The Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince George

Wednesday Weekly

November 18, 2026

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time | November 22, 2026

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me."

-Matthew 25.31-46

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New this Week!

Urge Parliament to Reject Advance Requests for Euthanasia

The CCCB has begun a letter-writing campaign regarding Bill C-41. The Liberal government intends to pass a law to permanently exclude mental illness alone from eligibility for euthanasia but have combined it with permission to allow advance requests for euthanasia instead of debating the two issues separately. The Bill has now passed Second Reading after the Liberals voted to limit the debate time for the bill. It requires only one more sitting to be voted into the Committee phase before it becomes law.

You can view the CCCB's media release here: https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/billc41/

A parish fact sheet is attached to this Wednesday Weekly for a quick overview of the concerns regarding Bill C-41.

You can join the letter-writing campaign two ways: either send your MP an email through the TakeAction service here: https://actionbutton.nationbuilder.com/share/SPK-Q0FBQEE= or use the following template to write to your MP directly: https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/suffering-and-end-of-life/euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide/sample-letter-bill-c-41/

Called Together Appeal Update

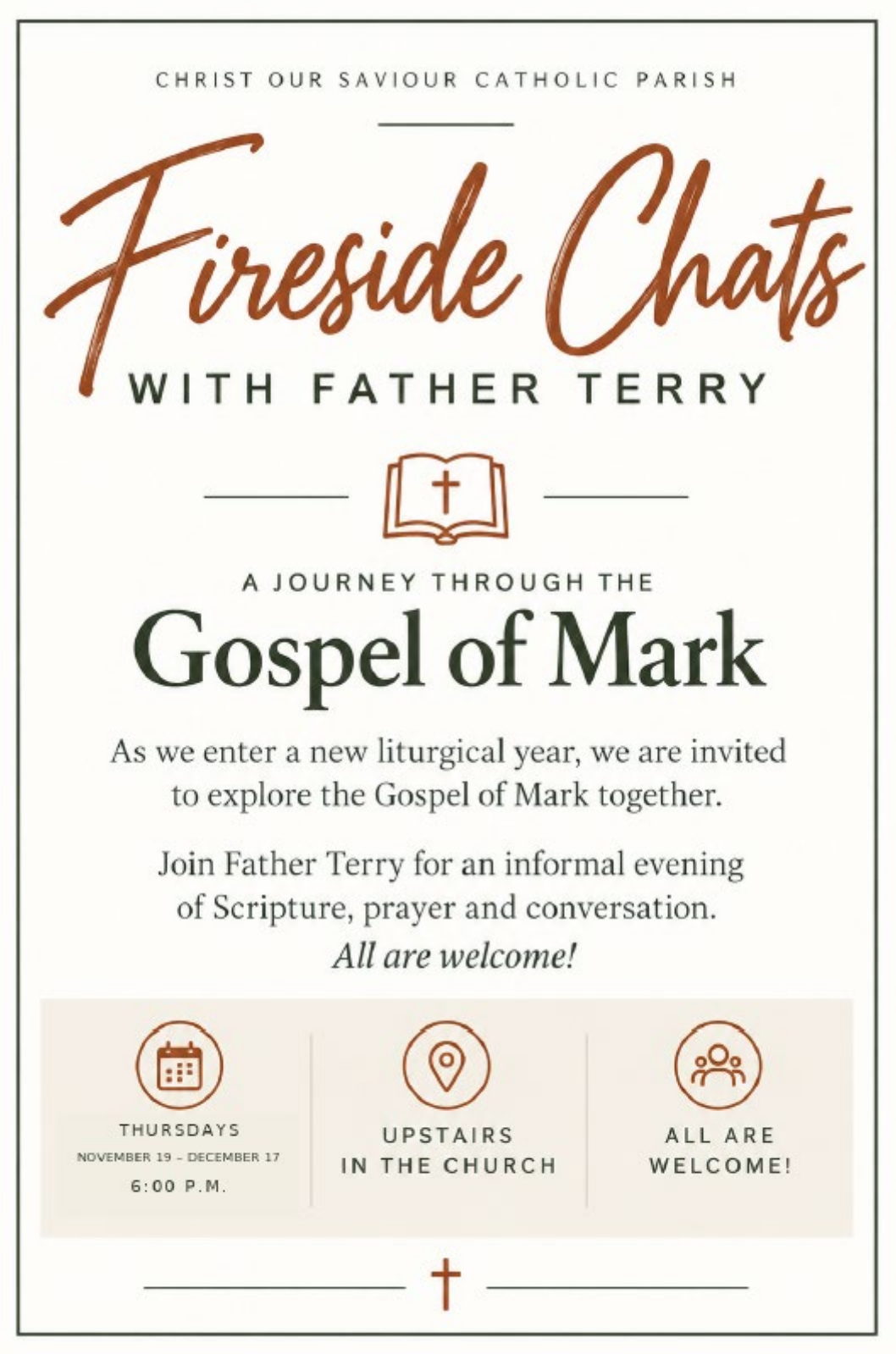
We are pleased to report that we have reached 50% of our diocesan goal, having received more than $152,000 in support. Over these past two weeks, however, we've only seen a change of 3% of our goal. We would ask parishes to remind parishioners of the importance of our appeal and how it helps support the small parishes, missions and ministries throughout the whole diocese. It is also meant to help all of our parishes with all amounts above each parish's diocesan goal rebated back to the parish. So far, only $1,463 has been earned in parish rebates.

We've only seen a few changes since our last report. St. Patrick's in McBride added another 24% to reach 170% of their diocesan goal. They remain the only parish that has surpassed 100%. St. Mary's in New Hazelton added 16% to reach 28% of their target, Annunciation Parish in Prince Rupert added 14% to get to 61% and Immaculate Conception added 9% to their total, reaching 45%.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the appeal financially and in prayer. If you have not yet added your support, we would ask you to consider making a contribution to help meet the many needs of our Catholic community throughout the diocese.

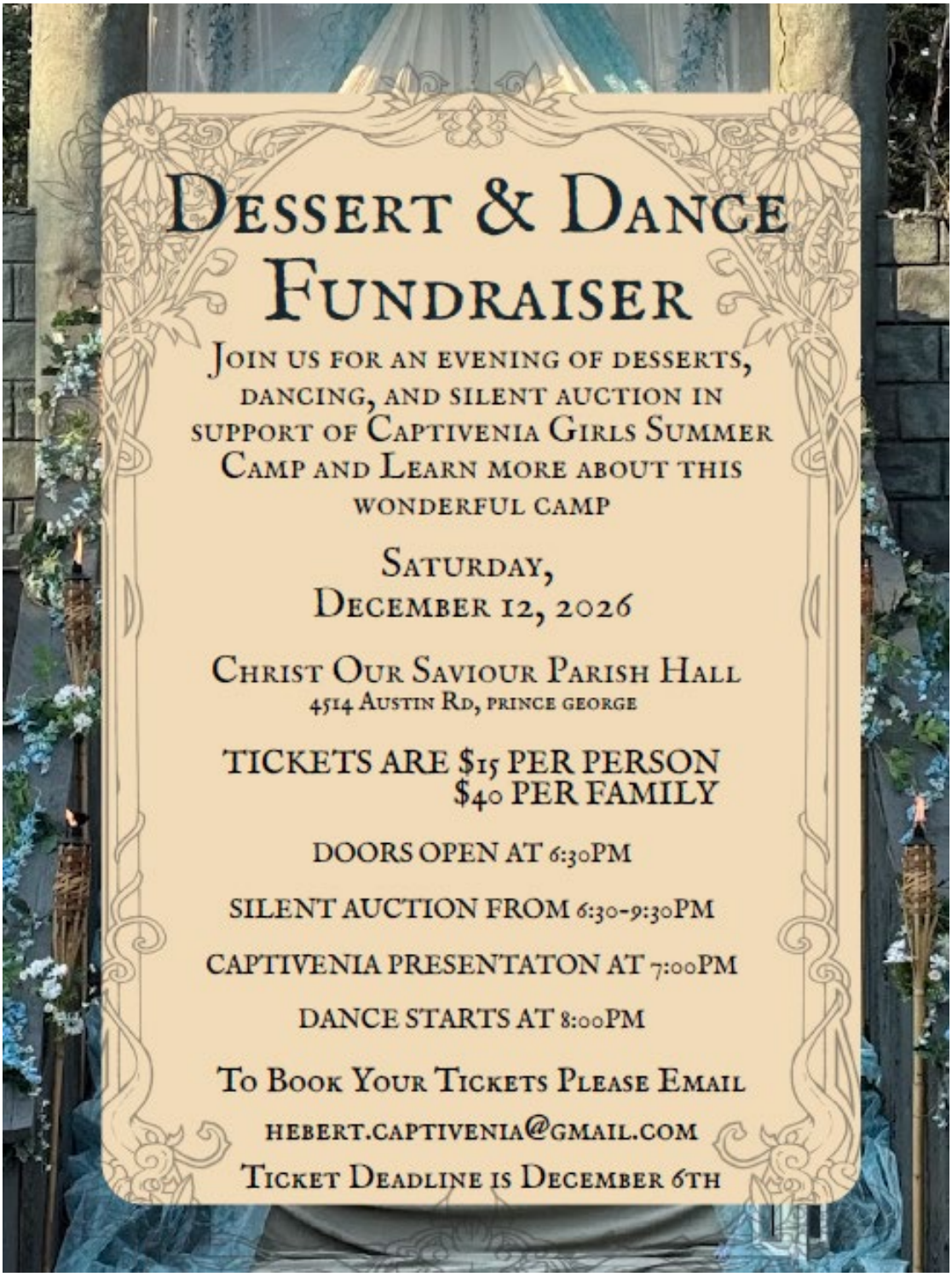
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Fireside Chats with Fr. Terry



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Captivenia Camp Fundraiser



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If you are not able to make it to the event but would still like to donate to Captivenia, a Catholic girls' summer camp, you can do so here: https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/catholic-kids-net-inc/

Just make sure you click the option of donating to Captivenia on the list of who to donate to. Thank you so much for your support!

Testimonials:

"This past summer I attended one of the most amazing, life changing events ever.. Captivenia. Captivenia is a camp like no other, it teaches young girls that they have dignity and help show them that they are worth something! " - SB 14 years old

"Captivenia has strengthened my personal relationship with God and his Mother and has provided me with a support group of other Mothers trying to find their way in a chaotic and challenging world. I wouldn't miss it for the world." - MS Mom Volunteer

Christmas Coffeehouse



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Diocesan Youth Conference – Save the Date!



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 **April 13 - 18, 2027 in Kelowna**. For more information please email grieftogracekelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403. The deadline for the intake process is March 1.

To view the retreat website visit https://www.grieftogracecanada.org/
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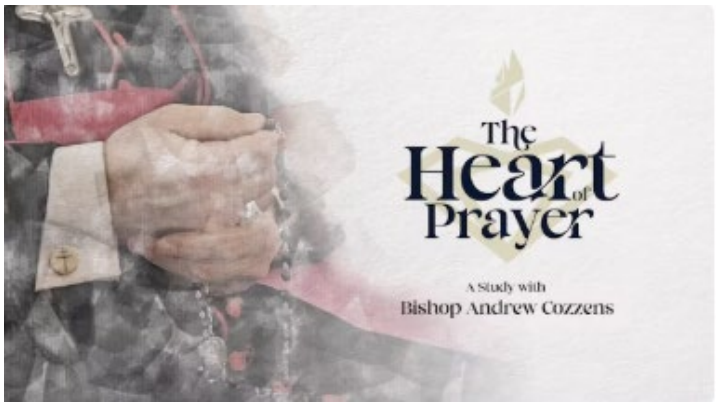
Rachel's Vineyard 2027 – Save the Date

Our next Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat is scheduled for May 14 – 16 2027. We invite those that have been impacted by an abortion experience to come and experience God's love and compassion. Mothers, fathers, grandparents, and siblings are also welcomed to come and express their grief & sorrow in a non-judgmental, confidential and safe place. Registration will commence on March 1, 2027. For more information visit our website: rachelsvineyardpg.ca or email Adele @ rachelsvineyardpg@proton.me.

Thank You to all who have been supporting our newly established post-abortion healing ministry in the north. If you would like to donate, make cheques payable to:
RCEC – DDF (indicate Rachel's Vineyard on memo line) and send to :
Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 6500 Southridge Ave, Prince George, B.C. V2N 5P9

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You can watch this video series here: https://app.formed.org/app/collections/1483988

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-

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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/

Knights of Columbus – Into the Breach: The Dignity of Work

Embrace the Catholic vision of a man's mission in the world and the role of work in his life and sanctification. Join us in a viewing and discussion of the Dignity of Work video series.

Location: Emmaus House (Diocesan Pastoral Centre – 6500 Southridge Ave)
Dates: October 2, 16, 30 and November 20 & 27, 2026
Time: 7:00 PM (Confessions available at 6:00 PM followed by Mass at 6:30 PM)
Contact: Michal S. (647-573-5516)

Social Initiatives

Journi May Dignity Initiative

Catholic teaching affirms the dignity of every human life and calls us to accompany families experiencing miscarriage and pregnancy loss with compassion, prayer, and respect.

The Journi May Dignity Initiative is a Canadian effort seeking greater dignity, clearer information and appropriate care for families after pregnancy loss. It arose from the experience of Sarah and Phillip, whose son, Journi May, died during pregnancy. With the assistance of the Church, Journi was laid to rest with prayer and dignity. Their experience revealed how difficult it can be for grieving parents to learn what options exist for burial, cremation, memorialization, spiritual care, or other respectful arrangements.

The Initiative offers practical guidance so that families are informed of respectful options and can make choices consistent with their faith.

Learn more at www.JourniMay.ca

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