

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

OCTOBER 3, 2021 ~ 27th 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 – 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 Eva Gillis &
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CHURCH Sr. Michaela
ENVIRONMENT: 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

What God has joined together, let no man separate.

Mark 10.2-16

**THEREFORE WHAT
GOD HAS JOINED
TOGETHER
LET NO ONE SEPARATE**

Many years ago I had the privilege of working with a number of married couples presenting weekends for engaged couples. Our programs always included lots of personal storytelling and I got

to hear the wonderful stories of how these dedicated married couples found God through their partner in the day-to-day project of making marriage work.

This Sunday we center on the theme of marriage. Jesus connects a call for fidelity in marriage to our First Reading from the *Book of Genesis*, which describes the creation of man and woman. That connection seems to say that faithfulness in marriage--working hard to make it work--is rooted in our very humanness, in how we are created by God.

Now there are lots of self-help books and plenty of jokes stressing the differences between men and women. But out of those differences, expressed in many cultures around the world, comes the stuff of which good marriages are made. The stories I heard on those engaged couples' weekends bore witness to that creative work.

In the *Gospel of Mark* Jesus is busy proclaiming the Kingdom. He wants marriage, the relationship of man and woman, to be part of that proclamation. It is in that most human of institutions--in the nitty-gritty of daily life--that God is at work. Let's celebrate that this weekend.

From Father Greg Friedman, OFM
Sunday Soundbites

Festival of Trees



Thank you to all who sponsored the blankets, they are all accounted for. Monetary donations are gratefully being accepted for the purchase of items for the agencies who have specific requests. If you would like to provide make a monetary donation, please contact Sr. Michaela. Thank you for your support.

Thanksgiving food drive for SVDP

There are still paper bags available for our annual food drive for St. Vincent de Paul in the foyer. The attached list has suggested items. ONLY non-perishable food items. Please return to church on or before October 10.



See the our webpage Bulletin & News tab for the following attachments:

- Appeal Weekly update for Sept 29, 2021
- Statement of apology from CCCB
- CCCB News release Sept 27, 2021

Worldwide event Healing & Forgiveness - Oct 8-10, 2021
go to <https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/> Wednesday Weekly
for details

IC Teachers - Commissioning Sunday

Principal	Mrs. Kathleen Barth
Gr. 7	Ms. Kathlyn Fernandes
Gr. 6	Mrs. Ashlee Hodgson
Gr. 5	Mr. Donncha O'Callaghan
Gr. 4	Ms. Kate O'Brien
Gr. 3	Mrs. Sherry Gilbert
Gr. 2	Mrs. Tonya Kruger
Gr. 1	Ms. Steffanie Becker
K	Mrs. Deirdre Creegan
LA	Ms. Cheryl Hanley
LRT	Mrs. Chelsea Handford
	Mrs. Joan Nachbaur
PE	Ms. Kirsty Ames
French	Mrs. Lorraine Conway
Music	Mrs. Catlin Ceaser

Thank you to the teachers and all the support staff for your hard work and dedication to the students and entire school community.

*Let us thank all those who
teach in the Catholic schools.
Educating is an act of love;
it is like giving life.*

Pope Francis



Thank you to Fr. Wes Satanski

A sincere thank you to Fr. Wes for his service and ministry to our parish during Fr. Chris's vacation.

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.

Catechesis for Children

Children who are not registered in a Catholic School and wish to receive the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation, are asked to email the parish office at icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca Please note these sacraments will be celebrated with those who regularly attend Mass at Immaculate Conception.

PARISH FINANCIAL WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday Collection for weekend of: September 26, 2021	
Envelopes	1445.00
Loose Change	40.00
E-Transfers	200.00
Total Sunday Collection	1685.00
Holy Childhood	27.05
Building/Grounds Collection (roof)	1000.00
Appeal Collections submitted to IC	1600.00
Reconciliation and Healing	170.00

Today is Stewardship Sunday

What is Stewardship? It is about being caretakers of what we have. Caring for the material and human resources given to us and using them responsibly. Stewardship is giving of time, talent, and treasure.

Today we will review the “treasure” element of stewardship in our parish. Please see insert.

If you are able to share your time and talent find out the ways you can do that by calling the parish office or check out the **Ministries** tab our webpage or email frchrislynch@yahoo.ca.

How can you share your ‘treasure’?

Using one of the following:

1. **Envelopes:** If you don't have an envelope and would like one, contact the parish office.
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.

**A TAX RECEIPT WILL BE ISSUED FOR ALL DONATIONS.
THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO GET A BIT OF A TAX BREAK
AND TO SHARE YOUR TREASURE.**

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

*"its not how much we give,
but how much love we put
into gifting"*

—MOTHER TERESA

DIOCESAN APPEAL

CHECK OUT DIOCESAN WEBPAGE FOR MORE DETAILS

OUR PARISH GOAL is \$ 19, 554.00
to date, we have achieved **\$2,885.00** of our goal.

On this Commitment Weekend for Called Together – Giving, Sharing, Serving, and our BC Bishops' appeal in support of Healing and Reconciliation, we want to gratefully acknowledge the gifts already made and to encourage all those who have not yet made a commitment to support these very important works of charity.

Called Together – Giving, Sharing, Serving is more than just another collection. Christian stewards recognize God as the source of all of our many gifts. We are grateful for these abundant gifts and are eager to give back in appreciation to demonstrate our love for Christ and for one another and to assist those who need our support. Many of our smaller parishes, missions and ministries rely on funding from Called Together to help support the work they do, especially with the financial challenges of the past year. All of us share as Christ's disciples in the mission of the Diocese of Prince George. Many thanks to all who completed a pledge form and have moved us closer to our goal as a parish family.

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.

This year on Canada Helps there are two Appeal options – one for **Called Together** and one for the **Healing and Reconciliation Appeal**.

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.

Upcoming Dates and Events

- Oct 8 School Mass- Kindergarten
- Oct 11 Thanksgiving Day
- Oct 12 Monthly Adoration
SVDP pick-up of food donations
- Oct 13 School – Rosary Assembly
- Oct 20 & 21 Soup Kitchen



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Financial Statement Breakdown

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

ADMINISTRATION

Wages & Benefits:	89,303
Pastor, Admin/Pastoral Assistant(s)	
Cathedraticum:	30,386
15% of income to Diocese	
Office supplies, miscellaneous	16,216
Tel., inter. Web. Etc.	2,624
TOTAL	\$ 138,529

OPERATION/MAINTENANCE

Insurance	8,789
Utilities-Hydro, Fortis, City, WM	13,024
Wages & Benefits - Janitor	4,628
Repair/Supplies	7,485
TOTAL	\$ 25,137

RECTORY

Repairs	1,599
Utilities	2,939
Property tax	4,122
Insurance, household supplies	1,498
TOTAL	\$ 10,158

CHURCH SUPPLIES/PROGRAMS

Ministries /Committees/Programs	4,640
Missals/Word Among Us	3,691
Church supplies:	
Communion Hosts, Wine, Candles etc.	3,367
Altar Svrs, Activities, Workshop, Art & Envir	281
TOTAL	\$ 11,978

GROUNDS: 50%

Snow removal/Sanding	4,358
Sweeping, Painting Lines.	2,010
Grounds Contract-mowing etc	2,747
Maintenance, Plants	171
TOTAL	\$ 9,286

CAPITAL EXPENSE

Rectory Furniture	1,424
Parking lot ditch / repair of back wall	12,332
Gift in Kind (Radio transmitter)	352
Upgrade Computers in offices	4,898
Purchase & install additional cameras & sound board etc.	
(parishioner donation)	4,515
TOTAL	\$ 23,521



1. Time

A true understanding of stewardship begins with taking care of and sharing the gift of time. We are only given so much time. Planning a careful schedule in order to have the time to work, to rest, to play and to pray is vital in the stewardship of our physical, emotional, spiritual and intellectual lives.

2. Talent

If stewardship means taking care of and sharing God's gifts, then stewardship of the gift of talent means nurturing, developing and using the God-given abilities and characteristics that help to define who we are as individuals.

Our talents are special blessings that we receive from God. When we volunteer to help others by sharing our talents, we give something more precious than our time or our money.

3. Treasure

True stewardship is taking care of and sharing all that we have and all that we are — our time, our talents and our treasure.

Our treasure — both money and all of the other things we possess — are gifts from God that we are asked to care for and generously share for our own benefit and for the good of others.

Immaculate Conception Parish - Stewardship Report
Operating Statement of Revenue and Expense
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

REVENUE		
	Actuals (12 months)	
	July 1, 2020 June 30, 2021	July 1, 2019 June 30, 2020
Parish Envelopes	187,863	185,122
Bulletin Advertising	270	3,510
Fees: Program and Stole	2,245	2,490
Church Supplies	2,698	3,622
Hall Rental	4,000	3,650
Special Donations	12,046	1,219
Mass Intention Donations	352	525
Interest	2,607	2,295
Building & Maintenance (Loose Change)	4,478	19,053
Building & Grounds Collection (Yellow envelopes)	34,175	44,004
Estate Donation	-	771
Diocesan Annual Appeal Rebate	2,675	16,190
Sale of Assets	-	-
Special Collections	6,924	7,323
Covid Relief Fund	1,329	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 261,662	\$ 289,774
EXPENSES		
	July 1, 2020 June 30, 2021	July 1, 2019 June 30, 2020
Administration	136,278	138,529
Operation/Maintenance	33,854	25,137
Rectory Expenses	9,036	10,158
Ministries/Committees	336	
Church Supplies	7,537	11,978
Grounds Expenses	7,316	9,286
Youth Group	-	-
Religious Education	207	138
Parish Council		303
Hospitality	389	2,200
Music	814	135
Social Justice		-
Soup Kitchen	3,176	2,691
Transfer to Roof Replacement DDF	30,000	72,139
Capital Expense	13,756	23,521
Special Collections	6,929	7,342
Local Donations -	5,510	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 255,137	\$ 303,556
NET REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 6,525	-\$ 13,782



Weekly Update

2021-2022

As of: **September 29, 2021**

DIOCESAN GOAL - \$200,000

Parish	Appeal Goal	Total Pledged	Total % of Goal	Pledges Received
Annunciation, Prince Rupert	12,552	1,480	11.79%	1,480
Christ Our Saviour, Prince George	11,717	2,100	17.92%	1,875
Christ the King, Kitimat	15,977	1,200	7.51%	675
Resurrection, Fort St. John	14,463	75	0.52%	75
Holy Cross, Tumbler Ridge	1,412	330	23.37%	60
Immaculata, Burns Lake	9,117	210	2.30%	210
Immaculate Conception, Prince George	19,554	2,885	14.75%	2,140
Notre Dame, Dawson Creek	16,016	950	5.93%	150
Our Lady of Peace, Chetwynd	4,907	65	1.32%	65
Our Lady of Snows, Fort St. James	3,257	-	0.00%	-
Sacred Heart, Prince George	15,586	1,040	6.67%	590
Sacred Heart, Terrace	23,256	8,582	36.90%	3,812
St. Andrew's, Fraser Lake	7,011	345	4.92%	225
St. Anthony's, Houston	1,386	-	0.00%	-
St. Joseph's, Vanderhoof	7,046	3,743	53.12%	3,693
St. Joseph's, Smithers	8,786	3,721	42.35%	3,721
St. Mary's, Prince George	20,311	3,090	15.21%	2,890
St. Mary's, New Hazelton	2,214	300	13.55%	300
St. Patrick's, McBride	1,656	1,100	66.43%	1,100
St. Peter's, Mackenzie	3,776	700	18.54%	280
Unaffiliated Donors	-	360		90
Totals	200,000	32,276	16.14%	23,431

Parish Rebates

-

-

Diocesan Goal

32,276

23,431

16.14%

11.72%



News Release

For Immediate Release

Canadian Bishops Announce \$30M National Financial Pledge to Support Healing and Reconciliation Initiatives

27 September 2021 – Ottawa – The Bishops of Canada, as a tangible expression of their commitment to walk with the Indigenous Peoples of this land along the pathway of hope, are making a nation-wide collective financial commitment to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families, and their communities.

With a target of \$30 million over up to five years, this will include initiatives in every region of the country. The commitment will be achieved at the local level, with parishes across Canada being encouraged to participate and amplify the effort.

Bishop Raymond Poisson, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCBC), expressed hope that these efforts will support meaningful projects across Canada and make a significant difference in addressing the historical and ongoing trauma caused by the residential school system.

“When the Bishops of Canada came together in Plenary last week, there was universal consensus that Catholic entities needed to do more in a tangible way to address the suffering experienced in Canada’s residential schools. Comprised of local diocesan initiatives, this effort will help support programs and initiatives dedicated to improving the lives of residential school survivors and their communities, ensuring resources needed to assist in the path of healing.”

Funding for projects will be determined locally, in consultation with First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples in each region. The Bishops of Canada have committed and tasked themselves to develop national principles and strategy, timelines, and the public communication of these collective initiatives this November.

(more)

Bishop William McGrattan, Vice President of the CCCB, articulated the importance of working together with Indigenous Peoples on local goals, timing, and distribution of funds. “The Bishops of Canada have been guided by the principle that we should not speak about Indigenous People without speaking with them. To that end, the ongoing conversations with local leadership will be instrumental in discerning the programs that are most deserving of support. There is no single step that can eliminate the pain felt by residential school survivors, but by listening, seeking relationships, and working collaboratively where we are able, we hope to learn how to walk together in a new path of hope.”

Today’s news follows a [national apology](#) that was issued by the Canadian Bishops on Friday, 24 September. In the weeks and months ahead, the CCCB will continue to provide updates on this work, as part of a long path towards healing and reconciliation.

About the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) is the national assembly of the Bishops of Canada. It was founded in 1943 and officially recognized by the Holy See in 1948.

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Statement of Apology by the Catholic Bishops of Canada to the Indigenous Peoples of This Land

We, the Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, take this opportunity to affirm to you, the Indigenous Peoples of this land, that we acknowledge the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools. Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples. We acknowledge the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community; physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual. We also sorrowfully acknowledge the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. Along with those Catholic entities which were directly involved in the operation of the schools and which have already offered their own heartfelt apologies¹, we², the Catholic Bishops of Canada, express our profound remorse and apologize unequivocally.

We are fully committed to the process of healing and reconciliation. Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, and as a further tangible expression of this ongoing commitment, we are pledging to undertake fundraising in each region of the country to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners. Furthermore, we invite the Indigenous Peoples to journey with us into a new era of reconciliation, helping us in each of our dioceses across the country to prioritize initiatives of healing, to listen to the experience of Indigenous Peoples, especially to the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and to educate our clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful, on Indigenous cultures and spirituality. We commit ourselves to continue the work of providing documentation or records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves.

Having heard the requests to engage Pope Francis in this reconciliation process, a delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in Rome in December 2021. Pope Francis will encounter and listen to the Indigenous participants, so as to discern how he can support our common desire to renew relationships and walk together along the path of hope in the coming years. We pledge to work with the Holy See and our Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit by the Pope to Canada as part of this healing journey.

We commit ourselves to continue accompanying you, the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land. Standing in respect of your resiliency, strength and wisdom, we look forward to listening to and learning from you as we walk in solidarity.

24 September 2021

¹ [Indian Residential Schools and TRC - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(ccc.ca\)](https://www.cccb.ca/indian-residential-schools-and-trc)

² [The CCCB website has a link to several apologies previously offered by Catholic bishops, including those offered by bishops at national TRC events](#)