

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

DECEMBER 12, 2021—3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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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SOCIAL ACTION: Sr. Michaela Soup Kitchen

GRAND KNIGHT:

VOCATIONS:

K of C Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month

Fr. Terry Brock

The crowds asked, "What should we do?"

Luke 3.10-18

A friend of mine refers to Advent as a season of "joyful expectation." Older Catholics remember this



Third Sunday as "Gaudete Sunday" from the Latin word for *joy*. In times past and today rose-colored vestments were worn in church.

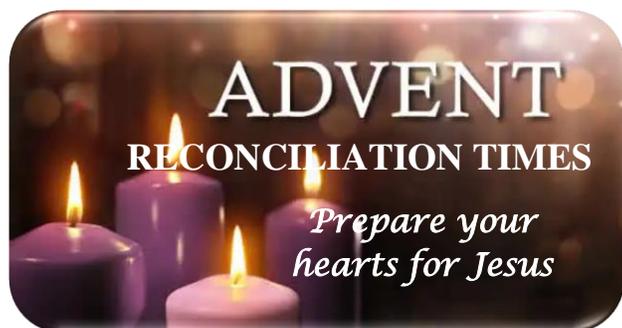
Our First and Second Readings carry the theme of joy, but then the *Gospel* is all business. John the Baptist is dispensing advice to various groups who come to see him. The *Gospel* names two of them: tax collectors and soldiers. John advises them to carry out their daily duties with justice.

I suppose that if those two professions in Jesus' time made a radical change in their way of doing business, it would be a cause for joy! Tax collectors were universally despised, and soldiers represented the might of the Roman occupation.

Luke wants to show us that change was in the air. The coming of Jesus would transform all human life. That was good news indeed. What would bring us joy today? An end to terrorists' threats? Conversion in the corporate world from greed and personal gain? A new spirit of generosity and service in people's everyday lives?

Paul urges the Philippians to be joyful because "God is near." That very presence of God ought to be our focus, because that would help us with the other things that need changing.

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



Second Sunday of Advent
Wednesday, December 22 at 6:30 PM
Thursday, December 23 at 10:30 AM

Masses for the Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve 5:00 PM
7:00 PM
Christmas Day 10:00 AM

With Distribution of Communion.
Links for Livestream
will be provided on our
webpage and distributed by email.
More details to come

Covid Restrictions

We are allowed to have in-person Mass as per Northern Health Medical Officer and the [PHO](#).

In order to do this, we must comply with:
([SECTION F- Pages 17 & 18](#)) which states:

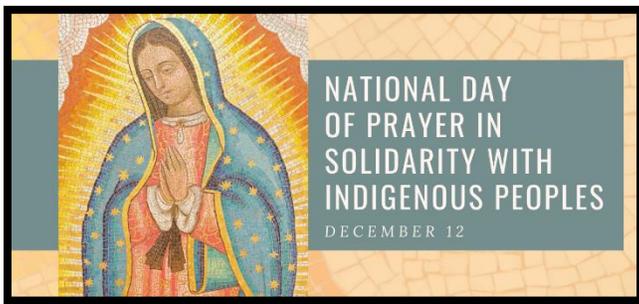
1. All people over the age of 11 who attend worship services are required to show proof of vaccination.
2. All must have face coverings– officiants and participants except when reading, leading, or taking part in ritual (i.e. receiving communion)
 - a. A face covering must be worn in a manner that covers the nose and mouth.
4. Comply with the maximum 50% capacity. IC is 150 people the church and 200 people in the hall

IC will:

1. Have Livestream available for the vulnerable and the unvaccinated.
2. Distribution of communion
 - a. In the church foyer once the church has been vacated for 10 minutes after Mass has ended.

We ask that those wanting to receive communion be at the church before 15 min prior to the hour.
i.e. 9:00 AM Mass–arrive by 9:45AM

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



The feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, who appeared to a humble native peasant, [Juan Diego](#), in Mexico in 1531. The Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council celebrates this day for prayer, solidarity and reconciliation, by issuing an [annual message honouring Aboriginal people](#) who were inspired by their Catholic faith.

[Offering/donation Envelopes](#)

The envelopes are ready, please drop by the parish for pickup.

Note there are fewer full envelope packages, those who had #211 + for a number been assigned a new number.

Those who use the pre-authorized debits and would like to have the special collections envelopes these are available and ready for pickup.

Please call the office 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 **\$30,305.00** of our goal.

Thank you again to those who have donated to the Appeal, you are supporting the smaller parishes, missions, and ministries throughout the diocese by your financial and spiritual contribution.

This week managed to get a little bit closer to the diocesan goal, gaining 0.5% for 89.21%. Many of the parishes that have met their parish goals and continue to receive pledges adding almost \$7,000 to parish rebates which now total almost \$79,000.

In addition, the Healing and Reconciliation Appeal has received over \$63,000 in pledges, of which, over \$60,000 has already been received.

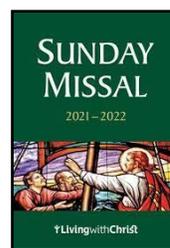
How to make contributions:

- 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 provided.

[CLICK HERE TO SEE this week's Diocesan Wednesday Weekly](#)

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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