petition to keep these tax statuses opened on June 16, 2025 and has a deadline of August 15, 2025.

The petition reads:

Whereas:

Recommendation 430 of the House of Commons Finance Committee's pre-budget report proposes removing the "advancement of religion" as a recognized charitable purpose under the Income Tax Act;

Recommendation 429 proposes revoking charitable status from anti-abortion organizations;

Religious charities in Canada provide vital services to society, including food banks, care for seniors, family supports, assisting newcomers, youth programs, and mental health outreach — all rooted in their faith traditions;

These communities promote hope, belonging, social cohesion, and compassion, benefiting both their members and the broader public;

Freedom of religion and belief are fundamental rights in Canada, protected by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms; and

Singling out or excluding faith-based charities from the charitable sector based on religious belief undermines the diversity and pluralism foundational to Canadian society;

We, the undersigned, citizens and residents of Canada, call upon the Government of Canada to:

1. Reject Recommendations 429 and 430 of the House of Commons Finance Committee's pre-budget report;
2. Refrain from including these recommendations in the federal budget or any related legislation; and
3. Affirm the charitable status of faith-based organizations whose work flows from sincerely held beliefs and whose contributions serve the common good in Canada.

Deadline: August 15, 2025

Please sign and share the petition to keep religious charitable tax status:
<https://www.ourcommons.ca/petitions/en/Petition/Sign/e-6586>

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>

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.

Young Adult Retreat – September 12 to 14, 2025

This retreat is for Catholic young adults age 19-35 who are seeking to grow in their relationship with God and desire to hear and respond to his voice. The retreat includes Adoration and Mass, talks and discussions, opportunities to meet with our guest presenters one-on-one, and extended periods of silence to facilitate prayer.

It will take place at Camp Morice, beginning with an optional dinner on Friday at 6:30 PM, followed by our opening session at 7:30 PM. It will end at about noon on Sunday with an optional hike up Mount Pope afterwards.

We will be joined by Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, Sister John Frances and Sister Jeanne d'Arc, as well as Fr. Dennis Shavanger, MSsCc.

Food and accommodation will be provided. Please bring a sleeping bag and a pillow. The registration fee is \$100.

Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/4izGDAxAMW>

Pastoral Care Training Sessions – Fall 2025

"God calls us to touch the lives of our aging, lonely, ill, palliative and dying sisters and brothers with accompaniment, kindness and compassion as the hands and face of Christ. In these sessions, you learn basic tools necessary to accompany those who are in need of the healing ministry of Christ." – Most Reverend Gary Gordon, Bishop of Victoria

The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be offered online this fall.

Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, **starting on September 27 and running until November 29, 2025** (with no session on October 11 for Thanksgiving). Missed session can be made-up, and a Certificate of Completion is provided to those who complete all nine sessions. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or smart phone with speakers, microphone and webcam, a reliable Internet connection, and access to Zoom. **Please register through your parish by September 16, 2025.** For further information, please email moiraking@shaw.ca

"I feel so graced to have been "called" to participate in these learning sessions. I feel wrapped in God's arms as He leads me to grow in compassion and awareness of the opportunities to serve as Jesus served." – A participant

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 griegtograncelowna@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 Needed

St. Vincent de Paul has a job opening available for a store clerk at the Thrift Store. The job is 40 hours per week. If you are interested and have qualifications for the position, please email your resume to svdppg@shaw.ca.

Diocese of Nelson – Financial Administrator

The Diocese of Nelson, which encompasses the Okanagan and Kootenays of beautiful British Columbia, is recruiting for the position of Diocesan Financial Administrator. The office is located in Kelowna at the Catholic Pastoral Centre.

The Financial Administrator is responsible for oversight of all financial, administrative and business affairs of the Diocese. Provides strategic financial guidance and effective advisory support to the Bishop, parishes and the Catholic Independent Schools of the Nelson Diocese (CISND). The Financial Administrator ensures compliance with regulatory requirements and fosters long-term financial sustainability of the Diocese.

Please view the attached job posting for more detailed information and instructions on how to apply. The deadline for applicants is August 31, 2025.

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