

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

JANUARY 23, 2022—3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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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
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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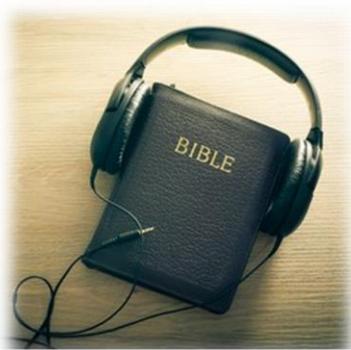
Soup Kitchen

K of C Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

Today this scripture has been fulfilled.

Luke 1.1-4, 4.14-21



Each Sunday at Mass in my parish, I honor the *Gospel* book by holding it high before the assembly and carrying it slowly to the ambo--the place where I proclaim the *Gospel*.

In our First Reading today we witness a similar scene. Ezra the priest opens the scroll of God's law and holds it high for all to see. The people acclaim God present in the Word of God, as they bow low to the ground.

The presence of God in the Word is one of three ways God is present at each Eucharist. We are most familiar with the divine presence in the consecrated bread and wine. God is also present in the gathered assembly. There we're transformed by the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ, described by Paul in today's Second Reading.

But back to the First Reading: Do we pay attention to God's presence in the Word? Would it be easier if we were in that scene in today's *Gospel*, to hear Jesus himself read the scroll of Isaiah in the synagogue at Nazareth? Perhaps it's tougher to accept God's presence when it's Jim or Mary or Father Bill doing the reading! But our respect for the *Gospel* book, our attentive listening, our openness to the Spirit, are all crucial to full participation in the Eucharist. Let's allow this Sunday's readings to call us to a renewed response.

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



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.**

Updated Covid Restrictions

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

[The following is taken from provincial COVID-19 restrictions –](#)

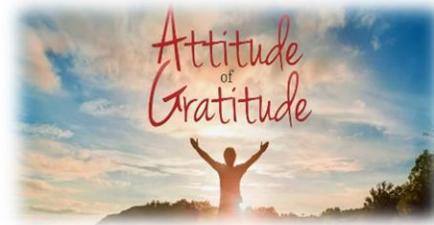
Worship services

If **all participants are vaccinated** as determined by the worship service leader, there are no capacity restrictions on worship services and choirs.

If participants **are not all vaccinated**, worship services and choirs are limited to **50% seated capacity**.

A Mask /Face Covering is REQUIRED

- 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 Ministers will be available for 10 minutes after Mass.
- 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.

How can you share your 'treasure'?

Our parish continues to do what it can to meet the needs of its parishioners with the current restrictions. We also must meet the financial needs of the parish. We are grateful for those who contribute faithfully.

If you are wanting to make financial contributions to the parish:

1. If you have envelopes, they can be dropped off:
 - a. At the church during office hours Monday to Friday from 10:00AM to 3:00PM
 - b. In the mail slot located on the Parish office anytime of day.
 - c. At 3288 Cathedral (Fr. Chris's house) anytime of day.
2. E-transfer: Funds can be directly deposited through your financial institute using icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca
3. 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, access the application on our webpage at <https://www.icparish.ca/> This can be emailed or dropped off at the church.

Now you are the
body of Christ
and individually
members of it.

- 1 Corinthians 12:27 ESV

DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

CHECK OUT DIOCESAN WEBPAGE FOR MORE DETAILS

OUR PARISH GOAL is \$ 19, 554.00

we have achieved **\$32,760.00** of our goal.

Thank you once again for your generous support. The diocesan goal is nearly 94% in addition to over \$100,000 going back to parishes for rebates.

There are many parishes that are not far from meeting their goals. Every dollar collected after their goal goes back to the parish for projects and ministries.

Healing and Reconciliation Appeal has surpassed \$70,784.

Thank you for your continued support of both appeals. Without your prayers and financial support, many of the needs of our smaller parishes, missions and ministries throughout the diocese would be unmet.

Please continue to keep these needs in your prayers.

How to make contributions:

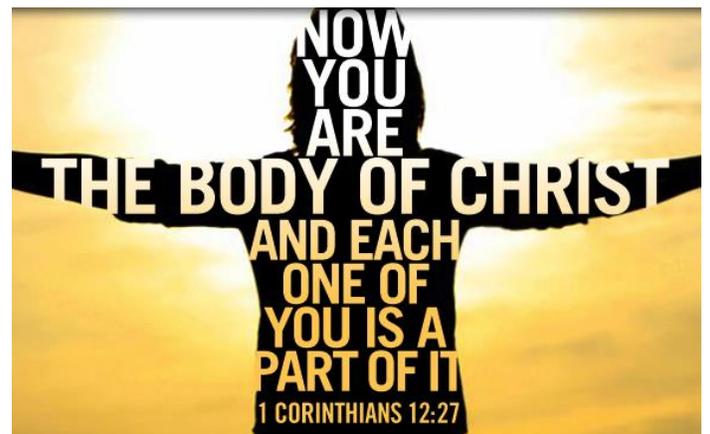
- Use the donation package- mail or submit in donation basket
- E-Transfers may be sent to:
appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca

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 provided.

Diocesan Wednesday Weekly Links

- [January 12, 2022 Appeal Details in the Diocesan Wednesday Weekly](#)
- [January 19, 2022 Wednesday Weekly Link](#)

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