

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

OCTOBER 17, 2021 - 29th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

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OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic community nourished through the Word and the Sacraments.

Striving to follow Christ,
we reach out and welcome all,
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in service, education, and celebration.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday 9:30AM – 3:00PM

MASS TIMES: Daily Monday – Saturday 9:00AM
Sunday 9:00AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM

SACRAMENTS: Baptism Contact Parish Office
Reconciliation Before Mass, or by appointment
Marriage Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Dennis Fedyk

SOCIAL ACTION: Sr. Michaela

GRAND KNIGHT:

Soup Kitchen

K of C Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

Mark 10.35-45

I've worked in Church communications for many years. Over that time, I've met many public relations professionals—talented people who work hard to put out the positive stories about their companies or organizations. Most are devoted to the truth, and deal with negative news honestly and directly. But I suspect some of them might have urged Mark--the author of today's *Gospel*--to reconsider his portrayal of the disciples!

Mark doesn't paint a very positive portrait. Throughout his *Gospel*, the disciples just don't get it! They misunderstand Jesus' message, engage in behavior contrary to his proclamation of the Kingdom, and abandon him at the end.



Today's passage is a good example, as James and John vie for the top jobs in the hierarchy—right next to the Lord himself. Once more Jesus must make an example of such behavior, promising that these enterprising brothers will indeed share his lot--but

through sharing the cup of suffering. His only wish is that they would choose that outcome through self-giving service.

In a way, I'm glad no one "cleaned up" Mark's portrait of the disciples. It gives me some comfort to hear how they stumbled toward the Kingdom, when I consider my own failings! Their humanness gives us hope that God will work in our lives and will patiently remind us--as Jesus does today--that true greatness comes through serving others.

From Father Greg Friedman, OFM
Sunday Soundbites

Upcoming Dates and Events

- Oct 19 Lectors Workshop 7PM
- Oct 20 & 21 Soup Kitchen
- Oct 26 EMC Workshop 7PM
- **Oct 29 Funeral Mass- Lyn Comeau 11AM**
- Nov 1 All Saints Day
- Nov 2 All Souls Day

*Christ leads us to go out from ourselves
more and more,
to give ourselves and to serve others.*

Pope Francis

PARISH FINANCIAL WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday Collection for weekend of: October 17, 2021

Envelopes	2455.00
Loose Change	101.00
E-Transfers	370.00
Total Sunday Collection	2926.00
Oct 15 th --Auto Transfers	887.00
Holy Childhood	20.45
Building/Grounds Collection (roof)	455.00
Appeal Collections submitted to IC	1600.00
Reconciliation and Healing	150.00

How can you share your 'treasure'?

Using one of the following:

1. **Envelopes:** can be dropped off to parish office Mon to Fri 9:30AM to 3PM—**There will soon be a locked box available in front of the church to drop off donations.**
2. **Pre-Authorized Debit:** Consider having your offering come directly from your account to ours. This option is available on a bi-weekly or monthly basis. If you are interested, please pick up an application form from the church foyer or access it on our webpage at <https://www.icparish.ca/> and **fill in your PAD application.**
3. **E-transfer:** This is at your fingertips you can make the offering online. Registered through icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca for a direct deposit.

Thank you for sharing your TIME, TALENT and TREASURE with Immaculate Conception Parish.

**Into the Deep: A Reflection on Amoris Laetitia with Archbishop Michael Miller
October 29 - Online Event**



October 29, join Archbishop J. Michael Miller as he explores the key ideas in Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, and reflects on the sacredness of the family in God's decisive plan for the future of the world and that of the Church (*Amoris Laetitia*, 31). Archbishop Miller will speak on how the joyful and sacrificial love of marriage and family reflects the depth of God's love for his people and plays a vital role in the Church's evangelizing mission of sharing the Gospel to the world.

Free registration for this online event at:
<https://beholdvancouver.org/events/into-the-deep-7>

DIOCESAN APPEAL

CHECK OUT DIOCESAN WEBPAGE FOR MORE DETAILS

OUR PARISH GOAL is \$ 19, 554.00

to date, we have achieved \$7175.00 or 36% of our goal.

The diocese greatly appreciates the continued support from the donors. They are approaching 50% of the Diocesan Annual Appeal goal and the Healing, and Reconciliation Appeal has surpassed \$24,000. Thank you for your continued generosity. The support provided to our smaller parishes, missions and ministries is important in helping them meet their needs. For many of these communities, the help they receive from the rest of the diocese is a large part of their operating budget – especially in these more challenging times. Please continue to keep the needs of the entire diocese in your prayers, especially at Mass.

How to make contributions:

- Use the donation package- mail or submit in donation basket
- E-Transfers may be sent to:
appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca

Credit card, go to the Diocesan website at www.pgdiocese.bc.ca midway down the home page to '**Donate to the Annual Appeal**'. Follow instructions.

Please use the message/comments box in **Canada Helps** and/or **e-Transfer** to indicate the following:

1. Name of parish
2. How much is going to Called Together and how much is going to the Healing and Reconciliation appeal
3. Diocesan donor number from Called Together package
4. An email address if there are any questions.

For further inquires contact James at jfowlie@pgdiocese.bc.ca or call the Pastoral Centre at 250-964-4424.

Parishioner information update

1. New to our parish? Please take a registration form from the foyer or check out our webpage at www.icparish.ca. Please submit via email icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca or drop off at the parish office.
2. Contact information changed? Please contact the parish office at 250 964 4898 or send an email with your changes.
3. **Flocknote** is an email and text messaging tool created for churches and ministries.

If you would like to receive your bulletin and parish information via Flocknote please text **ICPGPARISH** to **514-900-0130** or let the parish office know that your existing email can be used to send the bulletin to your phone or email.

Society for the Propagation of the Faith



Next week is World Mission Sunday. It is a global celebration of the Universal church. Your prayer and donations will assist churches, hospitals, schools, and the training of priests. The donations that the Catholic communities throughout the world receive through World Mission Sunday, will assist them to be self-sufficient and continue to flourish. By sharing your gift of faith, we can bring love and compassion to those who need it most.

Space available for advertising

There are still spaces available in our parish bulletin for business wanting to advertise. The weekly bulletin is available via hardcopy and on our website. Call or email the parish office for details.

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Safe Parish and Community Diocesan Protocol

To provide ministry in our parish or the diocese, volunteers must meet requirements depending upon frequency and risk level of position or ministry. Those who volunteer regularly must satisfy the requirements of the risk level pertaining to their ministry or service and all sign a "Safe Parish & Community Pledge". If the ministry/service is categorized as high risk, also have a Criminal Record Check is to be completed.

These must be renewed every five years. Please call the parish office to renew or sign a form

Festival of Trees Update



Thank you to all who sponsored the blankets. Monetary donations are gratefully being accepted for the purchase of items for the agencies who have specific requests. **IC school is sponsoring Baby' New Beginnings and Elizabeth Fry Society.** If you wish to donate items for either of these organizations, there is a list of the items at the parish and school offices. Thank you for your support.



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