

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

NOVEMBER 14, 2021—33RD Sunday of Ordinary Time
World Day of the Poor

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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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GRAND KNIGHT:

Soup Kitchen

K of C Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

The Son of man will gather the elect from the four winds.

Mark 13-24-32

There's an old Chinese blessing--or is it a curse--"May you live in interesting times!"

We live in times marked with the constant threat of terrorism, dizzying changes in technology, and a struggle by people just to keep up. I suspect we'd all trade a lot of the chaos for something less "interesting."



We're in good company. Read today's passage from the thirteenth chapter of the *Gospel of Mark*. It's from a section of "apocalyptic" sayings by Jesus. "Apocalyptic" writing in the Bible deals with the future and is full of strange and poetic symbolism. Its meaning can be a mystery.

Scripture scholars suggest that this chapter of Mark reflects in part the chaotic times in which Mark's community lived--perhaps in the midst of Roman persecution. Fear, violence, threats to the community were a reality. Christians must have wondered if the end was near.

In response, Mark reassures us with the words of Jesus. In verses just preceding today's selection, we hear that the end of all things must wait until the gospel is proclaimed to the ends of the earth--a task still in process today. True, Christians must struggle, but they're not to retreat from chaos. Instead, we must be in the midst of it, active witnesses to hope. Jesus' words--full of hope--will never pass away.

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

[Message of his Holiness Pope Francis for the 5th World Day of the Poor](#)



YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE POOR WITH YOU

In 2017, Pope Francis instituted the World Day of the Poor so that "throughout the world Christian communities can become an every greater sign of Christ's charity for the least and those most in need."

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.

**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.**

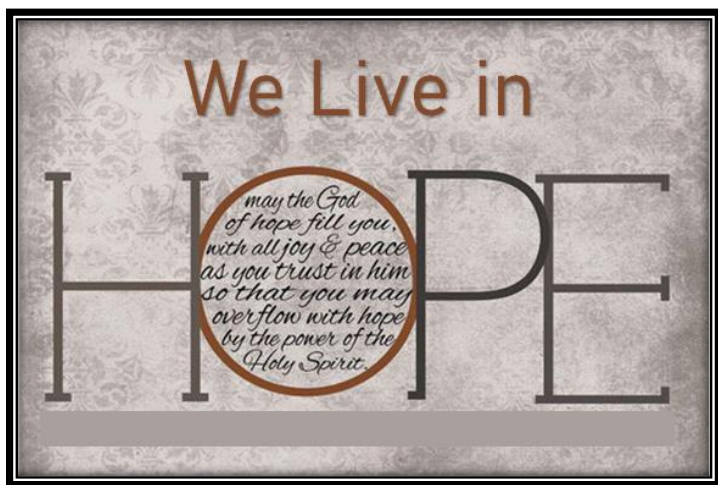
Thank you for sharing your TIME, TALENT and TREASURE

Indigenous Representatives to meet with Pope Francis in December

From December 17-20, 2021, Pope Francis will meet with a delegation of 25-30 First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Elders, knowledge keepers, residential school survivors, and youth. The delegation will be accompanied by a small group of Canadian Bishops.

The Assembly of First Nations, the Métis National Council, the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, and other Indigenous leaders have been involved in planning the delegation through ongoing dialogue with the CCCB. Vatican representatives have also confirmed that the Holy Father will take part in private meetings with the First Nations, Inuit and Métis delegates to hear their personal stories of the legacy of the residential schools. There will also be an opportunity for the delegates to share their hopes and expectations for the Holy Father's future pilgrimage to Canada with him directly.

Read the full CCCB news release [here](#).



IC School Fundraiser



The IC School Parent Support Group (PSG) has brought back the Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser in time for Christmas. It was very successful last year, and they hope to meet or surpass last year's goal of \$10,000.00 in sales. As part of this fundraiser, the PSG will receive 25% of profits from each sale to help support the school!

Orders must be in and paid for online by Monday, the 29th of November.

Catalogues have been sent home with IC students, and there are some available at the parish office for parishioners.

Please use this link to order.

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1226657-88858>

A notification will be sent out once the orders have arrived at the school and are ready for pick up.

If you have questions; school contact is Stephanie at Sprimus83@outlook.com or Martha at the parish office. Thank you



DIOCESAN APPEAL

CHECK OUT DIOCESAN WEBPAGE FOR MORE DETAILS

OUR PARISH GOAL is \$ 19, 554.00

we have achieved \$25,810.00 of our goal.

The Diocesan Appeal is \$1,800 closer to its goal. The Healing and Reconciliation Appeal added another \$800 to the total to reach \$53,662 pledged. There are \$5,000 in additional pledges to be returned as parish rebates.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed the financial and spiritual needs of our diocese. Please continue to pray for the many needs of our small parishes, missions and ministries throughout Northern B.C.

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.

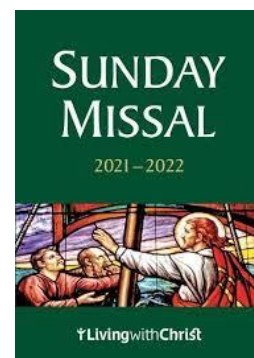
For further inquiries contact James at jfowlie@pgdiocese.bc.ca or call the Pastoral Centre at 250-964-4424.

Covid UPDATE November 10, 2021

An announcement will be made early next week to provide updated guidelines for places of worship in British Columbia based on the circumstances of each region.

Sunday Missals 2021-22

These are available and for sale for \$5.00 each. Please call the parish office to pick-up.





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