The Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince George

Wednesday Weekly

November 25, 2026

1st Sunday of Advent | November 29, 2026

"Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come."

-Mark 13.33-37

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

What Catholics Believe about Advent: Preparing your Heart for Christ

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New this Week!

Called Together Diocesan Appeal Update

We are pleased to report that we've now received just under 62% of our diocesan goal, with almost $185,000 contributed. In addition, we're starting to see additional rebates for parishes. Hopefully, other parishes will soon be in rebate territory.

This week, St. Peter's in Mackenzie made a huge jump of more than 95% of their diocesan goal to reach 135%. Additional donations from St. Peter's will now be added to their parish rebate. Several parishes gained by more than 20% since our last report. St. Andrew's in Fraser Lake is now at 76%, St. Anthony's is at 90%, Notre Dame is at 59%, and St. Patrick's reached 194% of their goals. St. Joseph's in Vanderhoof was just behind, adding almost 20% and have almost met their diocesan goal, Annunciation Parish in Prince Rupert, Immaculate Conception in Prince George, Christ the King in Kitimat, and Sacred Heart Parish in Terrace all added more than 10%. The combined total for Sacred Heart Cathedral and Christ Our Saviour is now over 92%. Holy Cross in Tumbler Ridge, Resurrection in Fort St. John, Our Lady of Peace in Chetwynd added over 5%.



We would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the smaller parishes, missions and ministries throughout the diocese. We continue to ask those who have not yet participated to consider making a contribution to help those supported through our appeal. We also ask for your prayers in support of our appeal--especially at Mass--and the many needs throughout the entire diocese.

Celebrating 50 Years – Fr. Louis Kwena

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Monthly Day of Adoration

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a Personal Date with Jesus on **Wednesday December 9th, 2026.** 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 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.

LOCATION: We are tentatively planning on holding it still at the **Domano Chapel, 6500 Southridge Ave,** since different weather sources continue to forecast steady mild temperatures for the season before and up to December 9th. We are also looking into an alternative location nearby as a backup. We will confirm the final location choice through the *adoration-email-list,* as we do for last minute notices.

If you want to add your name to that list, please send an email to **ehermitage@pgdiocese.bc.ca** indicating your desire to receive alerts related to the monthly Day of Adoration. Thank you.

Please, mark your calendar on the **SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month** for *Personal Date with Jesus days*.

Knights of Columbus – Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

The Knights of Columbus at Sacred Heart Council 8927 is conducting a Catholic citizenship essay contest. It is open to Catholic youth between grades 8-12 within the Diocese of Prince George. The essay topic this year is:

“The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God.”

In 500-750 words, explain what this quote from former U.S. President and Knights of Columbus member John F. Kennedy’s 1961 Inaugural address means and its importance for the flourishing of a nation.

The contest begins now; final submissions are on Wednesday, December 16, 2026. Youth are encouraged to participate. Please submit the essays to Lorenzo Sia, lorenzo.sia@gmail.com. Essays will be adjudicated and a winner will be announced in the new year.

Questions and inquiries should be directed to the above email address.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother who Listens

The 500th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe is set to be celebrated in 2031. As part of the ongoing preparation for this celebration, the Intercontinental Novena of Guadalupe working group of the Mexican Episcopal Conference has prepared a bilingual

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edition of the document *Dozavario Guadalupano 2026* for use by the Church in Canada. It is entitled “Our Lady of Gaudalupe, Mother who Listens.”

The prayers are intended to accompany the preparation for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe this year, from December 1 to December 12.

Please find a copy of the document attached to this Wednesday Weekly.

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You can watch this episode here: https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3871483

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/

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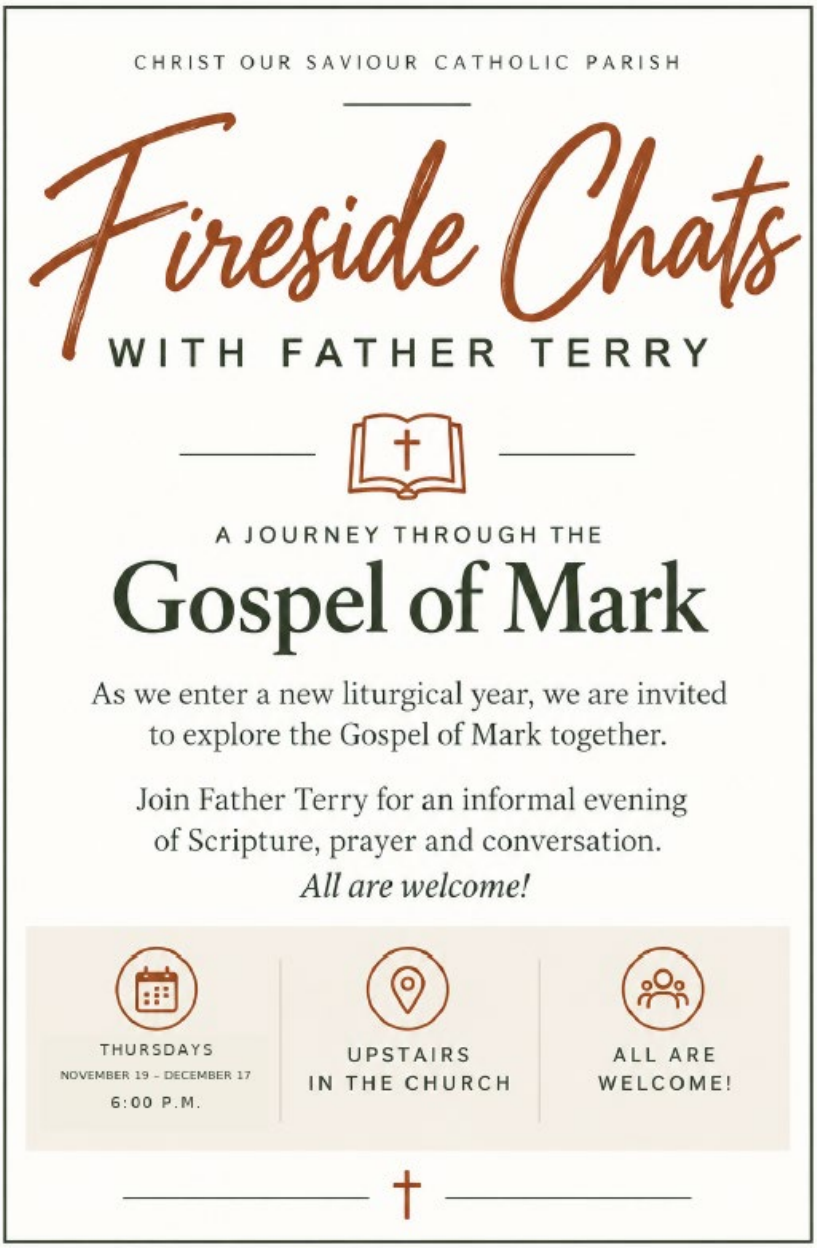
Diocesan Youth Conference – Save the Date!

Fireside Chats with Fr. Terry



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Pro-Life

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/

Retreats

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

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.

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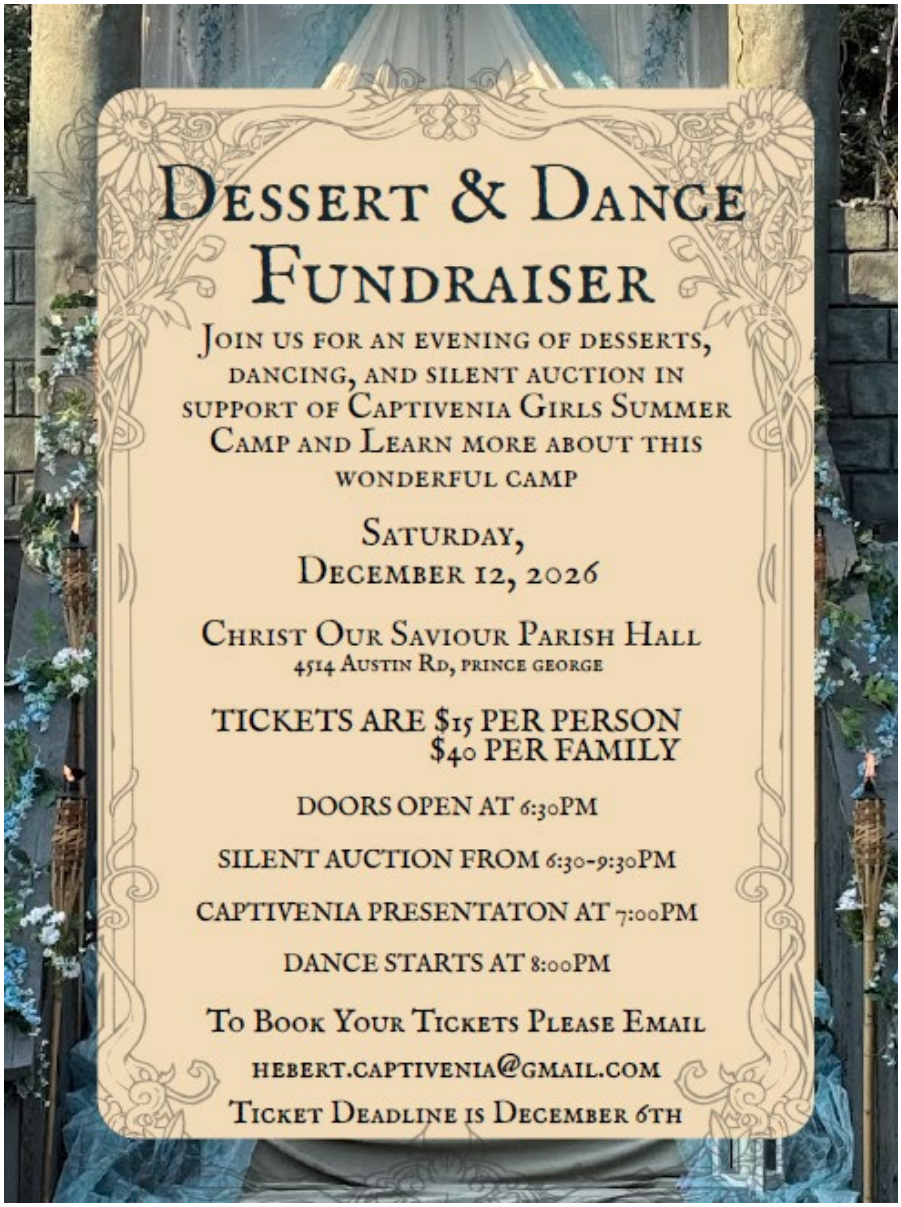
Registration will commence on March 1, 2027. For more information visit our website: rachelsvineyardpg.ca or email Adele @ rachelsvineyardpg@proton.me.

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

Family and Social Events

Captivenia Camp Fundraiser



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Christmas Coffeehouse



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