



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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**THE ROMAN  
CATHOLIC DIOCESE  
OF PRINCE GEORGE**



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Stephen Jensen  
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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### LOVE YOUR PRIESTS

According to recent studies... a great number of priests quit each year. They don't quit because they have a lack of faith in God. They don't quit because they don't believe in the calling God has placed on their life. Most don't even quit because of financial reasons.

Priests quit because they are overwhelmed with mental exhaustion.

Until you're a priest you'll never fully understand what it's like to carry spiritual burdens for people. Getting up in the middle of night, praying for your family of faith. Awakened in the middle of night with someone on your heart. Overwhelmed with concern by a persons absence or distance.

Your mind continually occupied with the presentation of the upcoming Sunday message - how to preach it, what to teach on, how do we apply it? Getting critiqued on a continual basis.

Being told you need to do better or that some areas of the church simply need to be better.

Priests invest their whole life into people and yet people will turn their backs on their pastor at the first sign of a storm, usually without a conversation. Priests stand in the middle of disputes.

Priests stand in the middle of gossip.

Priests council broken marriages.

Priests comfort those who have suffered loss. Priests navigate the waters of imperfect people with a desire to see each one thrive in their faith.

They long for spiritual breakthroughs. Your priest craves the very best for you. All of this, while trying to battle their own flesh and grow in their own relationship with God.

Priests see the posts.

Priests hear the whispers.

Priests endure the negativity.

Priests are continually caring for the sheep while fending off the wolves.

Priest pour out and pour out - rarely being poured into.

What keeps a priest going? YOU!

You - the person who is genuinely hungry.

You - the person who worships with passion and freedom.

You - the teenager who is striving to be a follower of Jesus.

You - the single mom who understands the beauty of the hope found in Christ.

You - the one who walks through the door for the first time because you're in search of peace, hope, and community.

*Pray for your priest. Serve with your priest.  
Talk with your priest. Encourage your priest.  
They are human. They need You more than you think!*



**Masses for the  
Week**

<b>TUE</b>	<b>Apr 23</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>	Ana & Josef Roerig+
<b>WED</b>	<b>Apr 24</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Salvador George Carranza+
<b>THU</b>	<b>Apr 25</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	Lucy Gagne
<b>FRI</b>	<b>Apr 26</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Betty Lamothe
<b>SAT</b>	<b>Apr 27</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	Echtler family deceased
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Apr 28</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Church of the Resurrection Parish

*You can book Masses at the parish office.*



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SAVE THE DATE

~Matthew 2:23~

Diocesan Youth Conference 2024  
May 24-26

Two Dominican Sisters, one Benedictine Monk, our priests, and a group of Catholic young adults – The Diocesan Youth Conference 2024 is going to be beautiful.

**Who:** For all youth Gr. 7-12  
**Where:** The Pastoral Centre, Prince George  
**When:** May 24-26<sup>th</sup>  
**How:** Registration Opens April 15<sup>th</sup>  
**Email:** Lisa Findlay with all your questions: [lfindlay@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:lfindlay@pgdiocese.bc.ca)

### HOLY FAMILY CAMP 2024 – SAVE THE DATE

If you wish to join us again (or for the first time), you can mark your calendars for this year's diocesan Holy Family Camp, which will take place at Camp Morice from Friday June 28th to Tuesday July 2, 2024. We will begin Friday in the late afternoon/early evening, and end at midday on Tuesday.

Registration will open later this spring.  
Questions can be directed to Fr. Ken at [kander-son@pgdiocese.ca](mailto:kander-son@pgdiocese.ca)  
or to Therese Steiner at [ray.therese1999@gmail.com](mailto:ray.therese1999@gmail.com)



**Please pray for all the sick and suffering especially:** Lucy Gagne, Linda Felix, Doreen Spence, Luke Keeley, Erma Stanonik, Glen Forster, Anthony Ruskowski, Jean Douglas, Jan Buchinski, Mathew & Logan Russell, Conrad Wrzosek, Hazel Craig, Romeo & Jeannine Dechaine, Bill Forrest, Heather McNaughton, Stuart McNaughton, Brian McNaughton, Randy Wrzosek, Melanie Simpson, Irene Vavrek, Doreen Kantz, Joan Mann. **(Names will be removed after one month unless contacted)**

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Class 1 Sunday April 21st at 2.00pm  
Class 2 Sunday April 28th at 2.00pm  
Class 3 Sunday May 5th at 2.00pm

**Confirmation will be on Sunday, June 9 at 10:00 AM.**

**Parent(s) must be present at classes**

### SUNDAY COLLECTION General

Apr 13/14.....\$4,387.60

**We are grateful for your generosity. This helps us continue to meet our financial needs.**

### LOAN REPAYMENT

Apr 13/14.....\$7,935.00

### *Leave a Legacy*

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

### INTERAC E-TRANSFER

**Catholic Church of the Resurrection is now offering Interac e-Transfer.** If you would like to transfer funds electronically from your bank account, the following steps will guide you. Each bank can be a little bit different, but generally the process is:

1. Go to your on-line banking site
2. Select Transfer/Pay Bills
3. Select Interac e-Transfer (or electronic transfer)
4. Follow the steps outlined by your bank
5. Fund should be directed to [cofres@shaw.ca](mailto:cofres@shaw.ca)
6. Under **Notes** or **Message** on the online form, please indicate where your offering will be directed (i.e. Building Fund or regular Sunday offering) to ensure that your donation is directed accordingly.

Thank you for your generosity.

## SACRAMENTS

**MARRIAGE:** Contact the Pastor **6 months before the Wedding.**

**BAPTISM:** Contact Betty Dvorak at the Parish Office Tues.-Fri. **\*NOTE: Baptisms are not encouraged during Lent.**

**FUNERAL:** Contact the Funeral Home then the Parish Office.

**VISIT/PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** Contact the Parish Office.

**RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):** The priest will hear confession on every Saturday (in the church) from 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM. or 20 min. before any of the Masses.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):** Contact Fr. Chris at 250-785-3413.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS April 21

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God’s call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God’s people.

#### DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous Priests, Brothers, and Sisters.

Open the hearts of the young, that they may discern Your will for them.

Give them the desire to offer themselves to serve you in others and establish your reign in all hearts.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen



### GRIEF TO GRACE RETREAT: MAY 14-18, 2024



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](mailto:griegtograncelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

For Emotional and Spiritual Healing

### RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREATS

For Emotional and Spiritual Healing

Rachel’s Vineyard weekend retreats offer a supportive and 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.

Registering now. Confidentiality assured.

**Merrit retreat: April 30 – May 2, 2024**

Contact Nancy at 250-267-5081, phone or text

[rvkamloops@yahoo.ca](mailto:rvkamloops@yahoo.ca)

### CISPG SEEKING SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AND TEACHER ON CALL APPLICANTS

CISPG Catholic schools are seeking applicants to apply at the local school level to be a substitute teacher/teacher on call, early childhood educators, childcare facilitators or an education assistant.

Consider employment with CISPG, enjoy time with our wonderful students and staff. Apply today <http://cispg.ca/careers/support-staff-application-form/>

Applicants need to be 19+, available weekdays September through June each year and be ready to work with a number of students in an engaging and exciting school environment.

Experience working with children (parenting, coaching, volunteering, etc.) is considered an asset.



### THE CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

*Meets every 1st Wednesday of the Month after the 7 PM Mass.*

President: Lynn Halverson  
Email: [fsj.cwl@gmail.com](mailto:fsj.cwl@gmail.com)



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

*Dinner at 6 PM and meeting at 7 PM every 3rd Tuesday of the Month.*

Grand Knight: Ted Pimm

### LEGION OF MARY



*Meets every Saturday from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM in the St. Joseph room of the Immaculata hall. Everyone is welcome to join.*

President: Ron Paracuelles  
250-271-7096

## THANK YOU!

*Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women’s League for the \$5,000.00 cheque from St. Patrick’s Day dinner and dance to go towards the hall loan payment.*

### CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE (CISPG) HAS BEGUN RECRUITING FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR.

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 life-style.

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!





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Telephone: 250-271-7082

*"Help us, O God, to enter into the secret of childhood, so that we may know, love and serve the child in accordance with the laws of thy justice and following thy holy will."*  
- Dr. Maria Montessori