



The Roman  
Catholic Diocese  
of  
Prince George

# Wednesday Weekly

May 6, 2026

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter | May 10, 2026

*"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live."*

John 14.15-21

### THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Lectio: Evangelization and the Acts of the Apostles

In this 10-part Bible Study, Dr. Mary Healy combines insightful biblical study with Church teaching and practical advice to show how modern Catholics can effectively impact their world for Jesus Christ. She explores topics such as the call of Jesus to evangelize, the power of the Sacraments, the role of charisms for building up the Body of Christ, techniques from St. Paul for reaching a secular culture, and more.

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## New this Week!

### Franciscan Brothers Farewell



After 23 years of serving the people of our communities, Brother Roy Joseph and Brother Walter Lobo will be returning to India.

We would like to gather together to show our appreciation, say farewell and take time to celebrate and remember their time with us.



**May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Stellako Hall**

**4:00 pm Doors Open**

**5:00 pm Gathering, 6:00 pm Dinner**

**Potluck dinner - Please bring a dish to share.**

**RSVP Therese Steiner Email [ray.therese1999@gmail.com](mailto:ray.therese1999@gmail.com)**

**250-699-6698 (home) 250-699-1534 (cell/text)**

Stellako Hall is located in the Stellat'en First Nation community at the following address:  
559 1S0 Stella Rd, Stellako, BC V0J 2N1.

### Grief to Grace Retreat



Grief to Grace is a program rooted in our Catholic faith. Designed to express the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, it is an integrated healing process of the body, mind, and spirit using the principles of trauma-informed care. It helps those who have endured abuse to find healing for neglect, abandonment, physical, emotional, sexual, clerical, and spiritual abuse, whether in childhood, adolescence, or as an

adult. The next retreat in Canada is **September 22 - 27, 2026 in Kelowna**. For more information please email [griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403. The deadline for the intake process is June 15.

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To view the retreat website visit  
<https://www.griegtogracecanada.org/>

To make a confidential call about this retreat the number is 250-808-6403.

## In Memoriam

### 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](https://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.

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](https://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](https://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](http://www.rachelsvineyardpg.ca)

Email Adele: [rachelsvineyardpg@proton.me](mailto:rachelsvineyardpg@proton.me)

Call/Text: 778-675-0152



**Confidentiality Assured**

A promotional poster for the Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) 2026. The background is dark blue. At the top left, it says "DYC 2026" in large white letters, with "Diocesan Youth Conference" in smaller white text below it. To the right is a circular logo with a cross, the letters "M" and "I", and a heart. The main title "TOTUS TUUS" is in large, bold, white letters. On the left is a painting of the Virgin Mary in a white and blue robe. To the right of the painting, a dark blue box contains the dates "MAY 15 - 17" in white. Below this, the location "Sacred Heart Cathedral Prince George" and "For Grades 7 - 12" are listed. Further down, the fees "Early Bird Fee: \$75" and "Regular: \$100" are shown, along with "Early Bird Ends March 16". A white arrow points from the text "Scan for Registration!" to a QR code. Below the QR code, the text "Special Guests" is followed by "Grace and Donny McGeragle", "The Benedictines of Westminster Abbey", and "Music Ministry: CFC Youth". At the bottom, the registration URL "https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/diocesan-youth-conference/" and the email "dyc@pgdiocese.ca" are provided.

**DYC 2026**  
Diocesan Youth Conference

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Sacred Heart Cathedral  
Prince George

For Grades 7 - 12

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For more info email [dyc@pgdiocese.ca](mailto:dyc@pgdiocese.ca)

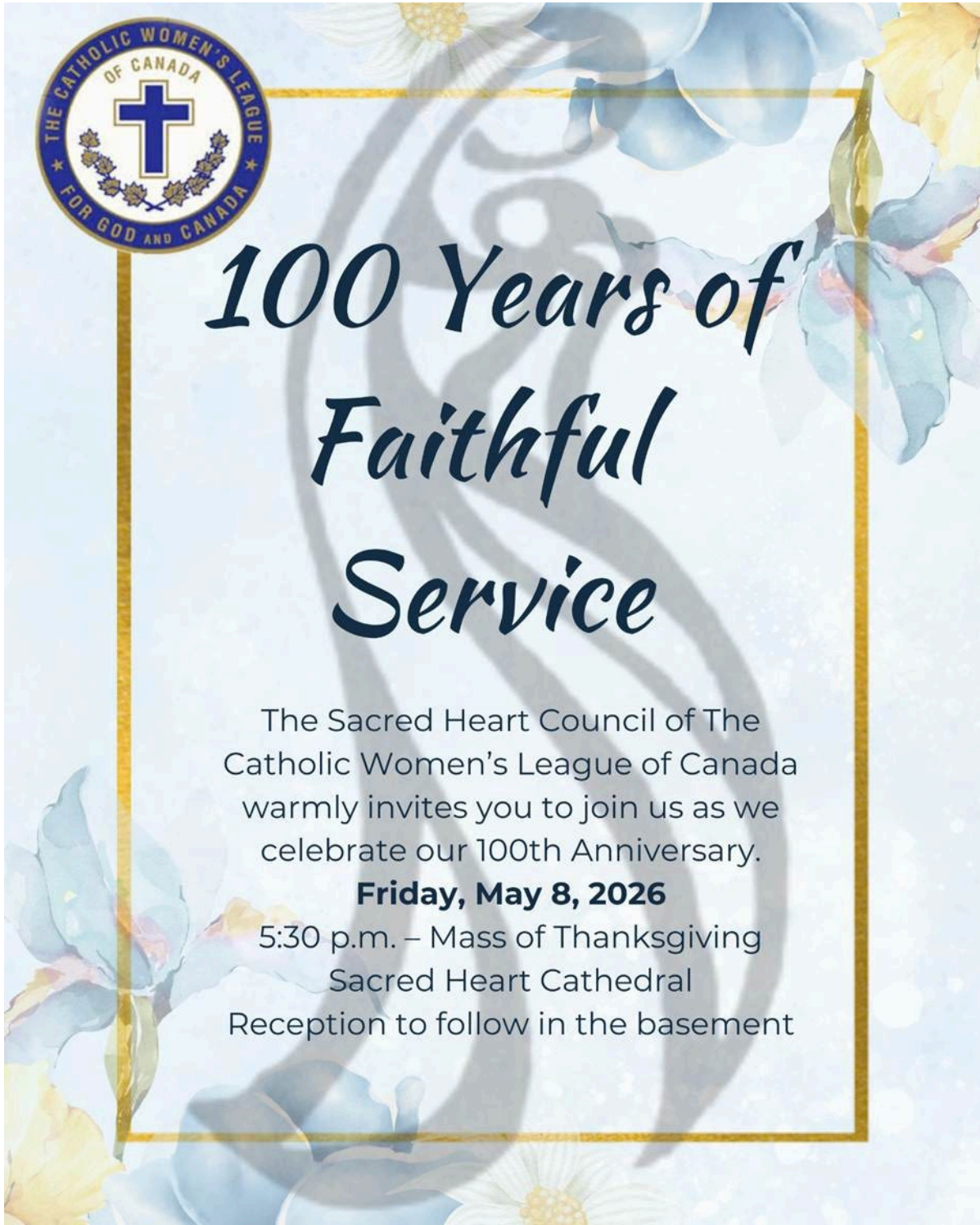
## Youth and Young Adults

**DYC 2026**

Last call for registration!

# Family and Social Events

Sacred Heart Council of the Catholic Women's League – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

A celebratory poster for the 100th anniversary of the Catholic Women's League of Canada. The background is light blue with a faint, large-scale watermark of a woman's silhouette. The top left corner features the official logo of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, which is a circular emblem with a blue cross in the center, surrounded by the text "THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA" and "FOR GOD AND CANADA". The main title, "100 Years of Faithful Service", is written in a large, elegant, dark blue script font. Below the title, the invitation text is presented in a clean, black sans-serif font. The entire text is framed by a thin, gold-colored border. The poster is decorated with soft, watercolor-style illustrations of flowers in shades of blue, yellow, and white, scattered around the edges.

**100 Years of  
Faithful  
Service**

The Sacred Heart Council of The  
Catholic Women's League of Canada  
warmly invites you to join us as we  
celebrate our 100th Anniversary.

**Friday, May 8, 2026**  
5:30 p.m. – Mass of Thanksgiving  
Sacred Heart Cathedral  
Reception to follow in the basement

## 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/m1tceqh10lt5120/>

Or Call 250-847-2012

Or Email: [sjpsmithers@outlook.com](mailto:sjpsmithers@outlook.com)

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

### Holy Family Camp - Registration is open!

Holy Family Camp will be the weekend of June 26 to June 30, 2026. Registration is now open! Register by scanning the QR code on the poster or following the link here:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/8XRxmMuegN>

## Registration Open! HOLY FAMILY CAMP

For families and young adults

Friday, June 26 -  
Tuesday, June 30th

Camp Morice,  
Fort St. James

Tent and trailer  
spots available

Pricing:

Young Adult/Single Adult - \$50  
Married Couple - \$100  
Family - \$120

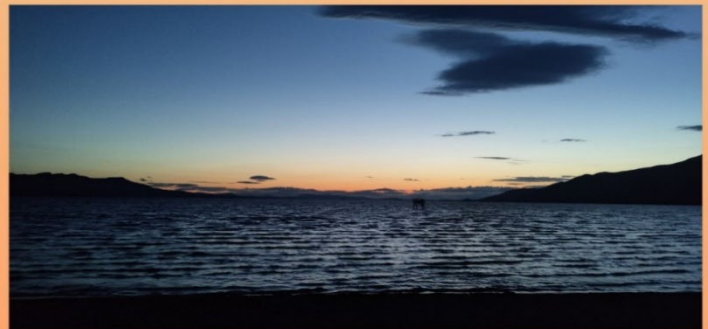
Shared Cabin Pricing:

Young Adult/Single Adult - +\$50  
Family/Married Couple - +\$120

Register here!



\*Campers provide their own meals\*



For more information email

Fr. Ken Anderson  
[kanderson@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:kanderson@pgdiocese.bc.ca)

or

Therese and Ray Steiner  
[raytherese1999@gmail.com](mailto:raytherese1999@gmail.com)

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## Camp Emile Social and Blessing of the Camp

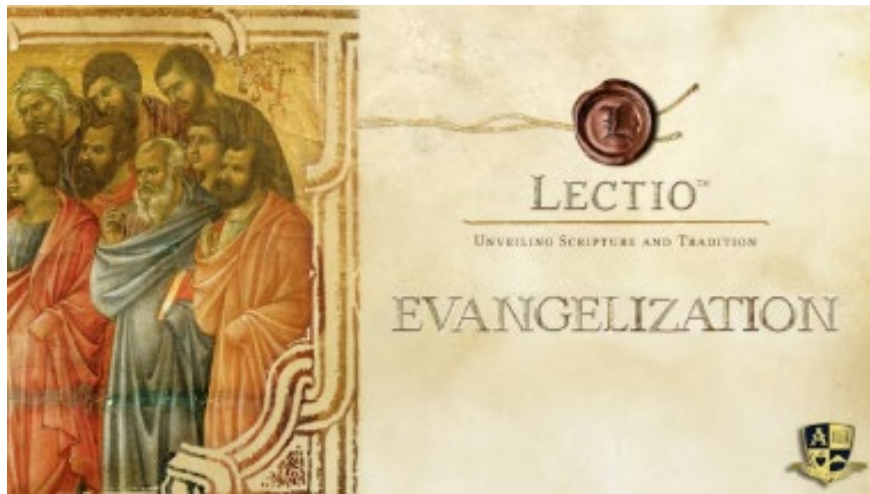
Camp Emile Society cordially invites you to join our Camp opening events on May 16th:

Open House tour of Camp facilities: All day  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 3 PM in St. Theresa's Church.  
Blessing of the Camp: 4 PM  
Parish Mass: 5 PM  
Social with refreshments in kitchen/hall: 6 PM

Location: Camp Emile 6740 Mission Road, Moberly Lake

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of charisms for building up the Body of Christ, techniques from St. Paul for reaching a secular culture, and more.

Follow the link here to watch this series on Formed:

<https://app.formed.org/app/collections/115714>

**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->

**Did you know?** Formed has a leadership resource website for those members of a parish who lead or participate in ministry. You can find those resources here:

<https://leaders.formed.org/>

## Formed Subscription Feedback Survey – Last Week!

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>

This week will be the last opportunity to give us your opinion on the Formed subscription. By Wednesday next week, the survey will close.

## 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.

## Deep-Diving into the Power of Grace - Kitimat

Every Wednesday from April 22, 2026 to May 20, 2026, Fr. Dominic Apaatah will be presenting on the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It will take place at Christ the King in Kitimat from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Please see the poster attached to this Wednesday Weekly for more details.

# Education

## Catholic Educators in BC Scholarship

Are you a Catholic Educator in the Diocese of Prince George? Would you like to deepen your knowledge of the faith? Consider studying virtually at St. Mark's College from the comfort of your own home, one evening a week. Apply now and begin taking courses in September 2026. The scholarship pays tuition for three graduate courses at St. Mark's College. Questions? Reach out to [faculty@stmarkscollege.ca](mailto:faculty@stmarkscollege.ca).

## **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>

# **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.

## **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](mailto: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>

## FacetoFace Ministries – Event Facilitator

We are excited to share that we are hiring 3 new Event Facilitators! These members of our staff are the ones who facilitate our events from the front. They go out in pairs of 2 putting on excellent Catholic youth events across Western Canada. They are youth ministry professionals who are dynamic, relational, quick learners, and eager to share the gospel message with young people.

Below is a link to our hiring video which is the best way to learn more about this position for anyone interested.

Employment Page: <https://facetofaceministries.ca/employment/>

Hiring Video: <https://youtu.be/Gp4breiL0qE?si=17e72lQ4LDHF8dNN>

The deadline for application is April 30, 2026. More information can also be found in the attached job posting.

**Want to share news in the Wednesday Weekly?** 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.

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