

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

DECEMBER 19, 2021—4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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.



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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

*Why has this happened to me,
that the mother of my Lord comes to me?*

Luke 1.39-45

Christmas is often a time for different generations in a family to come together. Grandparents delight in sharing Christmas memories with the youngest family members. On our Christmas tree we hang both new and old ornaments. Our celebrations this year usually prompt us to remember Christmases long past.



Today's Liturgy of the Word offers us a meeting between old and new. In our *Gospel*, the Old Covenant--represented by Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist--meets the New Covenant, symbolized by Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Our Second Reading, from the *Letter to the Hebrews*, presents Jesus--whose sacrificial death on the cross replaces the sacrifices of the old law.

God's promise to shepherd his flock spans both the old and the new covenants, as our First Reading tells us. The birth of the shepherd-Messiah from the line of David will fulfill ancient promises and usher in an age of peace.

Such fulfillment, such peace, is what both old and young long for as we gather to celebrate Christmas this season. Perhaps the Christmas celebrations in our families might have room for some time of prayer and storytelling which would allow for those hopes to be voiced. For we celebrate the birth of the One who personifies peace: Jesus Christ, born into our world to fulfill the ancient longings of the human family.

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



Second Sunday of Advent
Wednesday, December 22 at 6:30 PM
Thursday, December 23 at 10:30 AM

Christmas Masses

will be available via

Livestream/virtual and in-person

Christmas Eve 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Christmas Day 10:00 AM

Livestream links will be provided on our webpage and distributed by email.

If you would like to attend Mass in-person according to the Covid Restrictions below, you can email the parish office (please provide the number of people attending) or reserve a ticket at Eventbrite available at <https://www.icparish.ca/>

50% capacity is 150 people in the church and 200 in the hall. Reservations do not guarantee a place in the church but in the building.

Please ensure that you can provide proof vaccination.

Covid Restrictions

We are allowed to have in-person Mass as per Northern Health Medical Officer and the [PHO](#).

In order to do this, we must comply with: ([SECTION F- Pages 17 & 18](#)) which states:

1. All people over the age of 11 who attend worship services are required to show proof of vaccination.
2. All must have face coverings-- officiants and participants except when reading, leading, or taking part in ritual (i.e. receiving communion)
 - a. A face covering must be worn in a manner that covers the nose and mouth.
4. Comply with the maximum 50% capacity. IC is 150 people the church and 200 people in the hall
IC will:
 1. Have Livestream available for the vulnerable and the unvaccinated.
 2. Distribution of communion
 - a. In the church foyer once the church has been vacated for 10 minutes after Mass has ended.

We ask that those wanting to receive communion be at the church before 15 min prior to the hour. i.e. 9:00 AM Mass--arrive by 9:45AM

The expiry date on this current order is January 31, 2022.

Dispensation of the Obligation to Attend Mass

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During the time of restrictions imposed by the Northern Health Authority on in-person attendance at religious services, the dispensation from the Sunday obligation will continue.

We look forward to the day when we will be in the situation of the rest of the province, which allows everyone access to the church building.

Offering/donation Envelopes

The envelopes are ready, please drop by the parish for pickup.

Note there are fewer full envelope packages, those who had #211 + for a number been assigned a new number.

Those who use the pre-authorized debits have been provided with only the special collections envelopes, also ready for pickup.

Please call the office 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.



Blessed

are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.



DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

CHECK OUT DIOCESAN WEBPAGE FOR MORE DETAILS

OUR PARISH GOAL is \$ 19, 554.00

we have achieved \$30,405.00 of our goal.

Thanks to the support of generous donors, the diocesan goal is nearly 91% or \$18,508 away from the total.

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. More than \$83,000 will be given to parishes once pledges are collected.

Healing and Reconciliation Appeal has surpassed \$64,000.

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.

[CLICK HERE TO SEE this week's Diocesan Wednesday Weekly](#)



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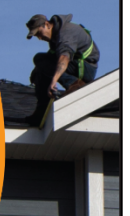
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