



The Roman Catholic  
**DIOCESE OF  
PRINCE GEORGE**

# Wednesday Weekly

February 4, 2026

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 8, 2026**

*"No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before human beings, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."*

-Matthew 5.13-16

**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 – Feb 4, 2026
- St. Mary's Decree Background information
- 2026-01-25 Decree RE St. Mary's
- Implementation of this Decree regarding St. Mary's
- 2025 Parish Statistics re Rome Report - Fillable
- Veritas Summer Program 2026

## Called Together Diocesan Appeal Update

We don't have too much to report since our last update. However, we're pleased to see that Sacred Heart Parish in Terrace made a huge leap of more than 34% to surpass their diocesan goal, reaching 128%. St. Mary's in New Hazelton climbed more than 8% to reach almost 150% of their diocesan goal. Christ the King in Kitimat hit 75% of their diocesan goal, rising 5%.

Thanks to everyone for your support financially and in prayer. We are in the process of distributing funds to appeal recipients and for parish rebates. The appeal continues until June 30th, and we still have 9.5% left to go in order to reach our diocesan goal.

## Decree Regarding the Closure of St. Mary's Parish, PG

Please find attached the decree regarding the closure of St. Mary's Parish, PG, which was announced and posted publicly on January 25, 2026.

Also attached is background information regarding the decision to close St. Mary's Parish as well as information on how the decree will be implemented in accordance with Canon Law.

Questions or concerns regarding the closure should be directed to [info@pgdiocese.ca](mailto:info@pgdiocese.ca)

## World Day of the Sick – February 11, 2026

Pope Leo XIV has message for the 34<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick, which takes place on February 11, 2026, offers reflection on the theme "The Compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another's pain."

Pope Leo's message and other useful resources for the World Day of the Sick can be found in the CCCB's media release here: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/pope-leos-message-for-the-34th-world-day-of-the-sick-11-february-2026/>

## 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.

## 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.

## Free Webinars from Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute – 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.***

### 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](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\\_bN1qxiPzQ5m4XRUQxWaKCQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bN1qxiPzQ5m4XRUQxWaKCQ)
- **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](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\\_kI7fNyKnTPSoChZdz8FVRA](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kI7fNyKnTPSoChZdz8FVRA)

- **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](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: Its 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](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>

## DYC 2026 – Volunteer/Chaperone Registration is Open



VOLUNTEER/CHAPERONE REGISTRATION is now open! If you would like to volunteer or sign up as a chaperone, please use this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/m5w7ew9gyz>

Parents who will be arranging for private accommodation for themselves and/or their children, but who will not be acting in a supervisory role, do not need to register as chaperones but may attend the events and talks as observers if they wish.

Registration for YOUTH PARTICIPANTS will open on February 16.

## St. Ann's Academy Kamloops Alumni Homecoming 2026

All former students and staff—whether you graduated from St. Ann's or not—are invited! Join us **Saturday, May 16th, 1:00–4:00 pm** for a free afternoon of reconnecting and reminiscing. Enjoy snacks and refreshments, bring your family, or come solo! We'll have a **bouncy castle for kids**, a **historical scavenger hunt to explore the school**, and an **archive table** to browse old memories. Feel free to bring photos or memorabilia to share!

**Find more information at this link:**

<https://buytickets.at/stannsacademy/1976504>

## Rachel's Vineyard – Serving the North

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS NOW IN OPERATION!

[www.rachelsvineyardpg.ca](http://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!

## Summer Veritas Program 2026



**VERITAS**  
SUMMER PROGRAM

Pursue truth and beauty in Barry's Bay, Ontario through Socratic discussions, Adoration, and outdoor experiences, including an overnight camping trip!

		
Grade 11 and Grade 12 students Recent high school graduates	June 28-July 4, 2026 July 12-July 18, 2026	\$400 before March 1, 2026 \$500 after March 1, 2026

To register, visit [seatofwisdom.ca/veritas-summer-program](http://seatofwisdom.ca/veritas-summer-program)

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Email [reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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.