

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

MARCH 20, 2022—3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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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 – Friday 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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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

**Unless you turn back to God,
You will perish as they did.**

It's true the Lenten fasting rules are not what they were in the memory and experience of many older Catholics. The emphasis today in our Lenten observance has shifted somewhat. We stress the "baptismal" character of Lent. It's a time when we re-affirm our Christian identity and support those preparing for baptism. Repentance is still a Lenten focus and today those two themes come together in our scriptures.



Take a cue from St. Paul who creatively retells the story of the Israelites in the desert to remind the Corinthians that being baptized means a life of repentance. A Christian is to live differently--to constantly have a spirit of conversion.

It's a theme Jesus picks up in the *Gospel*, correcting popular notions about why bad things happen to good people. All of us, Jesus says, must be "reform-minded." God doesn't single out anyone by sending tragedies or natural disasters. We all have opportunities--not unlimited, of course--but opportunities nonetheless, to turn from sin and accept God's love. It's what baptism commits us to do.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Stations of the Cross (no Mass to follow)**
Fridays during Lent 7:00 PM
- **Reflections During Lent**
Thursday mornings after morning Mass
- **Healing Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** March 25, 2022
Feast of the Annunciation 9:00 AM
- **Development and Peace; Share Lent Collection: April 3, 2022**
- **Chrism Mass - Tuesday, April 5,** 7:00 PM
at Sacred Heart Cathedral
- **IC Parish Reconciliation Service**
Thursday, April 7, 2022. 6:30 PM
- **Good Friday Collection for Holy Land -**
April 15

[Link for Diocesan Wednesday Weekly for March 16, 2022](#)

Attention to Music ministers and those who like to sing:

You are welcome to join the City-wide Parish Choir for the Chrism Mass (Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00PM). Choir practices will take place on Tuesday, March 22 and Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral in the choir loft.

For more information, please e-mail icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca or call Immaculate Conception Parish office at 250-964-4898.

Coffee Sunday

Spring has sprung and the restrictions are lifted.

We will get back to gathering after Sunday morning Masses for coffee and conversation. This will begin Easter Sunday and the following Sundays. Are you willing to give of your time one Sunday a month to provide hospitality? If so, please contact parish office at 250-964-4898 or email Anita santols@telus.net



The Feast of the
Annunciation
of the LORD

Healing Mass
Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
March 25, 2022 at 9:00 AM

Peace and Development (D&P)–Share Lent

1. The collection gathered on the 5th Sunday of Lent, **Solidarity Sunday** (April 3, 2022) is an opportunity to practice almsgiving while supporting the mission of D&P to help poor around the world. Or you can donate directly online at devp.org/give
2. Message from [Bishop Raymond's full message.](#)
3. **Sign the petition** for strong laws to control Canadian corporations' behaviour abroad at devp.org/act.
See attached or [click here for 2022 Solidarity Calendar.](#)
Print and follow the journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

Consecration of Russia and the Ukraine

On Friday, March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during a service in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The same act, on the same day, will be carried out in Fatima by His Eminence Cardinal Krajewski, Apostolic Almoner, as envoy of the Holy Father.

Bishop Jensen will offer Mass for the Solemnity at Sacred Heart cathedral at 12:10 pm and make a similar Act of Consecration so that the Church in the diocese can participate in this prayerful intercession. You are welcome to attend in person or watch the livestream on the cathedral's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/pages/Sacred-Heart-Cathedral-Church/174961042632999

Appreciation from the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada

The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg has released a statement of appreciation for the Executive of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops for their supportive prayers for the people of Ukraine. They also wish to acknowledge the many expressions of solidarity that the faithful have engaged in across the country.

You can make your donation to Immaculate Conception parish. Please make cheque payable to [RCEC Immaculate Conception](#). The parish will forward the donations collected. There will be a separate basket for the donations beside the regular donation basket.

Or go to

- <https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/Ukraine/>
- Call 1-866-322-4441
- Or Send cheques to CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association) Canada, 223 Main Street, Box 80, Ottawa ON K1S 1C4

See the attached/link to the document to read their statement in full. For [details on how to make donations to Ukraine through CNEWA](#).

The Archeparchy invites us to join them in an ancient prayer of supplication to Mary, Mother of God, for an end to the war and suffering in Ukraine:

*We flee to the shelter of your mercy,
O Virgin Mother of God.
Do not reject our prayers of anguish,
but free us from tribulation,
O only pure and blessed one*

The Share Hope Refugee Sponsorship Committee

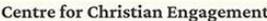
has started a city wide **PG4Ukraine initiative**. Funds are being raised in coordination with efforts to help displaced persons and refugees fleeing from the war in the Ukraine. This will include the option to relocate to Prince George.

Donations can be made directly to the parish mark envelope or cheque with "**Share Hope Refugee Sponsorship Committee**." This is separate from the basket we have out for the Ukraine.

You can also donate through **CanadaHelps** using the "**Ukraine**" option on the Diocese of Prince George webpage located [here](#).

The Committee is always looking for new members to join in their efforts.

For more information, contact Eva Gillis at Immaculate Conception through our parish office.



The Impact of Technology on Relationships: Should We Worry?



with **Carol Bruess**

March 24, 2022
7:00 PM | ZOOM



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If you have a hardcopy of the bulletin please call parish office for the link.

Prayer for the Third Sunday of Lent

God of the vineyard, give us reverence for life in Creation.
Show us your beauty in the promise of eternal Spring.
Form us in your likeness,
and give us a heart for the grace and patience of gardening,
that we might nurture the life you entrust to us.
Amen.





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