



The Roman Catholic
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PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

January 14, 2026

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2026

"Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."

-John 1.29-34

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](#)

- [EWTNTV](#)

Attachments

- 2025-2026 Appeal Update – Jan 14, 2026
- Letter to Parishioners Regarding Lawsuits

Called Together Diocesan Appeal Update

We are very happy to report that we are just short of 90% of our diocesan goal, having reached \$268,045 of our \$300,000 goal. Thank you to everyone who have donated to the appeal and to those who pray for its success.

We had a number of parishes meet and exceed their targets: St. Peter's in Mackenzie rocketed up 93% to reach 180% of its diocesan goal and surpassing its parish project goal. St. Mary's in New Hazelton met its goals, leaping more than 63% to reach 140% and has also met its parish project goal. Sacred Heart Cathedral has met its portion of the diocesan goal, with an increase of almost 37%, reaching 123% and also meeting its parish project goal. Immaculate Conception also crossed the threshold, jumping more than 30% since our last report and is sitting at 112% and is within 6% of hitting its parish project goal as well. Congratulations to all of you!

Other parishes also had large increases: St. Patrick's, in McBride, added another 107% to their total, reaching 287%. St. Joseph's in Vanderhoof added another 66% to reach 173% and meeting their parish project goal. Annunciation hit 236% of its goal, adding 20%, St. Andrew's in Fraser Lake and St. Anthony's in Houston both added more than 19% to their goals. Sacred Heart Parish in Terrace added a solid 17% to their goal and are on the cusp of hitting their diocesan goal and earning rebates. Christ the King Parish in Kitimat was just behind them at almost 16% and reaching 91% of their goal. St. Mary's in Prince George added another 10% and Christ Our Saviour in Prince George added 4%. Resurrection Parish in Fort St. John and Notre Dame Parish in Dawson Creek also moved the needle adding to their totals.

Well done, all of you. We are grateful to see your continued support of our smaller parishes, missions and ministries. Please remember to keep in prayer all of the many needs we have throughout our diocese.

Letter to Parishioners Regarding Lawsuits

Attached to this week's Wednesday Weekly is a letter to parishioners throughout the diocese updating them on the legal challenges the diocese is currently facing and the risks this poses.

We would like all pastors to read it and ensure that parishioners are made aware of this letter and encouraged to read it.

The letter will also be made available on the diocesan website.

Questions about the letter can be addressed to info@pgdiocese.ca but it's important to know that responses will take some time.

Proposed Restrictions on Religious Freedom – Bill C-9

The President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Most Rev. Pierre Goudreault, has written to Prime Minister Mark Carney and other members of government concerning an amendment to Canada's hate speech legislation.

The Liberal Party has made an agreement with the Bloc Québécois. In exchange for the BQ's support of Bill C-9, the Liberals will amend Section 319 (3) (b) of the *Criminal Code* to remove the religious exemption

clause, which provides an exemption against prosecution for hate speech “if, in good faith, the person expressed or attempted to establish by an argument an opinion on a religious subject or an opinion based on a belief in a religious text.”

The full news release from the CCCB and Most Rev. Pierre Goudreault’s letter can be read here: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/proposed-restrictions-on-religious-freedom-bill-c-9/>

Embracing Your Calling as Catholic Leaders in the Workplace

Chris will draw from the Vatican’s key reflection, “**Vocation of the Business Leader**”, published by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development (formerly the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace).

It’s a practical, faith-filled guide to living out your vocation as *husbands, fathers, and business leaders*—integrating Gospel principles into your daily work.

Come grow in faith, connect with brothers in Christ, and explore how to lead with human dignity and the common good in mind.

EMBRACING YOUR CALLING AS CATHOLIC LEADERS IN THE WORKPLACE

Speaker: Chris Velasco, BBA, CFP

JAN. 23

5:30pm Confession

6:00pm Mass @ Vianney House Chapel
6:45pm Potluck Dinner at Emmaus building

RSVP to kanderson@pgdiocese.ca

Rachel’s Vineyard – Serving the North

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS NOW IN OPERATION!

www.rachelsvineyardpg.ca

SPRING WEEKEND RETREAT FOR 2026:
May 22 – 24, registrations now being accepted.

For Further information on this Healing Ministry, please refer to our website.

Confidentiality Assured.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE IN OUR DIOCESE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED OUR WORK IN 2025!

DYC 2026 – Save the Date!



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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.

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