

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

NOVEMBER 7, 2021—32ND 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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HOSPITALITY/COFFEE SUNDAY: Eva Gillis & Anita Santos

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

The poor widow has put in more than all the rest.

Mark 12-38-44

At my inner-city parish we do our Sunday offering a bit differently perhaps than you might in your parish. Because our congregation is small--usually less than a hundred people--we don't pass baskets. Instead, we have a beautiful silver urn placed near the sanctuary. As the gifts are being prepared for the Eucharist, people come forward to place their offerings in this vessel.



Since many of our parishioners are not wealthy—in fact, some are very poor—the scene at our Sunday liturgy is much like what Jesus witnesses in today's *Gospel*. There, rich and poor place offerings in the temple treasury. It's a poor widow who catches the Lord's eye—her gift carries greater value than all the rest since she gave from her poverty, not her surplus. Like the Old Testament story today of a suffering widow who shares with the prophet Elijah, both stories emphasize prioritizing—a “Kingdom theme” we find in these Scriptures near the end of the Church year.

I don't like to preach on money or beg for financial help in my ministry, but I have to do it sometimes. It's important for each of us in the community to share generously in order for our local Church—as well as the global Church—to do the work of the Kingdom. As you make your offering today, I invite you to reflect on Jesus' call to generosity.

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

Northern Health Region Covid Orders

UPDATE

Northern Health issued an order effective the 22nd of October which places restrictions on religious organizations and permits only the livestreaming (virtual) Masses and/or other prayer or worship services. We are not permitted to have in-vehicle attendance in the parking lot. **WE CAN HAVE THE DISTRIBUTION of DRIVE THROUGH HOLY COMMUNION.** We will begin on Sunday, November 7, 2021 for 10:00AM Mass. When the virtual celebration is complete, parishioners are invited to drive to the church for drive-through Holy Communion. Also, after the 9:00AM daily Mass (Monday to Friday).

This order will remain in effect until the 19th of November or until the Regional Medical Health Officer orders otherwise.

How can you share your 'treasure'?

Our parish continues to do what it can to meet the needs of its parishioners with these 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.

**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



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.



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. Bulletin please let the parish office know if your existing email can be used to send the bulletin to your email.

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.

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.

DIOCESAN APPEAL

CHECK OUT DIOCESAN WEBPAGE FOR MORE DETAILS

OUR PARISH GOAL is \$ 19, 554.00

we have achieved \$14,815.00 of our goal.

The diocesan goal increased by 2.35% this week for a total of 82.75% or \$165,502. This includes \$4,800 in pledges that will go to parish rebates, bringing the total rebates to \$46,624! We are grateful for all the support to the appeal, both financially and in prayer.

Our Healing and Reconciliation total increased by \$1,500 for a total of \$52,892. This will help support and promote healing and reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples. We continue to work with partners in indigenous communities to find meaningful ways that we work together.

Thank you again to everyone for your support of our smaller parishes, missions and ministries and also for your support of the important work of healing and reconciliation. Thank you for your prayers and financial contributions.

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

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Pope Francis



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