

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

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November 27, 2022
1st Sunday of Advent



OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic community nourished through
the Word and the Sacraments.
Striving to follow Christ,
we reach out and welcome all,
witnessing through loving actions
in service, education, and celebration.

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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PASTOR -IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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PASTORAL MINISTRIES CONTACTS

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR: Matt Brown

HOME VISITS: Contact Parish Office

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR: Eva Gillis

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: TBA

HOSPITALITY/COFFEE Dan Burri

CHURCH Sr. Michaela

SUNDAY:

ENVIRONMENT:

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

**“Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know
on what day your Lord is coming.”**

Matthew 24.43

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent

marks the beginning of the liturgical year. While it expresses the deep longing of all humanity for God, it celebrates the three-fold coming of the Lord: remembering the events that surrounded the **Lord's coming long ago**, celebrating **his coming among us today**, and **looking forward to his final coming in glory**.



Its four Sundays highlight our desire and longing for peace, justice and unity. Advent begins the Sunday falling on or closest to the 30th of November and ends Christmas Eve.

The first part of Advent looks forward to the *parousia*, the Lord's glorious return at the end of time and reflects on his presence among us today.

The second part of Advent – from December 17th to 24th – is a direct preparation for Christmas, the yearly commemoration of Jesus' coming among us in human flesh. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation

ASPECTS OF ADVENT

Colour: Violet is used for the priest's vestments and for altar clothes. Rather than penance the use of violet in Advent reflects longing and anticipation. Rose vestments may be used on the third Sunday (***Gaudete Sunday*** or ***Rejoice Sunday***) to signal the mid-point of the season.

Liturgy: *The Glory to God* is not sung to make clear that the Advent Season is one of anticipation and preparation for the full joy and glory of Christmas.

Flowers too may be used, but in moderation to leave a sense of abundance for the celebration of the Nativity.

Advent Wreath: Although originally used in home prayer, the wreath has found a place in the Advent décor of churches. Its evergreen circle and four candles symbolize: the eternal love of God; Christ, who is our Light; and the weekly passage of the Advent Season. It is often blessed on the First Sunday of Advent.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Sun	Nov 27	9AM	RIP of Jorge Rocha
		11AM	RIP of Eric Laquerre
		7PM	For the People of IC
Mon	Nov 28	9AM	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tue	Nov 29	9AM	RIP of Rita Burri
Wed	Nov 30	9AM	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thu	Dec 1	9AM	RIP of Alberto Correia
Fri	Dec 2	9AM	

Mass intentions may be requested for various reasons (eg. a deceased loved one, someone who is ill, a birthday or anniversary, etc.) A Mass offering may be given for the intention but is not required. If you have a Mass intention, please call the parish office by Wednesday of each week so that the intention can be published in the bulletin.



Advent Devotions are available in the church foyer. One is for families and the other is recommended for adults

Suggested donation -- \$3 each

2022-2023 SUNDAY MISSALS

The Sunday Missals are available in the foyer of the church. Suggested donation-- \$5.00.

2023 DONATION ENVELOPES

These will be available next Sunday in the church foyer. If you do not currently have envelopes and would like to have some, please contact the parish office or email to request your envelopes.

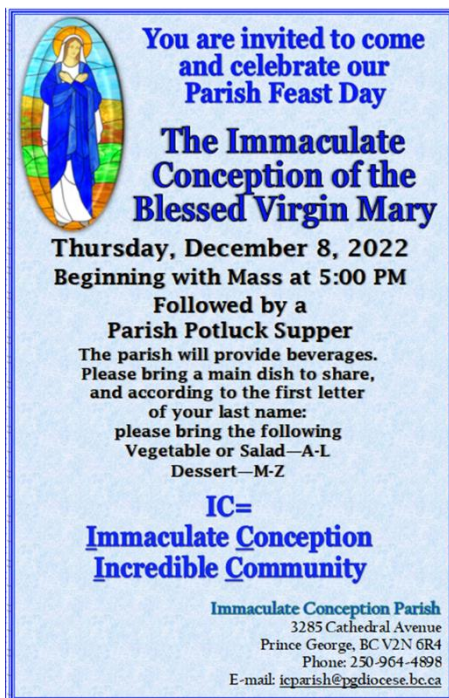
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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- **RCIA** 7:00PM
December 1, 2022 at St. Mary's
- **Advent Reflections – to be held** on Thursday, December 1, 15 & 22 after the daily Mass. There will be an opportunity to share on the Season of Advent and Christmas
- **Seniors' Lunch – Hosted by School Staff**
December 4, 2022 after 11:00AM Mass
- **2nd Sunday of Advent – December 4, 2022**

Feast of the Immaculate Conception



- **K of C Monthly Meeting – 2nd Thursday** of the month except this month the next meeting Wednesday, December 7, 2022 due to the Parish Potluck
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast –December 18, and every 3rd Sunday after the 9 & 11AM Mass**
- **Games Night - Crib and Scrabble** 7:00PM
Every 2nd Tuesday- Postponed until further notice.

• **Advent Reconciliation at IC – Wednesday,**
December 21st 7:00 to 8:00 PM

- **Christmas Masses – December 24 at 6:00 PM & 9:00PM and Christmas Day, December 25 at 10:00AM**

[Link for the Diocesan Wednesday Weekly for November 23, 2022](#)



School Staff and Helpers are very happy to be able to host the **Seniors Christmas Luncheon** on

December 4, 2022 after 11:00AM Mass.

The School Staff is still looking for the assistance of bakers and sandwich makers of the parish to help. If you can assist, please email Tonya at tkruger@cispg.ca

Baking can be dropped off at the school on Friday, Dec. 2nd; sandwiches and baked items can be dropped off at the church hall before the 9 or 11 o'clock Masses, Dec. 4th. Thank you!

RCIA

Our next session is on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 7PM at St. Mary's Parish

If you know anyone interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA is a journey of faith for unbaptised Adults, Baptised Adults from another Christian Faith, and Baptised Adults from the Roman Catholic Faith who have not received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. If you are interested in RCIA please contact Martha 250-964-4898 or email the parish office at icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca

SCAM EMAILS

There have been some people who have received emails and text messages professing to be sent by priests or the bishop and requesting assistance of some kind. **Please DO NOT respond to these.** Emails from the bishop would come from pgdiocese.bc.ca or pgdiocese.ca. While most fake messages have been from gmail.com accounts, there have been rare reports of some fake emails imitating legitimate email accounts.

Apparently, there are no steps we can take to prevent these messages from being sent, we can advise everyone of the problem. If you receive an unexpected email claiming to be from the Bishop, Clergy, or any religious in the diocese and are not certain if it is legitimate, please call the parish office or the diocese.

For more information on the many types of phishing messages and how to identify them, please visit this government website: <https://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/en/phishing>

CALLED TOGETHER, RECONCILIATION & HEALING UPDATE



TOTALS AS OF NOVEMBER 23, 2022

IC PARISH GOAL: \$25,291.00

PLEDGES TO DATE: \$24,270.00

PLEDGES RECEIVED: \$22,870.00



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