

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

DECEMBER 5, 2021—2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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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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HOSPITALITY/COFFEE SUNDAY: Eva Gillis & Anita Santos

CHURCH ENVIRONMENT: Sr. Michaela Linda Boudreau

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

All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Luke 3.1-6



Imagine what the Old Testament prophets or John the Baptist would have made of our modern ability literally to “move mountains”!

When I read today’s Scriptures with their descriptions of filling valleys, leveling mountains, and road-building, I picture a vast fleet of earth-moving equipment, and thousands of people at work. Could those Biblical visionaries have had the same picture?

Such imagination is helpful in the Advent season as we wait for God’s promises to be fulfilled. Some of the obstacles to the coming of the Kingdom seem overwhelming. The evil that confronts us in the world in the form of human greed, violence, and injustice is formidable.

But I often find that inner obstacles are just as daunting. My own selfishness, greed, intolerance, and even the temptation to violence seem so hard to root out. I could use a bulldozer or two to help!

Paul, in the Second Reading, offers us another source of power to effect change--the power of prayer. Paul is confident that God who has begun to work in the lives of the Philippians, will bring that work to completion. He prays that they will grow in love, knowledge, and the ability to choose what’s right.

Thanks to the witness and example of fellow Christians I can believe in the power of prayer. Let’s pray for each other in these Advent days.

From Father Greg Friedman, OFM
[Listen here to the Sunday Soundbites](#)



Second Sunday of Advent
Wednesday, December 22 at 7:00 PM
Thursday, December 23 at 10:30 AM

Covid UPDATE—November 30, 2021

As per the orders of Provincial Health Officer and Northern Health Medical Officer

WORSHIP SERVICES - page 17 Section F of the revised [Restrictions for the entire Northern Health Region.](#)

1. Patrons individually may attend a place of worship for the purpose of prayer or quiet reflection
2. A person must not permit a place of worship to be used for, or organize, lead or participate in, a worship service inside or outside.
3. Virtual worship service or drive-in service may be provided.
 - (a) If a drive-in service is held, patrons must only attend with members of their household and **remain in the vehicle for the duration of the service.**
4. A participant must not gather with other participants during, before or after a virtual worship service.

We will continue with livestream Mass on Sunday at 10:00AM and Monday to Friday at 9:00AM. There will also be in parking lot attendance with drive through Communion.

The expiry date on this current order is January 31, 2022.



ADVENT
AS WE WAIT FOR HIS COMING
AND TO US

Christmas Mass Celebrations

With the restrictions as they are, we want to survey our congregation to see what time they would prefer to have Christmas Mass.

- a) Christmas Eve 5:00 PM
- b) Christmas Day 10:00 AM
- c) Or both

Please email or call parish office with your time preference.

Offering/donation Envelopes

If you have used envelopes in the past for your church offerings, and would like to continue, please call the parish office for pick-up. The envelopes have arrived.

Some numbers may be different this year – as we have fewer envelope packages.

If you use pre-authorized debits and would like to have the extra collections envelopes, we have packages of just special collection envelopes.

Please call the office ASAP at 250-964-4898

How can you share your 'treasure'?

Our parish continues to do what it can to meet the needs of its parishioners with the current restrictions. We also must meet the financial needs of the parish. We are grateful for those who contribute faithfully.

If you are wanting to make financial contributions to the parish:

1. If you have envelopes, they can be dropped off:
 - a. At the church during office hours Monday to Friday from 10:00AM to 3:00PM
 - b. In the mail slot located on the Parish office anytime of day.
 - c. At 3288 Cathedral (Fr. Chris's house) anytime of day.
2. E-transfer: Funds can be directly deposited through your financial institute using icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca
3. 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, access the application on our webpage at <https://www.icparish.ca/> This can be emailed or dropped off at the church.

DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

CHECK OUT DIOCESAN WEBPAGE FOR MORE DETAILS

OUR PARISH GOAL is \$ 19, 554.00

we have achieved \$28,410.00 of our goal.

We continue to be very grateful to all those who are supporting our Called Together Diocesan Appeal and our Healing and Reconciliation Appeal through prayer and financial contributions. Your ongoing help makes a big difference to so many of our smaller parishes, missions, and ministries throughout the diocese.

This week we have only edged a little closer to our diocesan goal, reaching nearly 89% in pledges. However, many of our parishes have increased their potential rebates, with over \$8,000 more going to parish projects.

How to make contributions:

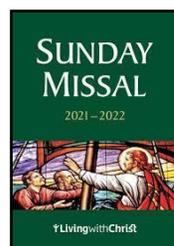
- Use the donation package- mail or submit in donation basket
- E-Transfers may be sent to:
appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca

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.

[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE Wednesday Weekly](#) of December 1, 2021

See page 3 – **Thank you Arlene for your years of service on the Diocesan Finance Council.**

Sunday Missals 2021-22



These are still available for sale for \$5.00 each. Please call the parish office to pick-up. They will also be available during the drive through communion on Sunday.

Salvation Army Kettle Campaign

The Salvation Army coordinator, Mary MacDonald is looking for volunteers to "stand the kettles". She is hoping she can count on you for help with this endeavor.

If you are interested and able to help, or know of anyone else who might be; you are invited to contact Mary by phone at 250 596 4673 (HOPE) or email Kettle@sapg.ca

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