



The Roman
Catholic Diocese
of
Prince George

Wednesday Weekly

August 19, 2026

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 23, 2026

"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it."

-Matthew 16.13-20

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Triumph of the Heart

Catholic priest St. Maximilian Kolbe volunteers to die in place of another prisoner, joining nine others condemned by the Nazis. As despair and fear grip the group, the pressures of starvation, internal ideological division, mount. But Kolbe's appeal to their shared humanity and Polish identity forges a brotherhood that culminates in a poignant act of sacrifice that echoes beyond the cell, illuminating hope in one of history's darkest moments.

Viewer discretion is advised as there are intense themes surrounding death and the events of World War II in this film.

Littlest Saints: The Confessions of St. Augustine

A child, a sinner, a saint. Join us as we share the story of St. Augustine, tailored to our children, as he wrestles with God and comes to the faith.

Attachments

- ❖ [Fall 2026 Pastoral Care Training Session Poster](#)
- ❖ [Fall 2026 Pastoral Care Training Session Registration sheet](#)
- ❖ [Fall 2026 Pastoral Care Training Session announcement script](#)
- ❖ [Fall 2026 Pastoral Care Training Session descriptions](#)
- ❖ [Life Chain 2026 Church Package](#)
- ❖ [Right to Life PG Newsletter](#)
- ❖ [September Swing Poster](#)
- ❖ [St. Vincent de Paul Store Clerk Job Posting](#)
- ❖ [Young Adult Retreat Poster](#)

In this issue...

New this Week!

- [Young Adult Fall Retreat September 25th to 27th – Registration Open!](#)

Family and Social Events

- [September Swing – September 19th](#)

Prayer and Formation

- [This Week on Formed](#)
- [Diocese of Victoria – Pastoral Care Fall Training Sessions](#)
- [Franciscan Vocations](#)
- [Pastoral Resources from the Daughters of St. Paul](#)

Pro-Life

- [Advocate – 2026 Celebrate Life Gala Church Promo Package](#)
- [Life Chain 2026 Church Package and Newsletter](#)

Ministry

- [Lanterns \(formerly Rainbows\)](#)

Employment Opportunities

- [Providence Living – PG Care Aide Opportunity](#)
- [Advocate Life and Education Services – Hope for Women Prince George – Client Services Assistant](#)
- [St. Vincent de Paul Store Clerk](#)

New this Week!

Young Adult Fall Retreat September 25th to 27th – Registration Open!



"THE DECISION"

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

CAMP MORICE
FORT ST. JAMES

SEPTEMBER
25TH-27TH

AGES 19-35

\$150/PERSON

MEALS AND
ACCOMMODATION
INCLUDED

SCAN FOR MORE
INFORMATION AND
TO REGISTER



WITH THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST,
SR. JOHN FRANCIS AND SR. ANNE THERESE

Contact Fr. Ken Anderson for more info - kanderson@pgdiocese.bc.ca
or visit <https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/>



A discernment retreat for young adults age 19-35, hosted at Camp Morice on the shores of Stuart Lake. The retreat includes a mix of silence, prayer, fellowship, talks/discussion and access to the Sacraments. This year we will be joined once again by two members of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Our theme is "The Decision."

The retreat is an invitation to young people who are seeking to grow deeper in their relationship with God and to discover and respond to His plan for their lives.

Registration is now open! Register here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/4izGDAXAMW>

The deadline for registration is September 18, 2026.

Family and Social Events

September Swing – September 19th



**"A Time
To Dance"**
Ecclesiastes 3:4

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

**Third Annual
September Swing**

YOUNG ADULT AND FAMILY DANCE

SEPTEMBER 19TH
DIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTRE
6500 SOUTHRIDGE AVE. PRINCE GEORGE
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM
DANCE FROM 6:30 - 10:30 PM



**\$5 PER PERSON
\$15 PER FAMILY**
PLEASE BRING A SNACK TO SHARE

ATTIRE: FORMAL

[Return to Front Page](#)

Prayer and Formation

This Week on Formed



Triumph of the Heart

In the harrowing confines of Auschwitz's starvation cell, Catholic priest St. Maximilian Kolbe volunteers to die in place of another prisoner, joining nine others condemned by the Nazis. As despair and fear grip the group, the pressures of starvation, internal ideological division, mount. But

throughout, Kolbe's appeal to their shared humanity and Polish identity forges a brotherhood that culminates in a poignant act of sacrifice that echoes beyond the cell, illuminating hope in one of history's darkest moments.

Viewer discretion is advised as there are intense themes surrounding death and the events of World War II in this film.

The movie can be watched here: <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3854094>

Littlest Saints – the Confessions of St. Augustine

A child, a sinner, a saint. Join us as we share the story of St. Augustine, tailored to our children, as he wrestles with God and comes to the faith.



This episode can be watched here:
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3279961>

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/>

[Return to Front Page](#)

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=Lv1EK1kgsHlOAJAE>

Pastoral Resources from the Daughters of St. Paul

The Daughters of St. Paul have made available a series of resources on various pastoral topics:

Downloads

The Sisters have created 3 free downloadable resources, inspired by a book they published this year. While the downloads are tied to the book, they make perfect sense on their own as well. Each one is especially tailored to a specific experience of loss for families, offering grounding and further resources:

For families facing miscarriage or stillbirth:

<https://pauline.org/pbm-resources/orchestra-for-oliver-resource-for-parents-who-have-experienced-a-miscarriage-or-stillbirth/>

For families facing child loss:

<https://pauline.org/pbm-resources/orchestra-for-oliver-resource-for-families-who-have-experienced-child-loss/>

For families facing a negative prenatal diagnosis:

<https://pauline.org/pbm-resources/orchestra-for-oliver-resource-for-parents-who-have-received-a-prenatal-diagnosis/>

Another download that, while tied to a book, stands well independently is this guide to creating sensory-friendly prayer spaces for kids:

Sensory-Friendly Prayer Spaces:

<https://pauline.org/pbm-resources/elis-quiet-friend-download/>

Audio Resource

On audio, they recently recorded a guided examination of conscience to help people prepare for Confession in a way that doesn't have them beating themselves up, but rather focusing on God's mercy and growing in charity. It's free on YouTube.

<https://pauline.org/pbm-resources/forgiven-guided-examination-of-conscience-for-catholic-confession/>

Video Resource

Finally, the sisters put out a free 6-part series called 'Finding God in Suffering' that can be used by individuals and groups year-round, or as a Lenten program for a parish or hospital chaplaincy, etc. It comes with a free downloadable study guide and group discussion questions:

<https://connect.pauline.org/finding-god-in-suffering/>

Pro-Life

Advocate – 2026 Celebrate Life Gala Church Promo Package

Dear Pastors and Church Leaders,

We are excited to invite you and your congregation to our 2026 Celebrate Life Gala, an evening dedicated to celebrate and champion our life-saving mission!

This year's Gala will be held on:

- Date: Thursday, October 1, 2026
- Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm (pre-dinner reception at 6:00pm)
- Location: Civic Centre

The Celebrate Life Gala is our largest annual fundraising event, which enables us to continue to create educated communities where families thrive and babies' lives are valued and welcomed. Your partnership is so valuable to the lives we touch and we would love for you to join us.

How your church can help:

Attend the Gala: We encourage you, your leadership, and members of your congregation to join us for an evening of fellowship, inspiration, and support for a vital cause. Tables are available for purchase and/or free through General Seating and can be reserved at <https://celebratelifegala.ca/prince-george/>

Spread the Word: We kindly ask for your assistance in sharing information about the Gala with your congregation. Please consider including an announcement in your bulletins, newsletters, or during service. Below is a link to our church promo package, where you will find posters, PowerPoint slides, bulletin inserts, social media graphics, and announcements for your convenience.

Your support, whether through attendance or by helping us reach more people, is deeply appreciated and makes a tangible difference.

Promo Package on Google Drive:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1pb9bCMDjis38QQBJ_ORVw4U1jw0SlOvW



Life Chain 2026 Church Package and Newsletter

As LifeChain 2026 continues to schedule this year's Life Chain, the Right to Life PG Society is distributing a Church information packet and a newsletter about last year's Life Chain. Please find them attached to this week's Wednesday Weekly.

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

Employment Opportunities

Providence Living - PG Care Aide Opportunity

Providence Living is the Catholic health care organization currently building "The Rivers", a transformative new care village in Prince George, slated to open in 2028. They are looking to learn more about Care Aides in Prince George and how they can support them to potentially join Providence Living's amazing team.

Working at The Rivers will offer a unique chance to be part of an innovative, purpose-driven care model. At Providence Living, staff work in close-knit households where relationships, autonomy, and meaningful daily living are prioritized over institutional routines, creating a more rewarding and person-centred work environment.

Employees will have the opportunity to work in a brand-new, modern facility featuring amenities like on-site childcare, collaborative team-based care, and excellent benefits, pension and perks.

Complete the form here if you are interested in this opportunity: [Providence Living – Care Aides in Prince George](#)

Advocate 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 Advocate 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.

St. Vincent de Paul Store Clerk

St. Vincent de Paul is looking for a store clerk to work from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday with alternating Saturdays. Please see the attached poster for more information.

Resumes can be sent to svdppg@shaw.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.

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.