

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

AUGUST 29, 2021 - 22ND Sunday Of Ordinary Time

3285 Cathedral Avenue - Prince George, BC V2N 6R4

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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

BISHOP -DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE

Most Rev. Stephen Jensen Email: sjensen@pgdiocese.bc.ca

PASTOR -IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Fr. Chris Lynch Email: frchrislynch@yahoo.ca

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Mrs. Martha Primus Email: icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca

PRINCIPAL -IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

Mrs. Kathleen Barth Email: icsoffice@cispge.ca

PASTORAL MINISTRIES CONTACTS

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR: Matt Brown

HOME VISITS: Cathy Piwniuk

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR: Eva Gillis

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: TBA

HOSPITALITY/COFFEE ANITA SANTOS
SUNDAY:

CHURCH Sr. Michaela
ENVIRONMENT: 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

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to the human tradition.

Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Many years ago, I took part in a group dynamics exercise. We were told to stand in a circle, join hands, and prevent Joe-- outside the group-- from breaking into the circle. We did that task

well. So well that when Mary, also outside the circle tried to break in, we kept her out too.

The group leader processed the experience for us, reminding us that he'd told us only to keep Joe out. The leader explained that human beings sometimes get so caught up in the details of a system of behavior that they forget its original purpose.

The same thing often can be said for religion. The laws and structures of our religious life as noted in today's First Reading, are an important way we relate to God. But as Jesus points out in the Gospel, when human beings go beyond the original purpose and burden others with practices the law never intended, then the connection with God is severed. Lip service to external structures and laws can replace a commitment of the heart.

There is a place for law and for structure within our lives as Christians. But we must always keep the purpose in mind. If we center on the person of Jesus Christ and his law of love, we should have no trouble doing just that.

From Father Greg Friedman, OFM
Sunday Soundbites

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you or anyone you know interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA is a journey of faith for unbaptised Adults, Baptised Adults from another Christian Faiths, 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

We hope to begin in late September.

Catechesis for Children

Children who are not registered in a Catholic School and wish to receive the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation, are asked to email the parish office at icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca Please note these sacraments will be celebrated with those who regularly attend Mass at Immaculate Conception.

Parish Ministries

There are several ways to get involved in both Immaculate Conception Parish community and the school. We ask you to consider the following parish ministries as an invitation to be stewards of your time and talent as a/an:

- Extra-Ordinary Minister of Communion
- Lector
- Children's Liturgy program leaders (11AM school age and 9AM preschool)
We are need of co-ordinators for the Children's Liturgy programs. Training and support will be provided for this important ministry.
- RCIA team member
- Hosts for Coffee Sundays – **which we are hoping to resume September 12, 2021.**
- Altar Linens launderer

All of these are important to the life of the church, and we urge you to take part in these and other ministries. We would like to encourage our young people to take part in ministries as well. Sign-up Sunday will be on **September 12 & 19, 2021 after each Mass.** If you are already a part of any of these ministries, please still sign-up and provide your contact information. If you are not at Mass on Sign-up Sunday please email Sr. Michaela at michaelamarques49@gmail.com or the parish office at icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca

Immaculate Conception School

The School Office is now open and classes resume on Tuesday, September 7th. Children will be in school all day.

Just a reminder that the school zone speed of 30 km will be in effect!

A very BIG Thank you!



- To Phyllis and Lyle who have provided lovely flowers every Sunday to brighten our altar.
- To the Van Roodes who provided gorgeous planters for our church entrance.
- To Bev and Bob who planted the variety of flowers in the flowerpots in the parking lot.
- To all of those who have taken turns over the summer to water and maintain the flowers to keep all the flowers beautiful.
- To Raphael of R & K Lawn, contracted to maintain our grounds.
- To Allan who has maintained the large field and overseeing many projects around the church and school grounds.

"We always give thanks to God for all of you. . . "

Parishioner information update

1. Are you new to our parish? Welcome! Please take a registration form from the foyer or check out our webpage at www.icparish.ca for a fillable form. Please submit via email icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca or drop off at the parish office.
2. Has your contact information changed? Please contact the parish office at 250 964 4898 or send an email with your changes.
3. Are you missing your 2021 envelopes, or would like envelopes- call the parish office.
4. Our parish would like to send information to parishioners using Flocknote. **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.

PARISH FINANCIAL WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday Collection weekend of: August 22, 2021	
Envelopes	2070.00
Loose Change	86.00
E-Transfers	295.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$2,451.00
Holy Childhood	14.70
Building/Grounds Collection (roof)	270.00

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT

We are offering pre-authorized debit as a way to simplify your contributions on a bi-weekly or monthly basis. If you are interested, please go to our website at <https://www.icparish.ca/> or pick up a pre-authorized form from the church foyer and hand it in to the parish office with a **void cheque**

Please make cheques payable to RCEC IC Parish or RCEC Immaculate Conception Church.

DIOCESAN APPEAL

Information of the Annual Appeal will be coming soon!

Truth suffers, but never dies.

St. Teresa of Avila

Monthly Adoration

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, the 14th September at the Domano Chapel.**

Mass will be celebrated at 7:30AM and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8:00AM – 8:00PM.

The Bishop's Office is seeking someone for the position of Secretary to the Bishop.

The position provides administrative support to the Bishop and Chancery Office, including communications, information organization and administration of the Bishop's Office resources. The successful candidate will also assist the Pastoral Centre staff by acting as first point of contact for callers and visitors.

The successful candidate will possess excellent oral and written communication skills, ability in organizing information and records, proficiency in Office 365.

Compensation will reflect the successful candidate's qualifications and experience and include a benefits plan with pension.

Those interested should submit resumes to the Business Manager at jfowlie@pgdiocese.bc.ca

Rachel's Vineyard Fall Retreats 2021

For a psychological & spiritual journey for healing.

If you or someone you know is suffering from post-abortion trauma, there is no need to suffer in silence. Rachel's Vineyard is here to help!

Kelowna Retreat:

October 29 to 31

Call/email:

250-762-2273

info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com

Cache Creek Retreat:

October 13-15

Call/text:

250-267-5081

rvkamloops@yahoo.ca

Visit [Facebook](#) [Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna](#)

Upcoming Parish Events:

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| • K of C Meeting, | September 9, 2021 | 7PM |
| • 1st Communion | September 11, 2021 | 6PM |
| • Ministry Sign-up Sunday | September 12 & 19, 2021 | After all Masses |
| • K of C Pancake Breakfast | September 19, 2021 | After 9AM and 11AM Masses |
| • Stewardship Sunday | October 3, 2021 | At all Masses |
| • Commissioning Sunday | October 3, 2021 | 9AM |



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