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Wednesday Weekly

August 20, 2025

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025

"Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able."

-Luke 13.22-30

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](#)

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Pope Leo XIV Calls for Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace

Pope Leo XIV has invited the faithful to celebrate the upcoming liturgical commemoration of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary by praying and fasting for peace in all zones of conflict throughout the world.

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated this year on Friday, August 22, 2025.

The full article from Vatican News can be read here: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-08/pope-calls-for-day-of-prayer-and-fasting-for-peace.html>

Rest in Peace – Mrs. Rosalia Tolentino

In your charity, please remember the mother of Fr. Rector, Mrs. Rosalia Tolentino, who passed away in the Philippines this week.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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.

Free Webinars from the Franciscan's Catechetical Institute

Franciscan's Catechetical Institute is continuing our FREE and fantastic webinar series in 2025 to support catechists, teachers, and leaders!

We invite you to register today using the links below, and feel free to share these free webinars around with others! All times are in Eastern Standard Time, U.S.

September

- **Tuesday, Sep 2 at 2:00pm** – **Rich Soil: Evangelization with the Theology of the Body** – Monica Ashour, Executive Director, Theology of the Body Evangelization Teams (TOBET)

Click [here](#) to register:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5FYQ5DfRSeu_vCA0DzsYTW

- **Tuesday, Sep 9 at 2:00pm** – **Holding Souls: The Graced Work of Praying as a Parish Staff and Meeting the Pragmatic Realities and Pressing Needs of Parishioners** – Joey Scancelli, Director of Children, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, St. Ann's Parish, Coppell, TX

Click [here](#) to register:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7uokrpPfTKStKCP6JqxqHA

- **Tuesday, Sep 16 at 2:00pm** – **Into the Breach: Finding Practical Way to Help Catholic Families Thrive** – Steve Greene, Director, Holy Family Institute of Catholic Faith and Life

Click [here](#) to register: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_soj_BL-ORzqXHLJooFltsA

- **Tuesday, Sep 23 at 2:00pm** – **The Five Best Books on Catechesis** – Dr. Petroc Willey, Professor of Catechetics, Franciscan University of Steubenville

Click [here](#) to register:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_F30bOMpWRE6oWUJpLHrIMA

- **Tuesday, Sep 30 at 2:00pm** – **In Spanish: La práctica y necesidad de la oración mental // The Practice and Necessity of Mental Prayer** – Dra. Kathleen Spinnenweber, Directora, Idiomas Modernos, Universidad Franciscana de Steubenville

Click [here](#) to register: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Fts6kPdDSj-w2hl1n4pqnA

October

- **Monday, Oct 6 at 2:00pm** – **Breaking the Grip of Depression: A Catholic Pathway** – Dr. Aaron Kheriaty, Fellow and Director, Bioethics and American Democracy Program, Ethics and Public Policy Center; author of The Catholic Guide to Depression

Click [here](#) to register:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_R6ixvwD9S9ueXcw6uNhhFw

- **Tuesday, Oct 14 at 2:00pm** – **Interior Integration for Catholics: How to Help Individuals, Spouses, and Families Overcome Psychological Impediments to Receiving God's Love** – Dr. Peter Malinoski, President and Co-founder of Souls and Hearts

Click [here](#) to register: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oUNEsMZ9TW-ufDNaGqCH-A

- **Tuesday, Oct 28 at 2:00pm** – **In Spanish: Cómo formar a los padres de niños en la oración // How to Form Parents in the Art of Prayer** – Hna. Ingrid de Maria, SMCJ

Click [here](#) to register:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9m_xSDIsTPaseK6_e6GYfw

November

- **Tuesday, Nov 4 at 2:00pm** – **Building Trust with Broken Teens: Effectively Forming Youth Ministers for Today's Needs and Opportunities** – John Beaulieu

Click [here](#) to register: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_10lki-JLQICMIYK-3SX2dQ

- **Tuesday, Nov 11 at 2:00pm** – **For the Priest: The Challenge of Parish Communities Merging, Clustering, and Being Served Sacramentally, Catechetically, and Pastorally** – Fr. Jonathan Meyer, Pastor, All Saints Parish, Guilford, IN
Click [here](#) to register: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sC4Q7PfR6OKd4CclvvteQ
- **Tuesday, Nov 18 at 2:00pm** – **For the Lay Ecclesial Minister: The Challenge of Parish Communities Merging, Clustering, and Being Served Sacramentally, Catechetically, and Pastorally** – Jodi Phillips, Coach and Youth Evangelization Specialist, Archdiocese of Omaha, and Judene Indovina, Director for Catholic School Catechesis, Diocese of Pittsburgh
Click [here](#) to register: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BUqqdPCNRryqPwTrIFSOWQ
- **Tuesday, Nov 25 at 2:00pm** – **In Spanish: La doctrina social de la Iglesia como instrumento pastoral de su misión // The social doctrine of the Church as a pastoral instrument of its mission** – Dr. David Puig-Jordan, Profesor adjunto de Teología, UST, MACC
Click [here](#) to register: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pam-Y8ogTIKDDFP8wtwj_A

December

- **Tuesday, Dec 2 at 2:00pm** – **Catholic Identity: Virtue in Catholic Social Emotional Learning** – Sr. John Dominic, OP, Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist and Dr. Karen Villa, Developmental Neuropsychologist
Click [here](#) to register: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_57j-VmmnTIGNinkXlEv-pA
- **Tuesday, Dec 9 at 2:00pm** – **Being Creative as a Diocesan Team: Mentor-Based Approaches to Ministry Formation in a Diocesan Setting** – Ann Lankford and Team, Diocese of La Crosse, WI
Click [here](#) to register: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RutoJ2-fR9ed-WbdrW0iaQ
- **Tuesday, Dec 16 at 2:00pm** – **In Spanish: Formación Humana: Los 4 temperamentos como herramientas del autoconocimiento // Human Formation: The Four Temperaments as a Tool for Self-Knowledge** – Mary Ann Wiesinger-Puig, Coordinadora de Iniciativas Hispánicas, Instituto Catequético
Click [here](#) to register: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qqh_9Uo2Ra2H8P3ctRXoVq

Also, our extensive collection of webinars done in the past four years are also posted for free [here](#):
<https://franciscanathome.com/resources/webinars>

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>

Into the Breach

Join us as we watch and discuss Into the Breach. We'll learn how to be stronger fathers, better husbands and men fit for the breach.

Sessions take place in the Sacred Heart Cathedral Lower Hall, beginning on Thursday, Sep 18th at 7pm.



A call to battle for Catholic men, urging them to embrace masculine virtues in a world at crisis.
Join us in discussion of the Apostolic Exhortation: **Into the Breach**.

Location: Sacred Heart Cathedral (Lower Hall) - 887 Patricia Blvd.

Date: Thursdays Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Oct. 30, Nov. 13 & Nov. 27 2025 Time: 7pm - 8pm

Contact: Michal Stankiewicz (647-573-6616)



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

Life Chain – October 5, 2025

This year's Life Chain in Prince George will take place on October 5, 2025 from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM, on the paved walkway by HWY 16 and Ferry Avenue.

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.

Want to share news in the Wednesday Weekly?

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

Late entries will be published in the following week's edition. Please send in Word format.

To receive all diocesan news directly in your inbox or on your phone

email reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca **OR TEXT** "pgd" to 514-900-0130 to join **Flocknote**. This is an email and text messaging tool created for churches, ministries, teams and other 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.