

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 ~ 26th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

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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

*Whoever is not against us is for us.
If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off.*

Mark 9.38-43,47-48

Our Catholic Church has been shaken over and over by sexual abuse scandal. Today's *Gospel* reminds us that scandal is nothing new in the Christian community, as we hear Jesus sanction those who would cause scandal. But today's *Gospel* also gives us another teaching of Christ that is also timely in the midst of our current troubles.

"WHOEVER IS
NOT AGAINST
US IS FOR US."

Jesus cautions his disciples that they must not obstruct anyone who is working in the name of Jesus. Like Moses in our First Reading, we must welcome the diverse ways God bestows his Spirit among us.

I'd like to think that Jesus is asking us in the Church today to simply stop and listen. It may be difficult to hear those who are critical of how some in authority have acted. It may be hard to listen to the pain-filled stories of the victims of abuse. It may be tough to discern which calls for change are legitimate and the work of the Spirit.

But if we're to be true to the whole of today's *Gospel*, then we need to apply Jesus' own test: "whoever is not against us is for us." Voices calling for honesty, compassion, truth, forgiveness, contrition sound a lot like the voice of Christ. May the Spirit help us to listen and discern.

From Father Greg Friedman, OFM
Sunday Soundbites

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.

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.

In Prayful Solidarity

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The first annual **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** will be observed on Thursday, September 30. Catholics across the diocese are encouraged to attend Mass on that day as an occasion for reflection and prayer for healing among our indigenous brothers and sisters. Our intercession is a practical expression of our desire to understand our history and promote the well-being of all who share this land as home.

Thanksgiving food drive for SVDP

Today we begin our annual food drive for St. Vincent de Paul. There are paper bags available in the foyer with a list of suggested items. **ONLY** non-perishable food items. Please return to church on or before October 10.



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.

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

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.



"We cannot all do great things,
but we can do small things with
great love."

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

DIOCESAN APPEAL

DIOCESAN GOAL: \$200,000

OUR PARISH GOAL: \$19,554



The diocese will conduct the **Diocesan Appeal** and the **Bishops' of BC of Healing and Reconciliation Campaign** simultaneously but as separate collections. The goal of the Bishops' Appeal for Healing and Reconciliation is to support residential school survivors and Indigenous communities in our province. Unlike the Diocesan Appeal, the Healing and Reconciliation **is not an annual collection**.

It is our sincere hope that the Healing and Reconciliation Campaign will help to restore trust and further the ongoing journey to truth and healing.

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.

How to make contributions:

- Use the donation package
- 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.

This year on Canada Helps there are two Appeal options – one for **Called Together** and one for the **Healing and Reconciliation Appeal**.

Please use the message/comments box in Canada Helps and e-Transfer to indicate four things:

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 inquiries contact James at jfowlie@pgdiocese.bc.ca or call the Pastoral Centre at 250-964-4424.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT

Have you considered pre-authorized debit as a way to simplify your contributions to the parish on a bi-weekly or monthly basis? If so, check out our website at <https://www.icparish.ca/> or pick up a pre-authorized form from the church foyer and submit to the parish office with a **void cheque**. Please make cheques payable to **RCEC IC Parish** or **RCEC Immaculate Conception Parish**

PARISH FINANCIAL WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday Collection for weekend of: September 19, 2021	
Envelopes	2065.00
Loose Change	88.70
E-Transfers	760.00
Total Sunday Collection	2913.70
Holy Childhood	26.96
Holy Land	50.00
Building/Grounds Collection (roof)	60.00

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!

Cache Creek

Retreat:

October 13-15

Call/text:

250-267-5081

rvkamloops@yahoo.ca

Kelowna Retreat:

October 29 to 31

Call/email:

250-762-2273

info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com

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

Monthly Adoration

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, the 12th October at the Domano Chapel.

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

Upcoming Dates and Events

- Sep 26 Distribution of paper bags for SVDP food drive
- Sep 30 Truth and Reconciliation Day
- Oct 3 Appeal- Commitment Sunday
- Oct 3 Stewardship Sunday
- Oct 11 Thanksgiving Day
- Oct 12 Monthly Adoration
SVDP pick-up of food donations
Soup Kitchen Preparation
- Oct 13 Soup Kitchen
- Oct 13 School – Rosary Assembly

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