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“But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

-Matthew 13.1-23

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New this Week!

The Schism and Excommunication of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X (SSPX)

On July 1, 2026, the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X (SSPX) carried out episcopal ordinations without the permission of the Holy See and against the explicit wishes of the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. This inherently schismatic act carries an automatic excommunication, which the Holy See formally stated in a decree released on July 2, 2026 by the Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith.

The faithful are warned that the sacred ministers of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X administer the sacraments illicitly, and that the Sacrament of penance administered by them and marriages assisted by them are invalid.

The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith has provided norms for the priests of the SSPX to return to full communion with Rome, a summary of which can be found in the related Vatican News article below.

Lay faithful who formally adhere to the SSPX are also to be considered schismatic and excommunicated. However, according to the Dicastery, the excommunication and options for reconciliation of adherents with Rome “concerns the question of imputability, or the degree of subjective responsibility, of lay faithful who have formally adhered to, or who attend, the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X and who ask to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.”

Imputability requires full awareness and deliberate consent to an act or belief. The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith has provided some examples of actions which would be considered proven imputability of a member of the lay faithful and therefore incur excommunication and require formal reconciliation with the Church: “lay people who belong to the Third Order of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X; lay people who habitually participate in celebrations of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X and formally share its doctrinal positions.”

The reconciliation of lay faithful who are imputable requires a signed and dated *Professio fidei* (Profession of Faith) and the *Formula adhaesionis* (Formula of Adherence) to be presented to his or her Bishop. Those who fall under this category are encouraged to contact their pastor or Bishop’s office for further guidance.

Examples of lay faithful who would **not** be considered imputable include: “lay people who have attended the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X only for liturgical or spiritual reasons; lay people who, while aware of the tensions with the Holy See, do not reject the Magisterium or the authority of the Roman Pontiff.”

Lay faithful who are considered **not** imputable may approach “a priest in full communion, with the decision not to attend the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X in the future.”

Articles for further reading:

Vatican news article regarding the July 1st schism and excommunication:


https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2026-07/holy-see-decrees-excommunication-lefebrians-consecrations.html?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=catholic_news_ssp_x_consecrates_bishops_in_defiance_of_rome_s_schism_warning&utm_term=2026-07-02

Vatican news article detailing the history of the SSPX:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2026-07/lefebvre-s-schism-repeated-38-years-later-editorial-tornielli.html>

Vatican news article regarding the norms to return to communion with Rome:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2026-07/fraternity-saint-pius-x-ways-to-repent-return-full-communion.html>



World Youth Day 2027
Seoul, South Korea
August 2027 | For ages 19+

**Prince George Diocese
Information Meeting
Last Call for Interest**

Online Meeting | **Aug. 14th
7 - 8 PM**

This meeting will determine whether or not there is enough interest for our Diocese to send a group. Be sure to join if you are interested in going to WYD!

Please RSVP to receive the meeting link. Contact Jacinta Meir, jmeir@pgdiocese.ca

For more information about WYD contact Fr. Ken Anderson, kanderson@pgdiocese.bc.ca

**World Youth Day Information Meeting –
Last Call for Interest!**

This August 14th meeting will be the last chance to express any interest in attending WYD 2027. If there is not enough expressed interest based on meeting attendance, there will not be a diocesan pilgrimage group.

Please be sure to attend the meeting if you are interested in going to WYD!

To RSVP for the meeting link, contact Jacinta Meir at jmeir@pgdiocese.ca.

St. Mary's Parish Gathering of Gratitude



**ST. MARY'S PARISH
GATHERING OF GRATITUDE**

SUNDAY JULY, 26
10AM HOLY MASS

FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK BUNCH

**ST. MARY'S DEEPLY VALUES YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT, LOVE, AND PRESENCE**

**IN THIS CELEBRATION WE HONOR THE
ENDURING LEGACY OF PRAYER,
DEDICATED SERVICE, AND OUR SHARED
LIFE TOGETHER.**

Priest and Visitors Please
RSVP 250-564-4097
stmaryspg@pgdiocese.ca

1088 Gillett St PG BC V2M 2V3

Parish Worksafe BC (WCB) Reports

Please find attached to the Wednesday Weekly the WorkSafeBC (WCB) report for January 1 to June 30, 2026. All payments that have been made to individuals or contractors who are not registered with WorkSafeBC must be reported.

Please return the form to Catherine by Noon, July 17, 2026. See the form for further details.

If you have any questions regarding the form, please contact Catherine at your earliest convenience.


Family and Social Events

Cana Family Camp - Registration Open!

Cana Family Camp will take place at Camp Morice from August 3 to August 7, 2026.

For more information, email Fr. Pier at ppandolfo@pgdiocese.ca

Register by scanning the QR code on the poster or following the link here:
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/yxq0mNk1BF>



Cana Family Camp

August 3 - August 7, 2026	Camp Morice, Fort St. James	Tent or Trailer Spots Available
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Campers provide their own meals


Pricing

Cabin: \$240

Tent or Trailer: \$80

For more information, email Fr. Pier at ppandolfo@pgdiocese.ca

Register here!



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Through this course, deepen your understanding of Chesterton by delving into his intellectual legacy, his prolific works, and his unwavering influence on modern thinking. With the guidance of Joseph Pearce, uncover the inexhaustible genius that makes Chesterton an enduring icon in the landscape of contemporary thought.

You can watch the series here on Formed: <https://app.formed.org/app/collections/1502151>

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/>

Diocese of Victoria – Pastoral Care Fall Training Sessions

“God calls us to touch the lives of our aging, lonely, ill, palliative and dying sisters and brothers with accompaniment, kindness and compassion as the hands and face of Christ. In these sessions, you learn basic tools necessary to accompany those who are in need of the healing ministry of Christ.” – Most Reverend Gary Gordon, Bishop of Victoria

The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be offered online this winter. The training is open to spouse caregivers, family members who care for their loved ones, clergy and religious, care aides and others in the health industry, and anyone who is personally drawn to learn basic tools necessary to accompany those who are in need of the healing ministry of Christ.

Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, **starting on September 26 and running until November 28, 2026** (with no session on October 10). Missed session can be made-up, and a Certificate of Completion is provided to those who complete all nine sessions. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a

computer, tablet or smart phone with speakers, microphone and webcam, a reliable Internet connection, and access to Zoom. **Please register through your parish by September 17, 2026.** For further information, please email moiraking@shaw.ca

Franciscan Vocations



In celebration of the Jubilee Year of St. Francis, the Franciscan Friars of Canada are sharing a new vocation story series on Youtube, called Rebuild My Church. The series is named after the phrase that the Lord proclaimed to St. Francis in 1205 in Assisi, Italy. What vocation is God calling you into? We pray this series would shed more life on the Franciscan way of life and the men in Canada who have given their

life to following Christ as Franciscan friars.

Series: <https://youtu.be/nf8qr0itfSk?si=Lv1EK1kgsHIOAjAE>

Monthly Day of Adoration for August

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a Personal Date with Jesus on **Wednesday August 12th, 2026**, at the **Domano Chapel, 6500 Southridge Ave.** 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*, which we will continue holding at the **Domano Chapel** as weather and circumstances allow.

Retreats and Ministry

Lanterns (Formerly Rainbows)

Lanterns is a peer support group for children, adolescents, and adults who are grieving a death, divorce or any other painful transition in their family. Sessions run for 12 weeks each Thursdays from 6:30-7:30pm, beginning in September at St. Mary's School. There is no cost to participate, and Registration is open on the website. Also; Terry is looking for Facilitators and/or Volunteers, if you are interested in participating, please use the following contact information.

Website: <http://www.lanternspg.com/>

Contact **Terry**: 250- 562-3477, or 250-562-3209
or **E-mail**: Lanternspg2025@gmail.com

June 2026 Rachel's Vineyard Update

Thank you to all our friends in the diocese who have supported us in reaching our goal of initiating a local Rachel's Vineyard Healing Program. Our first retreat in Prince George was held in May and it was a success. We now plan to continue these retreats on a yearly basis.

We have been richly blessed by all the gifts that were offered to us either by prayers, financial or volunteer time that so many of you offered.

Please check our website for updates: www.rachelsvineyardpg.ca

With prayers & much gratitude
Adele Stewart & Team

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 or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403. The deadline for the intake process is June 15.

Employment Opportunities

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.

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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