

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 - 25TH 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

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PASTORAL MINISTRIES CONTACTS

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR: Matt Brown

HOME VISITS: Cathy Piwniuk

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR: Eva Gillis

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: TBA

HOSPITALITY/COFFEE: Eva Gillis &

CHURCH: Sr. Michaela

SUNDAY: Anita Santos

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

*The Son of Man will be betrayed.
Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.*

Mark 9.30-37



In the spring of 2003, a feature-length film appeared in theaters telling the true story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who defied Hitler and gave witness to the gospel in the face of the Nazi tyranny. One of Bonhoeffer's best-known books

is *The Cost of Discipleship*. Its very title comes to mind as I read today's Gospel. Here, Jesus teaches his disciples that he will suffer and die, but the disciples are not only baffled by what the Lord is telling them: they're too busy arguing over who among them is the greatest!

Jesus must remind them once again that the Kingdom demands a lot of the disciple. True greatness lies in service. True disciples take the side of those who are powerless--like the little child Jesus embraces in the story.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer lived at a time when many religious people chose to ignore a great evil or worse, collaborate with it. Bonhoeffer wrote, taught, and eventually gave his life in a Nazi prison to witness to what the gospel demands: We must speak for the voiceless even if our service costs us our own lives.

Today's Christians may not face evil on such a global scale, but they nevertheless have lots of opportunities for true Christian witness. May Christ give us strength to consider--and to pay--the cost of discipleship.

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 will be resume when safe to do so.**
- 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 today **September 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

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 and weekly bulletin 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 ICPGP** 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.

*"Action springs not from thought,
but from a readiness for responsibility." –
Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

PARISH FINANCIAL WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday Collection weekend of: September 12, 2021	
Envelopes	2185.00
Loose Change	268.07
E-Transfers	145.00
Total Sunday Collection	2598.07
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Holy Childhood	15.05
15 th of the month Pre-Auth. Debits	787.00
Building/Grounds Collection (roof)	405.00

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, check out our website <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 Parish**

DIOCESAN APPEAL

The goal total goal for the Diocese is \$200,000
Our parish goal is \$19,554.00

Along with all other parishes and missions throughout the diocese, today is the kick-off the Annual Appeal:



“Called Together – Giving, Sharing, Serving”. It supports the mission of the local Church across our diocese. Your gift is one way that you can practice stewardship and participate in the diocesan mission. This year, the diocese is also collecting funds for the BC Bishops’

appeal in support of **Healing and Reconciliation**. This is **separate** from **Called Together** and aims to provide funds for projects that support healing and reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples. In previous years, the diocese has tried to meet this need through programs such as Returning to Spirit, the Rose Prince Pilgrimage and through the work of our priests and religious involved in indigenous ministry. There is no set target, but it looks to the generosity of all to make a meaningful contribution to promote this important work. The form in the Called Together package allows you to designate how much you would like to direct to the Diocesan Annual Appeal and how much to the Healing and Reconciliation appeal. We thank you for your continued generous support.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 4:00pm at their Drop-In Centre, 1220 – 2nd Avenue.

To ensure adequate Covid measures are met, anyone interested in attending are asked to contact Bernie Goold at 250-564-3416 before September 23, 2021.

Share Hope – Refugee Committee needs you!

Share Hope, Refugee Sponsorship Committee works to bring and settle refugees in Prince George. It consists of the four Catholic parishes and two Anglican parishes.

Share Hope is looking for new members. If you want to make a difference for refugees, please consider joining this group. There are a variety of ways you can participate and serve. Call or text 778-349-7001.

Festival of Trees



Blankets have been made to help six agencies that our parish supports through **The Giving Tree**. We invite your sponsorship for the two sizes of blankets, **small (\$20.00)** and **large (\$30.00)** that will help the agencies. There will be a committee member in the hall today after 9 & 11AM Masses, they will gratefully accept your sponsorship. In addition to your sponsorship for the blankets, we appreciate monetary donations for the purchase of items for the agencies who have specific requests. If you would like to provide **sponsorship for a blanket** or **make a monetary donation** please contact Sr. Michaela. **Thank you for your support.**

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](#)

Sacred Heart Senior Citizens' Society

Annual General Meetings for the following groups will be held on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at Fort George Manor (FGM) 1870 Gorse Street, Prince George, BC

- Sacred Heart Senior Citizens' Society (SHSCS) at 1:00PM
- FGM Housing Co-operative (immediately following)

For more information call Claudette Currie, SHSCS President at 963-9918, or Jack Goold, Manager Fort George Manor at 564-3416.



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