

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

NOVEMBER 28, 2021—1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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We are a Catholic community nourished through
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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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HOSPITALITY/COFFEE Eva Gillis &
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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

Your redemption is drawing near.

Luke 21.25-28,34-36



We spend about 98 percent of our lives waiting for something else to happen to us. Only rarely do we find ourselves inside what Henri Nouwen called a *fully pregnant moment*, that is, where we can say to

ourselves: "Right now I don't want to be in any other place, with any other people, or doing anything other than what I am doing right now!" Mostly we are in one situation, with certain people, doing certain things, but are waiting for that to end so that something else or someone else can appear in our lives.

We experience this in many ways: Sometimes we are just waiting for our bus arrive, for our workday to end, or for a cherished friend to visit. But at other times our impatience is deeper, and we ache for a new season in our lives, a new person to fall in love with, a more meaningful career, or for the courage to finally face up to a nagging problem. We are always waiting.

In that sense, we are always in "advent," a word that comes from the Latin, *Adventus*, meaning, "coming." We long for someone or something to come along and bring new meaning into our lives. For us, as Christians, we see that new meaning in the coming of Christ.

The season of Advent is a time to get in touch with our longing, our aching, our frustrations. Its crimson color speaks not of penance, but of desire—and, in desire, we can, as the mystics say, enter into the loneliness of God and intuit the Kingdom.

RONALD ROLHEISER

First Sunday of Advent



Wednesday, December 22 at 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 23 at 10:30 AM

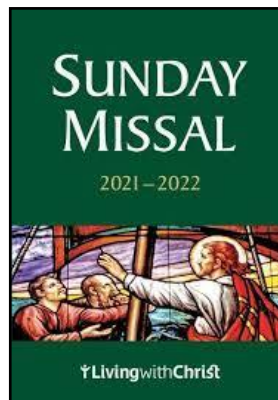
Covid UPDATE

Northern Health is maintaining current [regional public health orders](#) in response to sustained rates of COVID-19 activity and the impact on health care resources. The Northern region still has some of the lowest vaccination rates in BC. There are ongoing vaccine clinic opportunities throughout the region; [find a clinic](#) near you.

We will continue with livestream Mass on Sunday at 10AM, and Monday to Friday at 9:00AM. With drive through Communion.

Please note there is no expiry on this current order.

Sunday Missals 2021-22



These are available and for sale for \$5.00 each. Please call the parish office to pick-up. They will also be available during the drive through communion on Sunday.

Offering/donation Envelopes

If you have used envelopes in the past for your church offerings, and would like to continue, please call the parish office for pick-up. The envelopes have arrived.

Some numbers may be different this year – as we have fewer envelope packages.

If you use pre-authorized debits and would like to have the extra collections envelopes, we have packages of just special collection envelopes.

Please call the office ASAP at 250-964-4898

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.

Advent

Although we continue to celebrate Advent as a season, it is considerably more than that.

Advent is a way of life, lived in watchfulness for the God who comes -- not just at Christmas, but every day, in myriad ways and in many wonderful and sometimes distressing disguises.

Therefore we wait -- not passively, twiddling our thumbs, but actively.

DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

CHECK OUT DIOCESAN WEBPAGE FOR MORE DETAILS

OUR PARISH GOAL is \$ 19, 554.00

we have achieved \$28,210.00 of our goal.

The diocesan goal is just over 88% in pledges, or \$176,353 in contributions which will go to our smaller parishes, missions and ministries. In addition, parishes received another \$6,700 in donations that will go back to the parishes, for a total of nearly \$64,000 in rebates.

Healing and Reconciliation Appeal is almost at \$60,000. We continue to work on plans as to how those funds will be used.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed, whether financial or spiritual, all appreciated.

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.

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 for manual/hard copy please see Martha.

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



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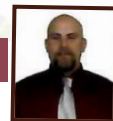
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