

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

JANUARY 30, 2022—4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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	Sunday	9:00AM & 11:00AM
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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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Dennis Fedyk

SOCIAL ACTION: Sr. Michaela

GRAND KNIGHT:

Soup Kitchen

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

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

Like Elijah and Elisha,  
Jesus was not sent only to the Jewish people.

Luke 4.21-30

A favorite Christian writer of mine, Frederick Buechner, once wrote that there's no record of anyone inviting a prophet home to dinner more than once. Buechner's quip was his way to define the role of the biblical prophets—certainly they were controversial figures!



Today we hear God choose Jeremiah for that role. God warns the prophet that his message to

the kings and priests of Judah will be so challenging that he'll meet with opposition. Biblical prophets weren't out to make enemies but felt impelled to speak the truth--God's truth--with love. It just so happened that their message was often "tough love."

Jesus, in our *Gospel* today is a prophet visiting his hometown. He anticipates resistance, stating clearly that no prophet is ever accepted in his native place. His words prove true as the people rise up to throw Jesus over a cliff!

Few of us are called to be prophets, but I suspect we can identify some contemporary figures who fit that role. Pope John Paul II has often challenged the Church and the secular world with his teaching of the gospel on a variety of subjects from abortion to capital punishment to social justice.

How do we accept the prophetic message we hear proclaimed each Sunday? And would we invite the bearer of that message home for Sunday dinner?

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

7:00 PM  
Sunday Evening Mass

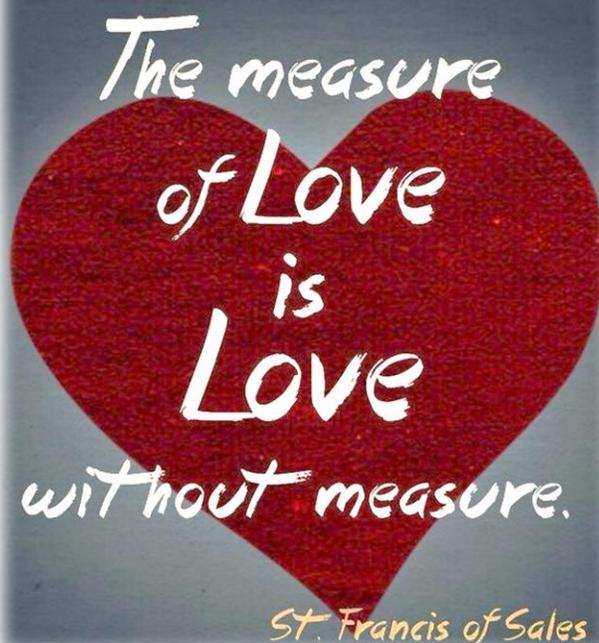
Resumes again  
on February 6, 2022.

## Updated Covid Restrictions

Thursday January 20, 2022 Northern Health removed the regional health restrictions. Provincial Health restrictions will be followed.

## A Mask /Face Covering is REQUIRED for Worship services

- We will follow the 50% capacity; that is 150 people in the church and 150 in the hall.
- For those who do not want/are unable to wear masks distribution of communion will be available in the church foyer after Mass for those wishing to watch virtually. Please come at quarter to the hour. ie. 9:45AM, 11:45 AM.
- We will continue to livestream for the time being at 11:00AM Sunday morning and Monday to Friday at 9:00AM



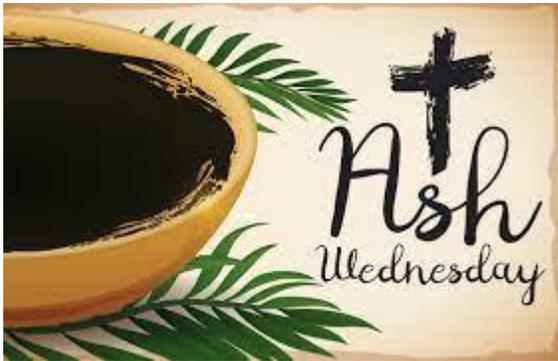
### Offering/donation Envelopes

The 2022 envelopes are available for pick up in the church foyer. If you don't see your envelope, please ask Fr. Chris or Martha.

Note there are fewer full envelope packages the year. Those who had #211 or higher have been assigned a new number. Please add your name and address for the first few donations to ensure that the amounts are recorded for the correct person.

Those who use the pre-authorized debits have been provided with only the special collections envelopes, also available in the foyer.

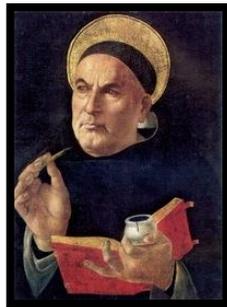
Please call the office at 250-964-4898 for any inquires.



### **Ash Wednesday is March 2, 2022**

Ashes are created by burning palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration. **If you have palms please bring them to the Church in the next few weeks so that they can be burned for ashes.**

“We must love them both, those whose opinions we share and those whose opinions we reject, for both have labored in the search for truth, and both have helped us in finding it.”



St. Thomas Aquinas

### **DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE**

**CHECK OUT DIOCESAN WEBPAGE FOR MORE DETAILS**

**OUR PARISH GOAL is \$ 19, 554.00**

**we have achieved \$32,860.00 of our goal.**

The last two weeks have been quiet with our Appeals, and there is not much change since the last update.

Thank you to the generous participation of so many contributors throughout the diocese, your financial and spiritual support helps meet the needs of our smaller parishes, missions and ministries throughout the entire diocese.

This week marks an important milestone in the Called Together Diocesan Annual Appeal. The first installment of payments will be made to those parishes, missions and ministries that benefit from the diocesan appeal funds. Also, payouts will be made of the rebates to those parishes whose pledges exceeds 100% of its goal.

**Please remember that these appeals continue until June 30, 2022.** Continued prayers and financial support to help meet the needs of the entire diocese are gratefully accepted.

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## **The Sunday Obligation**

Now that the Northern Health Authority has revised its rules to be the same as those in other areas of the province, permitting both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals to attend in-person religious services, the Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays is ended. Now we can all gather to worship God through the highest prayer, the Holy Mass.

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**For further Diocesan news and to view the Wednesday Weekly**

- [January 26, 2022, Wednesday Weekly Link](#)
  - [January 19, 2022, Wednesday Weekly Link](#)
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