

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

OCTOBER 31, 2021 ~ 31ST Sunday Of Ordinary Time

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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 – 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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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

This is the first commandment. And a second is like it.

Mark 12-28-34



“Get your priorities straight!” When someone says that I hear the voice of my father from when I was little—maybe not in those words, but telling me to concentrate on what was important. These days with “lots on my plate” to do each day, I need to

prioritize. I find myself so easily distracted by things that I like to do, or things that don’t involve conflict or pain!

That’s the message from today’s Scriptures. Jesus, drawing on the Old Testament where Moses calls the people to love God totally, gives us the priorities of the Kingdom: Love of God and love of neighbor. That’s Christ’s answer to the scribe who wants to know what the first of all the commandments is. Jesus quotes a text which was used as a daily prayer by faithful Jews: “Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is Lord alone!” Then Jesus goes on to add the love of neighbor as ourself—something that flows naturally from love of God.

In these days when so many other things distract us calling for our time and energy, we need these Christian priorities. Whether it’s within the parish, or in our family life, or beyond—in our world if we focus on God first, then on loving others because of our relationship with God—we’ll have our priorities straight. And then we can properly evaluate everything else.

From Father Greg Friedman, OFM
Sunday Soundbites

Parishioner information update

1. Would you like to register to be a member of IC? 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 to icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca 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.

Why Do We Celebrate All Saints' Day?



On November 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, a **time to pause and reflect on all those holy women and men who have come before us — and who live among us.**

We recognize that as one People of God, we go to God together, praying for one another, learning from the example, the wisdom of those who have lived the Gospel.

What is All Souls Day?

November 2 is the Commemoration of All of the Faithful Departed, or All Souls. On this day, we pray that **all those who have died**— our loved ones, and also those people around the world who we will never meet— through the mercy of God, will rest in peace. We encourage you to visit the cemetery and pray for your loved ones.



Committed to Creating a Safe Environment for All

Safe Parish and Community Diocesan Protocol

To provide ministry in our parish or the diocese, volunteers must meet requirements depending upon frequency and risk level of position or ministry. Those who volunteer regularly must satisfy the requirements of the risk level pertaining to their ministry or service and all sign a “Safe Parish & Community Pledge”. If the ministry/service is categorized as high risk, also have a Criminal Record Check is to be completed.

These must be renewed every five years. Please call the parish office to renew or sign a form

Festival of Trees Update



Monetary donations are still being accepted for the purchase of items for the agencies who have specific requests. **IC school is sponsoring Baby’ New Beginnings and Elizabeth Fry Society.** If you wish to donate items for either of these organizations, there is a list of the items at the parish and school offices. Thank you for your support.

PARISH FINANCIAL WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday Collection for weekend of: October 24, 2021

Envelopes	505.00
Loose Change	15.00
E-Transfers	590.00
Total Sunday Collection	1110.00
World Mission Sunday	299.00
Holy Childhood	.00
Building/Grounds Collection (roof)	10.00
Appeal Collections submitted to IC	525.00
Reconciliation and Healing	125.00

How can you share your 'treasure'?

Using one of the following:

1. **Envelopes:** Can be **dropped off at the church during office hours** Monday to Friday from 10:00AM to 3:00PM, **dropped in the mail slot located on the Parish office door** or sent to **via postal mail**. Please make cheques payable to **RCEC IC Parish** or **RCEC Immaculate Conception Parish**.
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.**

Northern Health Region Covid Orders

Northern Health issued a new order effective October 22nd which places new restrictions on religious organizations and permits only the live streaming of Masses and other prayer or worship services. We are no longer permitted to have in-vehicle attendance in the parking lot nor the distribution of Holy Communion. In addition, no prayer groups or other gatherings may take place on church properties. This order will remain in effect until November 19th or until the Regional Medical Health Officer orders otherwise.



**'Let us love, since that is
what our hearts were
made for.'**

-Saint Therese of Lisieux

DIOCESAN APPEAL

CHECK OUT DIOCESAN WEBPAGE FOR MORE DETAILS

OUR PARISH GOAL is \$ 19, 554.00
we have achieved **\$13,485.00** of our goal.

Thanks to the generosity of so many throughout the diocese, currently have more than \$160,000 pledged. Additionally, \$42,000 going back to parishes as rebates. Over \$51,000 has been pledged toward the **Healing and Reconciliation appeal**. With the news of the Pope Francis's forthcoming trip to Canada—hopefully there will be more added to the total to support and promote healing and reconciliation between our indigenous and non-indigenous peoples.

Catholic Missions in Canada announced that due to their continued challenges with fundraising, they continue to limit grants to assist with operating costs for missions. Funding for our smaller parishes and missions will be very similar to last year, which is difficult for them. The support received from the entire diocese through Called Together will help meet those needs and make a significant difference.

Please remember to pray for the needs of the entire diocese.

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.

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 inquiries contact James at jfowlie@pgdiocese.bc.ca or call the Pastoral Centre at 250-964-4424.

Space available for advertising

There are still **four** spaces available in our parish bulletin for business wanting to advertise. The weekly bulletin is available via hardcopy and on our website. Call or email the parish office for details. Thank you to those who have advertised with us.

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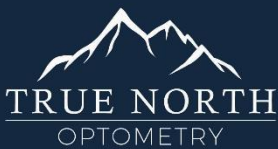


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