



The Roman Catholic
**DIOCESE OF
PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

January 21, 2026

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

-Matthew 4.12-23

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

- Letter to Parishioners Regarding Lawsuits
- 2025 Parish Statistics re Rome Report - Fillable

Statistical Information for 2025

In order to submit the Annual Rome Report for 2025, statistical information is needed from each parish. Parishes are asked to complete the attached form and return it by fax (250-964-2101), regular mail (6500 Southridge Avenue, Prince George, BC, V2N 5P9), or email (jgarden@pgdiocese.bc.ca) to Fr. John Garden (Chancellor) by **February 13, 2026**. Thank you!

Sacramental Records for 2025

Please download and submit all of your sacramental records from **Parish Friendly** for the 2025 Year via email to Fr. John Garden (Chancellor) at jgarden@pgdiocese.bc.ca by **February 13, 2026**. Please ensure that you download using the "Sacraments to CSV" format. Also, please ensure that you do not open the file before sending it as it cannot be uploaded by the Chancery Office if opened beforehand.

For instructions on how to download the sacramental records, please see p. 32 of the Parish Friendly Help Manual. If you still have questions after reviewing p. 32, please contact Mrs. Martha Primus, Pastoral Assistant, Immaculate Conception Parish, Prince George at: mprimus@pgdiocese.bc.ca or at (250) 964-4898. If you do not have Parish Friendly, please send a hard copy of your parish registers to Fr. John via fax, scan or postal mail by **February 13, 2026**.

2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18 – 25, 2026 is this year's week of prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for 2026 is "There is one body and one Spirit" (Ephesians 4:4). To read the CCCB's statement and access the link to this year's resources, please visit the CCCB website here: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/2026-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity/>

Monthly Day of Eucharistic Adoration

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a Personal Date with Jesus on **Wednesday February 11th, 2026** on the new location at the **Vianney Chapel, 6700 Southridge Ave**, the corner of Southridge and Marleau, (next door to the Domano Chapel). We will use the same parking lot as before.

Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 AM and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from **8:00 AM to 6:00 PM** for a day of silent prayer and adoration. We will pray for the universal Church and the world, for our Bishop and Priests, 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.

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!



Free Webinars from Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute – January and February

Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute is continuing our FREE and fantastic webinar series in 2026 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.

JANUARY

- **Tuesday, Jan 27 at 2:00pm – In Spanish: Sugerencias prácticas para líderes sobre la sanación interior (Practical Suggestions for Inner Healing for Leaders)** – Fray Nelson Medina, OP, Docente del Studium Generale de los Dominicos y de la Facultad de Teología de la Universidad Santo Tomás, Colombia
Register here: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SdbtljlbRQS3Ztd7NmSyPQ

FEBRUARY

- **Tuesday, Feb 3 at 2:00pm – Fathering in the Holy Spirit: Meekness, Manliness, and Spiritual Leadership** — Dr. Mark Ginter of the Catechetical Institute, Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH
Register here: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cBeV7igkTQ66WcR3UCb0lw
- **Tuesday, Feb 10 at 2:00pm – How to Engage Parishioners in Discipleship after Evangelistic Programs for Parish Renewal: How to Follow-up from OCIA, Alpha, ChristLife, Parish Missions, and Other Parish-Wide Programs** — Dr. Bob Rice, PhD, Professor of Catechetics and Kristi Scheerbaum, Discipleship Special Projects Coordinator, Catechetical Institute (CI), Franciscan University of Steubenville
Register here: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bn1qxiPzQ5m4XRUQxWaKCO
- **Wednesday, Feb 11 at 3:00pm — The Nature of Man and Woman: The Theological Vision at the Heart of Christian Anthropology** — Dr. Deborah Savage, Professor of Theology, Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH
Register here: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PwfuMpfFR9CylRPmOc6HKw
- **Tuesday, Feb 17 at 2:00pm – Opportunity at the Earliest Moment: Making Infant Baptism Preparation into Active Evangelization** — Dr. Petroc Willey, Professor of Catechetics, Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH, Jacqueline and Michael Van Hemert, Catechetical Institute Parrhesia Series Writers, Eau Claire, WI
Register here: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kl7fNyKnTPSoChZdz8FVRA
- **Tuesday, Feb 24 at 2:00pm – In Spanish: Formando familias en la Fe: La participación activa de los padres en la catequesis de sus hijos (Forming Families in the Faith: How to Cultivate the Active Participation of Parents in their Children's Formation)** — José Juan Valdez, MASS, MAPS, CFES, Director Asociado de la formación de adultos y ministerio familiar, Diócesis de Houston, TX
Register here: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fcsUpooNQD-6zQi5HtJfbg
- **Wednesday, Feb 25 at 2:00pm — A Six-Part Series on Rediscovering the Church's Charismatic Dimension — Part One: The Charismatic Renewal: It's Origins and Initial Growth** — Paco Gavrilides, Adjunct Professor, Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH
Register here: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nht02JC-SU-vu061x0GGtg

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

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.