

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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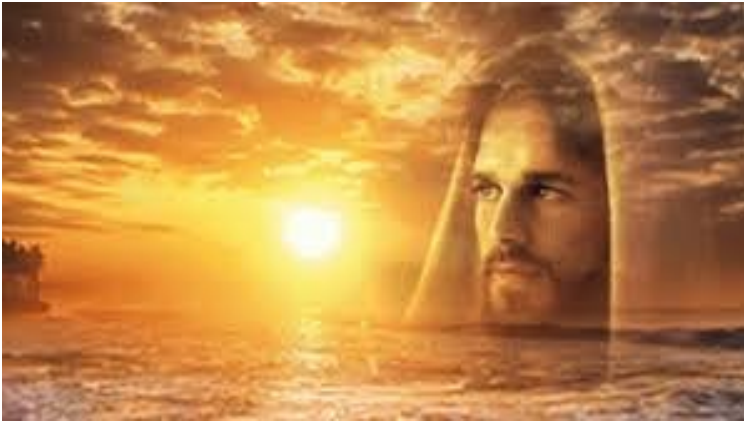


THE ROMAN
CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF PRINCE GEORGE



Bishop: Most Rev.
Stephen Jensen

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 13TH, 2024



HOW CAN YOU TRAP A MONKEY?

With a coconut, some roasted peanuts or rice and a string, tribal people living in the border of forests in Africa, Sri Lanka, and India have been trapping monkeys for centuries. At one end of the coconut, they open a hole that is big enough to allow a monkey's hand to push inside. However, the hole is too small for a monkey to remove his hand when he makes a fist. On the other end of the coconut, a string is firmly attached and tied to a tree trunk. The coconut trap, with roasted peanuts or roasted rice inside, is placed along a monkey's trail, and the trapper hides behind bushes with a net. The monkey smells the peanuts and is attracted to them. He puts his hand through the hole and grabs a handful of peanuts, after which it is impossible for him to remove his hand since he is unwilling to let go of the peanuts. Suddenly the trapper casts the net over the monkey and traps it.—We too are attracted by different “peanuts” that can be detrimental to our spiritual and physical pursuits. Today's Gospel presents a rich young man who wants eternal life but will not relinquish “the peanuts” of riches.

READINGS AND LITURGY

Wisdom 7-7-11; Psalm 90.12-17;

Hebrews 4.12–13; Gospel: Mark 10.17-30.

In the first reading, Solomon prayed for wisdom and received all good things in her company. The Letter to the Hebrews says the word of God is living and effective, able to discern thoughts of the heart. In the Gospel, a man asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus tells him to sell what he has, give to the poor, and follow him.

Faith Catholic



Happy Thanksgiving!

On behalf of St. Mary's Church, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a wonderful Thanksgiving. Without a doubt, we could spend much time focusing on the many things going wrong, but I want to remind us of the tremendous importance and calling that we must be a people of Thankfulness! **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever.** Psalm 106:1. I want you to know that God is always with you and will surely be your source of strength and comfort this year as He has been in years past. It seems so appropriate that before we get to “the most wonderful time of the year”, that we take a few moments to express our thanks to God.

May you celebrate Thanksgiving Day with love in your heart, prosperous vision in your mind, and gratitude in your being.

May God Bless you and your families through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Aparecida!

Father Aruldhhas Lucas SAC

THE SUCCESS SYNDROME

Harvard Medical School psychologist Steven Berglas has written a book called The Success Syndrome. He has found that individuals who in his word “suffer” from success have arrogance and a sense of aloneness. Insider-trader Dennis Levine was asked by his wife why he needed the money from insider-trading, and he really had no answer. Levine says that when his income was \$100,000, he hungered for \$200,000, and when he was making \$1 million, he hungered for \$3 million. Berglas says that oddly enough people who found that \$200,000 did not make them happy, never asked themselves why they thought \$300,000 would make them happy.— Asked to prescribe a cure for the success syndrome, Berglas said, “What's missing in these people (Ivan Boesky, Michael Milken, Leona Helmsley), is deep commitment or religious activity that goes far beyond just writing a cheque to a charity.” [James W. Fowler, *Becoming Adult, Becoming Christian* (San Francisco: Harper & Row, Publishers, 1984), p. 88.]



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	Oct 12	7:00 pm	RIP Jeaninne Walker
Sun	Oct 13	9:00 am 11:00 am	Int for all our Parishioners RIP Thomas Viep Vu
Tue	Oct 15	9:00 am	RIP Aline Pighin
Wed	Oct 16	9:00 am	RIP George and Genevieve Schile
Thu	Oct 17	9:00 am	Int for Pereira Family
Fri	Oct 18	9:00 pm	RIP Gerard Scott
Sat	Oct 19	7:00 pm	RIP Maria Pereira
Sun	Oct 20	9:00 am 11:00 am	Int for all our Parishioners RIP Birgitta Sale

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

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, Manae Peters, Ruth, Wark family, Jose Ferreira, Ruth Henwood, Rob Hagymasy, Les Martin, and Nicholas Gallagher.

ALPHA YOUTH SERIES

Thank you so much to Melodie for providing us with a delicious perogy, sausage, and salad dinner and Luella for her sweet baking at our last Alpha Youth! Our topic was Faith: How can we have Faith? We ended our evening with an exciting game of Mission Impossible! Please join us for our next Alpha Youth this Wednesday, October 16th from 6:30-8:30pm in the St. Mary's School Gym! We have chili on the menu for dinner and our topic is Prayer: Why and How do I Pray? Please continue to keep all of our youth participants and volunteers in your prayers!



Thank you to Fr Aruldas and our Altar Servers who were able to attend our Workshop last Saturday! We are happy to welcome a few new Servers to our team!



Andrew Carnegie made millions in the steel industry. He also worked hard helping the poor and underprivileged. Once a socialist came to see him in his office and soon was railing against the injustice of Carnegie having so much money. In his view, wealth was meant to be divided equally. Carnegie asked his secretary for an assessment of everything he owned and at the same time looked up the figures on world population. He did a little arithmetic on a pad and then said to his secretary. "Give this gentleman 16 cents. That's his share of my money."

St. Mary's
PARISH

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF APARECIDA



Saturday, October 12th

**OUR PARISH, OUR MOTHER
OUR CELEBRATION, OUR STRENGTH**

"Pour your blessings on us, Our Lady of Aparecida, and help us to overcome difficulties. May your love accompany us, and your holiness enlighten our hearts."

Everyone is welcome to join after the 7:00 PM Mass in St. Eugene Room for goodies and refreshments.

MARIAN CONSECRATION

The Participants of the 33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat will be making their Marian Consecration at the 7pm Mass this Saturday evening. The group has been journeying together, meeting for 6 consecutive weeks with the book and videos from Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. The group has reflected and learned from the wisdom of some great Saints with a strong Marian Devotion: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Mother Teresa, and St. John Paul II!



Women's Wednesday

A variety of topics, prayers, & fun activities
are open to all ladies 16 & over
every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 pm
at Christ Our Saviour Catholic Church
4514 Austin Road West
upstairs in the foyer or downstairs in the hall

Upcoming Wednesdays:

Oct. 2	Social Justice
Oct. 9	Teatime Prayer
Oct. 16	Teatime Prayer
Oct. 23	ADHD Neurodivergence
Oct. 30	Faith

Still Knitting Us Together

Do you like to knit or crochet?
Or would you like to learn?

There are some very talented ladies ready to share their craft with you every Monday from 10 am to 12 noon in the church hall.

Knitting needles, crochet hooks, patterns, and yarn provided

Socks, mittens, slippers, baby blankets, toys
all knitted items go to those in need

Hospice, Hope for Women, the Homeless

This is a drop in event – you are not obliged to show up every week - just come when you're in the mood to knit or just to socialize

ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY

You are invited to take part in One Million Children Praying the Rosary (OMC) event organized by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Canada on **Friday, October 18 2024**.

You can participate in the virtual event by registering at: <https://Onemillionchildrenprayingtherosary.eventbrite.ca>.

You can also schedule a time to pray the Rosary in your parish, school, religious community, home, with family or friends, etc. Make your intentions known to Ms. Valérie Vulcain, annual campaign coordinator, at vv@acn-canada.org or by calling 1800-585-6333, ext. 227, who will be happy to provide you with materials, such as a poster and flyer, to help organize your activity.

MONTHLY DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a Personal Date with Jesus on **Wednesday October 16th, 2024** 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 8:00 PM for a day of silent prayer and adoration. We will pray for the universal Church and the world, 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, for the Synod in Rome, and for the intentions of those participating in the day.

Please note that we will return to the regular date, 2nd Wednesday of the month, in November and beyond.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES FOR MEN

Following the Ignatian Spiritual Exercise, this retreat for men will provide an opportunity to discover the path God has for you moving forward in your spiritual life.

Registration is \$220 including all meals and is on a first-come, first-served basis. There are limited accommodations reserved for out-of-town retreatants, with an additional cost of \$100 for the 2 nights. The registration desk opens at 5 pm on Friday, November 1, 2024 and the retreat ends on Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 1:30 PM.

To register, please email or text below the number or address below and include the following information: Name, address, mobile number, emergency contact number, and need for accommodations along with any food allergies/requirements. Registration: Norm Hebert at norman.hebert@protonmail.com or 778-890-0540.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS

For emotional and spiritual healing, Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer a supportive, non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. Confidentiality assured.

Kelowna retreat: (Fri-Sun) October 18-20, 2024.

Contact Vicki at 250-762-2273,

www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com, or Facebook – Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna.

Merrit Retreat: (Tues-Thurs) October 22-24, 2024.

Contact Nancy at 250-267-5081, call or text. Email: rvkamloops@yahoo.ca.

Prince George retreats: STARTING IN 2025. For more information, contact Fr. Michael at Christ Our Saviour (mebomuche@pgdiocese.ca) or Adele at St. Mary's (rachelsvineyardpg@proton.me)

CALLED TOGETHER— ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2024-25

All the remaining Annual Diocesan Appeal Envelopes that were at the back of the church were mailed out last week. You are still able to donate by E-transfer through email appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca. Please include a message with the name of St. Mary's Parish, and please also include your donor number, which is found on the outside of your envelope. Thank you all for your support and generosity.

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 Traditional Catholic Rosary. This Presentation is not rated, but was made with a general audience in mind. Sacred art images of the Passion may be considered too intense for the very young.

The Traditional Catholic Rosary features the recitation of the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries of the traditional fifteen-decade Rosary. The prayers are accompanied by images of sacred art from many of the great masters as well as a lush, yet subtle, orchestral soundtrack. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-traditional-catholic-rosary>

Feast of Our Lady of Aparecida, October 12



Described as Brazil's Lourdes or Fatima, Our Lady of Aparecida's story begins more than 300 years ago in the waters of the Paraíba River.

Three fishermen—Domingos Garcia, Filipe Pedroso, and João Alves—were having little success bringing in fish. It was not a peak season for fishing, so the trio prayed for the intercession of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.

While pulling in their nets at the end of a long day, they realized they had “caught” a headless wooden statue of the Virgin Mary, which had somehow ended up in the river—and the nets of the fishermen.

Throwing the nets back in the water, they pulled in a wooden head that they quickly realized belonged to the body of the statue they previously netted.

Tossing their nets into the water once more, they suddenly had more fish than they could handle.

Mary didn't appear that day the same way she appeared in Guadalupe or Fatima, but her presence was clearly felt and word of the miraculous occurrence rapidly spread throughout Brazil.

It is now the world's second-largest basilica, with a capacity of 30,000 guests at any given time. The feast of Our Lady of Aparecida is celebrated every **October 12**. The day is so important in the region that it is now also a public holiday in Brazil.

Pope St John Paul II became the first Pope to visit the Sanctuary of Aparecida, during his Apostolic Visit to Brazil in 1980. During his visit, he said, “What were the ancient pilgrims seeking? What are the pilgrims of today seeking? Precisely what they were seeking on the day, more or less distant, of Baptism: faith and the means of nourishing it. They seek the Sacraments of the Church, particularly Reconciliation with God and Eucharistic nourishment. And they set off again strengthened, and grateful to Our Lady the Mother of God and ours.”

During the World Youth Day in Rio, on July 24, 2013, Pope Francis went on a pilgrimage to the shrine of Aparecida. “I had the joy and the grace,” he remembered, of praying at the feet of the Madonna, “entrusting my pontificate to her.”

Therefore, may the divine symbol of our Lady of Aparecida be honoured in many churches and homes, impelling souls towards unity, fraternity and redemption!

