

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

OCTOBER 10, 2021 ~ 28th 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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PASTORAL MINISTRIES CONTACTS

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HOSPITALITY/COFFEE Eva Gillis &
SUNDAY: Anita Santos

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

Go, sell what you own, then follow me.

Mark 10.17-30

You've heard the expression, "How hard can that be?" We usually employ it to point out the obvious ease or simplicity of some task. But in today's Gospel, Jesus shocks his disciples by saying--not once but twice--how hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God. "How hard can that be?" Impossible, Jesus declares, without God's help.

Our culture looks up to and encourages us to become like those with wealth and power. We at least want to have enough of the world's goods to ensure security for our families, and to provide for the future in an uncertain world. And yet there's an element of the Kingdom that pushes us to consider the alternative.

Today's Gospel recommends, even urges, divesting ourselves of goods and attachments for the sake of God. To take the risk of letting go--of seeking alternatives to possessing more and more--in a society that promotes "conspicuous consumption", that is indeed an impossible task without God's help.

I can't begin to spell out what such alternatives might mean in your particular case--I confess to having enough trouble living up to my own religious vow of a simple and unattached life! But I do take heart in Jesus' assurance that God wants to work with us to explore the possibilities! That brings the Kingdom a little closer for me when I hear these Scriptures.

From Father Greg Friedman, OFM
Sunday Soundbites



St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you to all who donated to our food drive. Your generosity is appreciated.

*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.

Parishioner information update

1. New to our parish? Please take a registration form from the foyer or 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 with your changes.
3. **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.

Statement of Apology to Indigenous People of this Land from the Catholic Bishops of Canada:

On the 24th of September the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a statement of apology to the indigenous peoples. The bishops affirmed and acknowledged to the Indigenous Peoples, the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools as well as the historical and ongoing trauma faced by the Indigenous. Along with those Catholic entities which were directly involved in the operation of the schools, the Catholic Bishops of Canada expressed their profound remorse and apologized unequivocally.

Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, the Bishops pledged to undertake fundraising nationwide to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners. They also committed to continue to the work of providing documentation or records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves.

A delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in December 2021 and discern with Pope Francis how best to proceed together on the pathway of hope and renewal in the coming years.

The Bishops of Canada are committed to continue the journey of healing and reconciliation with the First Nations, Metis and Inuit Peoples of this land. For more information, please contact the diocese or visit www.cccb.ca

The complete statement of apology available on the diocesan website at pgdiocese.ca and on our parish website icparish.ca.

PARISH FINANCIAL WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday Collection for weekend of: October 3, 2021	
Envelopes	2830.00
Loose Change	68.00
E-Transfers	465.00
Total Sunday Collection	3363.00
Oct 1 st --Auto Transfers	1567.00
Holy Childhood	15.95
Building/Grounds Collection (roof)	570.00
Appeal Collections submitted to IC	2370.00
Reconciliation and Healing	375.00

How can you share your 'treasure'?

Using one of the following:

1. **Envelopes:** If you don't have an envelope and would like one, contact the parish office.
2. **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, please pick up an application form from the church foyer or access it on our webpage at <https://www.icparish.ca/> and [fill in your PAD application](#).
3. **E-transfer:** This is at your fingertips you can make the offering online. Registered through icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca for a direct deposit.

**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 with Immaculate Conception Parish.

Festival of Trees



Thank you to all who sponsored the blankets, they are all accounted for. Monetary donations are gratefully being accepted for the purchase of items for the agencies who have specific requests. If you would like to provide make a monetary

donation, please contact Sr. Michaela. Thank you for your support.

Upcoming Dates and Events

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| • Oct 11 | Thanksgiving Day |
| • Oct 12 | Monthly Adoration |
| | SVDP pick-up of food donations |
| • Oct 13 | School – Rosary Assembly |
| • Oct 20 & 21 | Soup Kitchen |

DIOCESAN APPEAL

CHECK OUT DIOCESAN WEBPAGE FOR MORE DETAILS

OUR PARISH GOAL is \$ 19, 554.00

to date, we have achieved **\$4100.00 or 21%** of our goal.

The active promotional phase of Called Together 2021-22 is complete. The the overall diocesan goal of \$200,000 is at 37.54% totalling \$75,071. To date \$51,831 has been collected. Please keep those donations coming in.

This year, as last year, the majority of our funds are allocated to support the smaller parishes and missions of the diocese, as they have significant obstacles due to COVID.

Concurrently funds for the B.C. Bishops' appeal in support of healing and reconciliation are also being collected. These funds will support specific efforts to promote reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples in our communities. To date \$16,900 have been pledged with \$11,470 collected.

Thank you to everyone for your generous support. Please continue to pray for the needs of our diocese.

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.

Space available for advertising

There are still 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.





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