

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

FEBRUARY 13, 2022—6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic community nourished through
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OFFICE HOURS:	Monday to Friday	9:30AM – 3:00PM
MASS TIMES:	Daily	Monday – Friday 9:00AM
	Sunday	9:00AM & 11:00AM
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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GRAND KNIGHT:

Soup Kitchen

K of C Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

Blessed are the poor, but woe to you who are rich!

Luke 6.17, 20-26



Over the years, I've had occasion to meet men and women who are single-minded in their pursuit of justice and their dedication to helping those on the margins of society. One thing most of these folks have in common is their ability to get right to the point. Hello, I'm Franciscan Fr. Greg Friedman with the

Sunday Soundbite for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

That's the feeling I get from the *Gospel* for this Sunday. We're all familiar with Matthew's presentation of Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount." Today, Luke offers us a sermon of Jesus as well. But the setting isn't a mountainside. Rather, the Lord stands on a stretch of level ground.

And Luke's version of Christ's "Beatitudes" is also different from Matthew's. They're shorter, more direct, and focus more on the physical reality of poverty. In Matthew, Jesus speaks of the "poor in spirit"; in Luke he says, "Blessed are you who are poor." And the blessings are quickly followed by a list of woes for those who are rich and satisfied.

Luke's *Gospel* overall is known for a focus on the poor. The fact of enduring poverty or other troubles seems to offer a perspective on God which helps us realize that we need to depend on God for everything. That's a challenging message, one that we nevertheless need to hear. And we can thank Luke for capturing that part of what Jesus came to proclaim.

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

2021 Tax Receipts are ready for pick-up in the foyer.

There is only one receipt printed for each family if you require a duplicate, please call or email the parish office.

If receipts are not picked up by Feb 25, 2022 they will be sent by postal mail.



For a synodal Church

communion | participation | mission

"Pope Francis invites the entire church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: "

"The purpose of this synod is not to produce more documents. Rather, it is intended to inspire people to dream about the church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission,"

The questions posed by the synod process are attached to this bulletin and can be found on our webpage [Questions for Phase 1](#) and **all** are invited to respond to these questions and forward directly to Bishop Jensen at sjensen@pgdiocese.bc.ca

The City parishes are also providing an opportunity to respond to the questions with a representation of 10 people per parish on first session took place **Saturday, February 12, 2022.**

The second will be on Saturday, February 19, at 1:00PM at Immaculate Conception Church Hall.

We are limited to numbers due to restrictions. If you are interested in being part of this listening process, you must register by email icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca or call parish office at 250-964-4898.



Mask/Face covering is required.

Updated Covid Restrictions

There will be an update on February 16, 2022

A Mask /Face Covering is REQUIRED for Worship services

- We will follow the 50% capacity; that is 150 people in the church and 150 in the hall.
- For those who do not want/are unable to wear masks distribution of communion will be available in the church foyer after Mass for those wishing to watch virtually. Please come at quarter to the hour. ie. 9:45AM, 11:45 AM.
- We will continue to livestream for the time being at 11:00AM Sunday morning and Monday to Friday at 9:00AM

Ash Wednesday is March 2, 2022

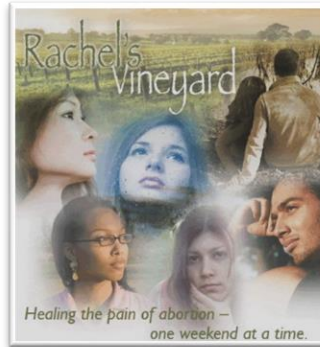


Ashes are created by burning palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration.

If you have palms please bring them to the Church in the next few weeks so that they can be burned for ashes.



Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat



Many women, men and couples and relatives who have had an abortion experience, suffer emotional and spiritual pain, and are afraid to reveal their deep secret.

There are two retreat weekends coming up, one in **Kelowna March 11-13,**

2022 and the other at **Lac Des Rochese Resort on May 3-5, 2022.**

You will receive God's mercy, compassion and grace; replacing grief, shame, guilt, and anger.

- Kelowna retreat register now by emailing info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com
- Kamloops retreat email rvkamloops@yahoo.ca or call or text 250-267-5081

There is no need to suffer in silence. Rachel's Vineyard is here to help.

Diocese of Prince George Financial Report for 2020-2021



The Diocese recently received its audited financial statements for the diocese for the previous fiscal year (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021), See attached to this week's Wednesday Weekly.

Should you have any questions about the report, please feel free to send our Business Manager an email at jfowlie@pgdiocese.bc.ca.

For more Diocesan news and to view the Wednesday Weekly click below

- [February 9, 2022 Wednesday Weekly link.](#)



The CCCB has announced that the Indigenous Delegation to Rome has been rescheduled to the end of March and beginning of April. The Delegation was originally scheduled for December but was postponed due to the evolving situation with the Omicron variant.

Pope Francis is now scheduled to meet with the delegates during the week of March 28th, with a final audience for all participants to take place on April 1, 2022. To see the full statement from the CCCB, please [click here](#).



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