

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

**MAY 29, 2022—ASCENSION SUNDAY**

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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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GRAND KNIGHT:

Soup Kitchen

K of C Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

*Jesus withdrew from them and  
was carried up into heaven.*

Luke 24.46-53



A really good storyteller will never tell a story quite the same way twice. Luke is a *great* storyteller: Today we hear his two versions of the Ascension of Jesus, one from Luke's *Gospel*, the other from his *Acts of the Apostles*. As you might expect, the two accounts

have some differences.

For example, the *Gospel's* story of the Ascension takes place on Easter night, while in *Acts* it is situated 40 days later. This and other differences remind us that these accounts are not strict history, but rather written to teach a *spiritual* point.

Luke locates both accounts in Jerusalem, where Jesus has won victory in his death and resurrection. From there, the Church will spread to the whole world. The *Gospel* version evokes the past: We hear Jesus explain how it was prophesied that he would suffer. In *Acts* his words point to the future, to the commissioning of his apostles as witnesses through the power of the Holy Spirit they will soon receive.

We're fortunate to have both versions of this special moment in the life of the Church. We need to remember how the story of Jesus fulfills God's plan and promises of old. We must also be challenged to witness to Christ, empowered by his Holy Spirit.

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

## DATES AND EVENTS

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

- Today, May 29, 2022 @ 11:00AM, is the last day of live-streaming.
- Daily Mass will be at 8:00AM for this week Monday to Thursday –Priests of the Diocese are on retreat
- No morning Mass June 3, 2022. Mass in the evening at 7:00PM
- The Celebration of Fr. Chris's 25th Anniversary of Ordination is Friday, June 3, 2022  
Mass 7:00PM  
Reception to follow in the Church Hall
- **Fr. Chris' last Sunday in the parish** will be July 24, 2022.



Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio televisions, newspapers, audiovisuals, internet) and how these influence our lives.

Media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the material as presented by media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth

## CATHOLIC BISHOPS WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENT OF PAPAL VISIT TO CANADA

On May 13, 2022, the Vatican formally announced the dates and hub cities for Pope Francis' visit to Canada. The visit will take place from July 24-29, 2022. Due to the vastness of Canada, the limited time-period of the visit, and the health of the 85-year-old Pontiff, only three communities will be used as bases for his Canadian visit: Edmonton, Quebec City, and Iqaluit.

These locations were chosen to "limit travel for the Holy Father while still allowing an opportunity for both intimate and public encounters, drawing on participation from all regions of the country."

The President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), Bishop Raymond Poisson, said: "We are immensely grateful that the Holy Father has accepted our invitation to continue the journey of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of this land. In late July, Pope Francis will have the opportunity to visit Indigenous Peoples here in their homeland, as he promised when he met them recently in Rome. We pray for the health of the Holy Father as we undertake the intensive planning for this historic visit."

[Click here for full media release statement from the CCCC](#)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George (CISPG):

- Teachers: Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George (CISPG) is hiring for September 2022, full-time teaching positions in Prince George, Terrace, Kitimat and Dawson Creek. Please help spread the word! Postings found at <http://cispg.ca/careers/>
- Principal for Sacred Heart School, PG: Catholic Independent Schools is looking for a principal for Sacred Heart Catholic School in Prince George. [Click here to job posting for details.](#)

### St. Mary's Parish Secretary

St. Mary's Parish in Prince George is looking for a full-time secretary. Hours are 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week. Benefits included. For more information or to apply, send your resume to [hr@stmaryspg.ca](mailto:hr@stmaryspg.ca)

### Fort George Manor:

- Fort George Manor is looking for a part-time bookkeeper – a great opportunity for someone retired but not tired! [Please see link for details.](#)

## PG4UKRAINE – SHARE HOPE REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

Share Hope Committee has been very active since the invasion of the Ukraine. Numerous families who made their way to Prince George and northern BC to seek refuge temporarily or permanently have received assistance. This has come in the form of travel, housing, language, job searchers, education and health, wellness and more. There is also support to families and individuals to connect socially with others. If you would like to get involved, please contact Eva Gillis at Immaculate Conception or Dick Mynen at St Mary's via email at [pg.sharehope@gmail.com](mailto:pg.sharehope@gmail.com).

Share Hope is also fundraising to financially support those arriving in PG and the Northern region. There have been requests from many families, and funds have been distributed to those in need. If you would like to help with the fundraising efforts, please donate directly to your parish and mark it "in support of the Share Hope Refugee Sponsorship Committee" or you can also donate through CanadaHelps using the "Ukraine" option on the page for the Diocese of Prince George located

here: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/70838>. If you have a fundraising idea or initiative you would like to promote, contact [pg.sharehope@gmail.com](mailto:pg.sharehope@gmail.com)

## CCCB SUBMITS BRIEF TO THE SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON MAiD

The CCCB has submitted a brief to the Special Joint Committee on MAiD urging them not to allow the expansion of euthanasia eligibility. They warn that euthanasia is a deterrence from improving access to viable alternatives and erodes the common good of society.

[Click here to read the CCCB's full brief.](#)

[Link for the Diocesan Wednesday Weekly for May 25, 2022](#)

### Baby Bottle Campaign

**Sunday, May 8th to Sunday, June 19, 2022.**

Annual Baby Bottles Campaign sponsored by Advocate Life & Education Services.

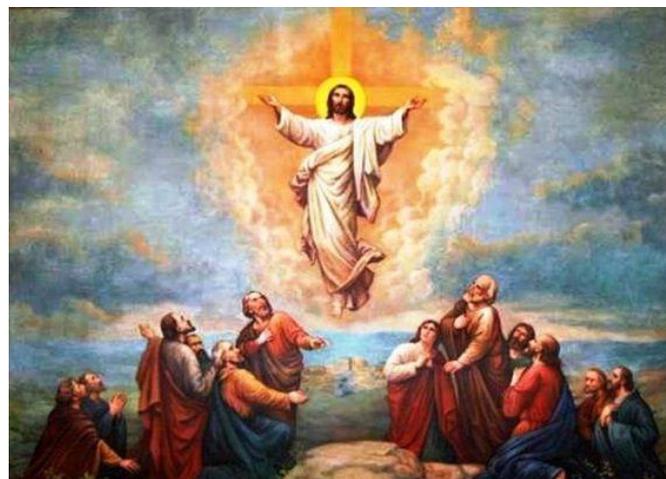
The baby bottles represent HOPE for vulnerable women and families in need. By filling a bottle, you're taking part in literally changing and saving lives.

Donations may be made via credit card, cheque and cash or visit [babybottles.ca](http://babybottles.ca) to donate online.

All donations of \$10+ are tax receiptable. If a tax receipt is desired, they MUST complete the donation form inside the bottle with full name and address. Check out <https://babybottles.ca/>

**"Jesus' Ascension into Heaven allows us to know this reality that is so consoling on our journey: in Christ, true God and true man, our humanity has been brought to God. He has opened the way. He is like the leader of a mountain climbing party that is roped together. He has reached the summit and pulls us to himself, leading us to God. If we entrust our lives to him, if we let ourselves be guided by him, we are certain of being in safe hands."**

**Pope Francis**



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