



The Roman
Catholic Diocese
of
Prince George

Wednesday Weekly

April 15, 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter | April 19, 2026

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

-Luke 24-13.35

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New this Week!

The New Wednesday Weekly

The new Wednesday Weekly has been designed to help you find the content that matters to you quickly!

Click on any hyperlink listed under “In this issue...” on the front page, and you will be instantly taken to the page where that content is located. Want to go back to the front page? Click “Return to front page,” which can be found at the bottom of each page.

The documents under “Attachments” are now hyperlinked to where they are stored on the diocesan website, so you can open them directly from the Wednesday Weekly.

New events and information which is being published for the first time in the Wednesday Weekly will appear in this “New this Week!” section and then be migrated to a topic-related section in the following weeks.

Happy reading!

(Have some feedback about the new format? Send your suggestions to reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca.)

Monthly Adoration – May 13

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a Personal Date with Jesus on **Wednesday May 13th, 2026** at the **Vianney Chapel, 6700 Southridge Ave**, the corner of Southridge and Marleau, next door to the Domano Chapel.

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.

Formed Subscription Feedback Survey

Over the past three years, the Diocese of Prince George has subscribed to **Formed**, an online Catholic media platform offering faith formation content for individuals, parishes, and schools. As our contract is up for renewal, we are seeking your feedback to help guide our decision.



To take our short survey, please scan the QR code or click the link here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/aWnUXANsmg>

Impersonation Email Scams

There has been another round of emails scams impersonating priests making their way through the diocese. These scams are a form of social engineering, where scammers research a group or business in order to create the appearance of coming from a person associated with that group or business. Please find two examples below:

From: [REDACTED] <priestparish71@gmail.com>
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2026 4:49:48 AM
Subject: Assistance Needed

Hello ,

I hope you're doing well. Are you available at the moment? I'm currently in a meeting with some priests and can only communicate by email. I have a request I'd like to discuss with you, please reply when you receive this message.

Blessings,
[REDACTED]

This first scam is a very standard start to a gift card scam. The scammers claim to only be able to communicate by email as part of their strategy to avoid having their scheme exposed by a phone call or in-person conversation. Once they receive a positive response, they make their request for money and/or gift cards. Always check with a person directly via phone call. In general, you can safely assume all requests for a gift card to be sent are a scam.

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2026 5:56 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Email Update

Hello Office,

Could you please add my new email address [REDACTED]@outlook.com to the church database and let me know once it has been updated?

Also, kindly send me the current PDF copy of the church directory so I can save it in my drafts.

Thank you.

Regards,
[REDACTED]

This type of scammer is trying to intercept legitimate correspondence in order to acquire personal and/or confidential information and then spread their impersonation scheme. Adding the “new” email address to a church database would also give the fake email the appearance of legitimacy to anyone else who uses that database. Please always verify an email change over the phone or in-person, including for your parishioners, so that personal information is not sent to an unknown third-party.

More information about cyber security can be found here:

<https://www.cyber.gc.ca/en/individuals>

In Memoriam

RIP – Jacinta Dibondo

With sadness, we announce the death of Jacinta Dibondo, Rev. Louis Kwena’s sister. She passed away in Kenya on April 9, 2026 and is survived by three children.

We invite you to pray with us for the repose of her soul and for the comfort of Fr. Louis and Jacinta’s family.

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

Mass for the Dead – Ria Wanner

Maria (Ria) Wanner passed away January 22, 2026. She was a founding member of Christ Our Savior parish, volunteered in its music ministry, CWL and produced the parish bulletin. She was also the school secretary for Sacred Heart School in the early 1990s. Mass for the repose of her soul will be offered at Sacred Heart Cathedral on May 21, 2026 at 5:30 pm, followed by a time of sharing and refreshments in the parish hall. Please join us

and, if you know of anyone who might not see this notice, please pass on the information to him or her.

Pro-Life

Help Not Harm Campaign – Bill C218

You are invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca to quickly and respectfully contact your Member of Parliament and ask for their support of **Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act)**.

This proposed legislation would amend the Criminal Code to ensure that Medical

Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is not extended to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. A vote is expected by mid-April 2026.

If the law is not amended, MAiD will become available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. Many of us know someone living with mental illness — a loved one, friend, neighbour, or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to respond with compassion, accompaniment, and genuine care, safeguarding the dignity and lives of those who are vulnerable. Visit

HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.



Support Bill C-218

Ask your Member of Parliament
to protect those living
with mental illness

Take action at HelpNotHarmCanada.ca

Resources for National Family and Life Week 2026

The CCCB has released resources in preparation of the National Family and Life Week 2026, which will take place from Sunday, 10 May to Sunday, 17 May 2026.

The resource page can be found on their website here: <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/national-family-and-life-week/>

Rachel's Vineyard Spring Retreat – May 22-24, 2026

Find Calm for Your Mind and Peace for Your Soul

If you have been impacted by an abortion experience, we invite you

to come to our Weekend Retreat in Prince George.

For more information, see our website

www.rachelsvineyardpg.ca

Email Adele: rachelsvineyardpg@proton.me

Call/Text: 778-675-0152



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Youth and Young Adults

DYC 2026

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Diocesan Youth Conference



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MAY 15 - 17

Sacred Heart Cathedral
Prince George

For Grades 7 - 12

Early Bird Fee: \$75

Regular: \$100

Early Bird Ends March 16



Scan for Registration!



Special Guests

Grace and Donny McGeragle

The Benedictines of Westminster Abbey

Music Ministry: CFC Youth

Register at: <https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/diocesan-youth-conference/>

For more info email dyc@pgdiocese.ca

Family and Social Events

**25th Anniversary of
Priestly Ordination
of Fr. Jack
Michalchuk**

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

Fr. Jack Michalchuk's

25th

Anniversary of Priesthood

MAY 30, 2026
St. Joseph's Church, Smithers, BC

12:00 PM MASS
Lunch reception to follow

There will be an open-mic opportunity if you wish to share a short testimony or affirmations for Fr. Jack.

Reception will be 'potluck' style, with a main meat provided by the parish. Dietary options will also be available.

We ask our local guests to please bring a double-portion of food to share with our out-of-town guests, who are not required to bring anything, but may.

PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 10th at:
<https://smitherscatholic.wufoo.com/forms/mltceqh10lt5120/>

Or Call 250-847-2012
Or Email: sjpsmithers@outlook.com

Save the Date! – Holy Family Camp

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HOLY FAMILY CAMP

For families and young adults

Friday, June 26 - Tuesday, June 30th	Camp Morice, Fort St. James	Registration opens in April
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Please note, camp will not take place over the Canada Day statutory holiday.

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Formation and Education

Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI, Memorial Bursary Programs

The 2026 bursary year for the Knights of Columbus Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI, memorial bursaries began on January 1, 2026. Graduating students who will be attending a post-secondary institution in the fall are eligible to apply.

A request for an application package must be made no later than June 1, 2026 and applications must be submitted by June 30, 2026.

Please see the Bursary Terms of Reference attached to this week's Wednesday Weekly for more details and information.

Free Webinars from Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute

Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute is continuing our FREE and fantastic webinar series in 2026 to support catechists, teachers, and leaders!

The full list of available webinars for this year and their registration links can be found here: <https://franciscanathome.com/guild-webinar-series>

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>

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Find the series on Formed here: <https://app.formed.org/app/collections/115561>

Don't have a Formed account? Follow the steps to sign up for free under your Parish here: <https://help.formed.org/support/solutions/articles/9000210892-how-do-parishioners-sign-up-for-free-under-the-parish->

Employment Opportunities

Catholic Independent Schools of Prince George

Our 8 vibrant Catholic Schools in the communities of Dawson Creek, Prince George, Smithers, Terrace, Kitimat and Prince Rupert enrol 1621 students. Our enrolment is growing and we have full-time teaching vacancies.

Do you know of a Catholic Educator who may consider applying to work with CISPG? Please, can you spread the word by sharing our [Catholic School Teacher Postings](#) with them. Applications are completed online.

We also have a vacancy for the position [Director of Learning Services](#) which begins August 2026. The [Principalship at St. Joseph's K – 7 School in Smithers](#) has also become an opportunity for consideration.

As parishioners, we invite you to pray for dynamic catholic teachers to apply and come be the witnesses our children need for their faith journey.

Yukon Department of Education

The Yukon Department of Education is looking to hire a Principal for the Holy Family Elementary School in Whitehorse. Please see the attached job posting or view it online here:

https://network.applytoeducation.com/applicant/jobposting/jobdetails.aspx?JOB_POSTING_ID=e36be481-3f0b-4f48-bf11-4cb4c96c275e&sReferer=ATEJOBBOARD

Advokate Life and Education Services - Hope for Women Prince George - Client Services Assistant

Looking for work that truly matters? The Hope for Women Pregnancy Centre in Prince George, an initiative of Advokate Life & Education Services Society, is seeking a compassionate and organized **Client Services Assistant**. This flexible, in-person role supports women facing unplanned pregnancies, assists volunteers, and helps keep the centre running smoothly. If you have a heart for women and children and strong administrative skills, we'd love to hear from you.

Apply: Email your resume and cover letter to **Janoah Fisher** at janoah@hopeforwomen.ca.

Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria – Assistant Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization

The Diocese of Victoria is seeking an Assistant Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization. The Assistant Director will report directly to the Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization and will aid in carrying out the primary mission of the Diocesan Ministry of Faith Formation and Evangelization and as agents of the Bishop of Victoria, serve the People of God to know, celebrate, contemplate, and live the Christian faith in the One Triune God. The salary range is \$62,000-\$67,000 FTE per annum. Please see the attached job posting for more details or visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>

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.

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