

Mass Times: Saturday: 7:00pm, Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am— Tuesday to Friday at 9:00am

Reconciliation: Saturdays 6:15pm, Sundays 8:15 am or by Appointment.

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We acknowledge that St. Mary's Parish rests on the unceded traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh



THE ROMAN
CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF PRINCE GEORGE

Bishop: Most Rev.
Stephen Jensen



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25TH, 2024



HE WAS PROCLAIMED THE DYNAMITE KING

A curious phenomenon occurred in the life of Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite. One morning in 1888 he was shocked to read his own obituary in the Newspaper, instead of that of his brother who died, all due to the mistake made by the reporter. What the newspaper said of him, made Alfred Nobel realize the awful image he had projected to the world. He was proclaimed the dynamite king who comes into immense wealth with the manufacture and sale of deadly weapons of destruction. No one seemed to have noticed his humanitarian efforts at bridging people and ideas. No one remembered the good he had done in his life. He felt miserable. At that moment he decided to do something to remedy that image. In his will he left his enormous fortune to the establishment of the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize. Today several other prizes are given in his name. People hardly remember him for the invention of dynamite. They remember him for the Peace Prize.

READINGS AND LITURGY

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Psalm 116.10-19;

Romans 8.31-35, 37; Gospel: Mark 9.2-10.

In the first reading, God calls Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, but provides a ram instead and promises blessing on all nations in response to Abraham's trust. In the Epistle, we are reminded that God did not spare his own Son and so gives us everything with him. In the Gospel, Jesus is transfigured and a voice from the cloud says: This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.

Faith Catholic

Welcome to Our Church!

*To all who mourn or need
comfort,
To all who are weary and
need rest,
To all who seek friendship,
To all who desire to grow in
Relationship with God,
To all who yearn to pray,
To all who need a Saviour,
And who ever will worship,
This Church of St. Mary's
opens wide its doors,
And in the name of
Christ our Lord, says:*

WELCOME!

I HAVE SEEN THE FACE OF THE PILOT

Robert Louis Stevenson tells the story about a ship that was in serious trouble in a storm. A passenger on that ship, defying orders, made his way to the pilot, who seeing the fear on the passenger's face gave him a smile of assurance. Relieved, the traveler returned to his cabin and said, "I have seen the face of the pilot. He smiled, and all is well." — There are times in life when we need to see our pilot face-to-face. That's what happened in this mystical story that the Church calls the Transfiguration of Christ. Peter, James, and John were there. Moses and Elijah showed up from the past. They had an experience that was mystical and out of this world. "Turn your eyes upon Jesus/Look full in his wonderful face," sings the hymn. What would a glimpse of Christ himself mean to you today?



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	Feb 24	7:00 pm	RIP Jerry Kurpita
Sun	Feb 25	9:00 am 11:00 am	Int for all our Parishioners RIP Jose, Elvira, and Noemia Ferreira.
Tue	Feb 27	9:00 am	RIP Peter Symons
Wed	Feb 28	9:00 am	RIP Paul Laliberte
Thu	Feb 29	9:00 am	Int for Trina Robyn, Jodi and their families.
Fri	Mar 1	7:00 pm	RIP Pam Meyer
Sat	Mar 2	7:00 pm	Int for Elsie Kurpita
Sun	Mar 3	9:00 am 11:00 am	Int for all our Parishioners RIP Jerry Kurpita.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the intentions of: Brigitta Betz, Eldon Gauthier, Maria Levar, Beverly Stuart, Rizal Advincula, Grace Noblette, Minnie, Blair, and Korena Peters and family, Garry Kaulbach's daughter, Birdie Froment, Mia Savic and family, Joanne Rebogaliata, Manae Peters, Ruth, Wark family, Jose Ferreira, Peter Dasilva, and Stella Wiktor.



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We are praying the Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm followed by the celebration of Mass at 7pm during all Fridays of Lenten Season. The Stations of the Cross is a traditional 14-step Catholic prayer meditating on the last hours of Jesus' life, His passion, crucifixion, death and burial. It invites worshippers of all ages into deeper reflection on the great sacrifice of love undertaken by the Son of God. Consider making the Stations of the Cross and the Celebration of a weekday Mass on a Friday evening a part of your weekly practice for Lent.

LEAVE A LEGACY

Leave a legacy of faith. Please remember the Church in your wills.

PALLOTTINE MISSION APPEAL



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This weekend of February 24th and 25th we have a Special Collection for the Pallottine Mission Appeal. Fr. Aruldas belongs to the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (The Pallottines) and we are sharing with all of you some more information on the back of this bulletin.

Ways to donate:

- Use the Pallottine Mission offering envelopes.
- Donate online by mentioning Pallottine Mission appeal.
- Use the blank Pallottine mission envelopes available at the back of church.
- Give an offering during the second collection taken during the Masses on February 24th and 25th, 2024.

St. Mary's Parish Potluck.



ON THE OCCASION OF THE
PALLOTTINE MISSION APPEAL

If your last name starts with A to L, please bring a salad, appetizer or dessert, and if your last name starts with M to Z, please bring a main dish. If you are gluten free, please bring a gluten free dish. Please join your St. Mary's family for a delicious meal and learn more about the inspiring life and work of St. Vincent Pallotti!

"I will try to free myself from everything that prevents me from obtaining this treasure that God is."

-St. Vincent Pallotti



**Sunday, February 25th at
5:00pm
in the School Gym**

UPCOMING FUNERAL AT ST. MARY'S

We will have the Funeral Mass for Santina Pagnotta on Wednesday, February 28th at 11:00 AM. The vigil prayers will be on Tuesday, February 27th at 7:00 PM.

1ST RECONCILIATION RETREAT

Our 1st Reconciliation Retreat is on **Saturday, March 2nd from 10am-12pm**. This Retreat is for all children who are preparing for their Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation and their parents. We will begin our Retreat in the Church. Please use the Gillett St. Entrance.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Date	Church	Time
Tue, March 12th	Christ Our Saviour	Following the 5:30 PM Mass
Wed, March 13th	St. Mary's	7:00—8:00 PM
Thu, March 21st.	Immaculate Conception	7:00—8:00 PM
March 25th, 26th and 27th.	Sacred Heart Cathedral	6:00 PM—7:00 PM Following a Lenten Reflection

ST. MARY'S TAX RECEIPTS

This is the last weekend to pick up your tax receipts. Please, help us to save money on postage and pick your envelope. Thank you so much.

DIOCESAN APPEAL TAX RECEIPTS

All tax receipts have gone out. Some were made available at the Prince George parishes last weekend. All of the other receipts have been sent in the mail.

A couple important things to note:

1. We issue tax receipts for the 2023 calendar year -- not the appeal year that runs from July to June. You may be receiving receipts for donations made any time during 2023 and may span two appeal years.
2. We issue separate receipts for Called Together and the Healing and Reconciliation Appeals and each receipt includes the total amount donated over the course of the year. However, you may receive multiple receipts if you made separate donations that support different parishes.
3. We do not provide tax receipts for donations made online through CanadaHelps. You will already have received a tax receipt from CanadaHelps for your donation and we are not permitted to issue those receipts. If you require a replacement receipt for your donation, please go to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/tax-receipts/> and they will immediately email you a replacement.

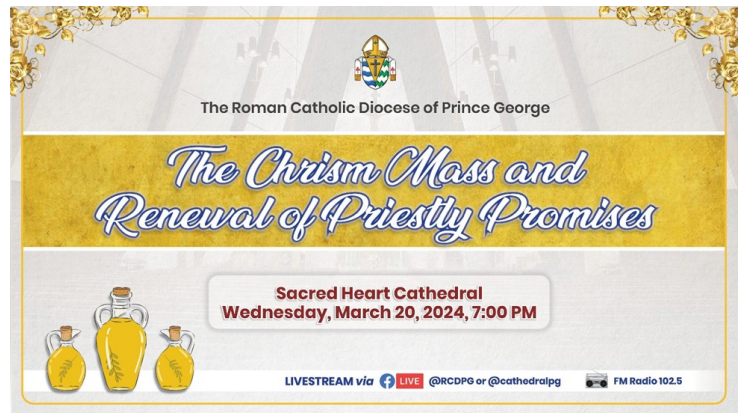
If you don't receive a receipt by the end of next week, please reach out to appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca and we will send you a replacement by email.

CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE

We ask for your prayers and help to find Catholic, certified teachers for our 8 Catholic Schools. All 8 schools have vacancies including the Principalship at Sacred Heart School in Prince George. CISPG hires non-Catholics with the expectation they understand and are respectful to Catholic values and lifestyle.

Teaching vacancies and the application forms can be found at <http://cispg.ca/careers/>

Please share this with anyone you may know that could be teaching in our vibrant Catholic Schools!



40 DAYS FOR LIFE—LENTEN CAMPAIGN

The Right to Life Society of Prince George invites you to participate in the upcoming 40 Days for Life Lenten Campaign. This year's campaign will begin on **Ash Wednesday, February 14**, and will end on Sunday, **March 24**. Each day, we will gather along the footpath at the intersection of Ferry Avenue and Hwy 16 W from 1:00-2:00 PM. Since 2007, 40 Days for Life has played a pivotal role in saving the lives of 24,239 unborn children and in the closing of 148 abortion clinics. Your prayerful presence will be a visible witness to the sanctity of the lives of the unborn and help to save many more lives. Please come and join us whenever possible.

ST. MARY'S FREE FORMED SUBSCRIPTION

Sign up for your free FORMED subscription courtesy of St. Mary's Parish & School: <https://formed.org/signup>
Enter St. Mary's Parish Postal Code: V2M 2V3.

Formed recommendation this week: The Three Temptations with Dr. Brant Pitre. Reflect with Dr. Brant Pitre on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-three-temptations>

GRIEF TO GRACE RETREAT

Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness. The next retreat in Canada is **May 14 - 18, 2024 in Kelowna**. For more information please email griegtograncelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

INVITATION TO YOUTH CAMP

Date: **April 5-7, 2024**

Location: Domano Retreat Centre

Fee: \$65 for initial child and \$20 for any subsequent child from the nuclear family

For more information, please contact:

Mark and Ann-Marie Macapinlac

Cell: 778-998-3714

Email: markmacapinlac@protonmail.com

This event is in partnership with CFC-Youth for Christ.

Pallottine Mission Appeal 2024

“Every Catholic, whether priest, religious or lay faithful, should rejoice because all of their talents, knowledge, studies, power, nobility, profession, art, earthly goods, service, prayers used for the propagation of faith and rekindling of charity in the world can acquire the merit of the apostolate.”- St. Vincent Pallotti

We, the Society of the Catholic Apostolate, are a community embedded in a large international network called the Union of the Catholic Apostolate (UAC – from the Latin “Unio Apostolatus Catholici”). Our members are called Pallottines, taken from the name of our founder, Vincent Pallotti. Our roles are as diverse as the talents of our confreres. Everyone brings his abilities to bear, which are complemented and completed in the others. We gladly work together with all people. All Christian concerns are significant to us. We try to respond to the concerns and needs of our contemporaries through the inspiration of the Christian faith.

The mission of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (SAC) is in line with the mission of Jesus Christ and of the Church - “to revive faith and re-ignite charity of the entire People of God and to spread the faith and charity in the world, so that soon there may be but one flock and one shepherd” (John 10,16).



When Pallotti died on January 22, 1850, the Society was in its infancy stage. By the year 1869 there were only ten priests and four Brothers. Today, by the grace of God, the society has nearly 39 entities with the total membership around 2400. It first began in Italy 1835 by Pallotti along with some diocesan priests who willingly came forward to work with our founder.

The Pallottines are pioneers in the field of the lay apostolate and in re-awakening among the people of God a sense of their Christian vocation.

The Pallottines by virtue of their charism engage themselves in all apostolic works, but in a special way in those areas where most others would be reluctant to tread. The Pallottine Province in Tamil Nadu, India, is called “Our Lady of Good Health” (OLGH) and this name has a history of Catholicism behind it, as it has its roots in the apparitions of Mother Mary in Velankanni in the 16th century. Our Province is blessed with 96 Priests, and 49 students in various levels of formation. In Tamil Nadu, we are involved mainly in the pastoral care of the people in the parishes, in education ministry for the poor children, in social empowerment of women, and in healing ministry. We are also working in Indian and foreign missions.

Father Aruldas Lucas, the Pastor of St. Mary’s Parish, belongs to the OLGH Province. The Diocese of Prince George supports the society by allowing a mission collection once a year in the parishes where the Pallottines are working. And it is with this financial support that we run the institutions, seminaries, mission parishes, and apostolic works.



Dear brothers and sisters, I request you to support financially the mission of the church which our Founder, St. Vincent Pallotti, has shown and lived. I wholeheartedly thank you for your support that you have given last year. And for this year, I appeal to you to be generous and contribute financially for the missionary work of the Pallottines. Kindly Remember it is the second collection which will be taken and sent for the Pallottine Missionary works. I will be looking forward to your generous hearts, during the Masses for the Pallottine Mission Appeal on the 24th- 25th of February, 2024. God bless you all.

Father Aruldas Lucas SAC