

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

FEBRUARY 27, 2022—8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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..for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

Luke 6. 39-45



Lent is just around the corner—and today's Scriptures can help you plan your Lenten observance.

But first recall the purpose of Lent: A time to prepare candidates for baptism, and to call baptized Christians to penance, conversion, and a renewed commitment to Christ at Easter.

Conversion involves the heart. The Hebrew sage Sirach uses metaphors to explain how our speech reveals what's in our heart. A clay pot is only as good as how it was fired; a tree's fruit reveals how well the tree was cared for.

Luke offers agricultural images from Jesus to make a similar point. "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit." Jesus' focus is the heart: "from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks"—good or evil. We're to behave in ways which go beyond society's accepted standards. That's how God acts toward us.

Take the final phrase of today's *Gospel* as a handy norm for observing Lent: "From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." Be creative in what you choose as external Lenten practices, but be certain they lead you to conversion in speech and action from a renewing heart.

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

## 2021 Tax Receipts were mailed on February 25, 2022.

There is only one receipt printed for each family if you require a duplicate, please call or email the parish office.

**Please note that donations made to the Appeal and/or to Healing and Reconciliation will be issued by the Diocesan Pastoral Centre.**

**LENT**  
 Pray + Fast + Give

Check out some of these links:

- ["What is Lent?"](#)
- [Lent in 3 minutes](#)
- [How to live this Lent for others](#)
- [Lent|Catholic Central – great for young people and teens.](#)

## Ash Wednesday – March 2, 2022 Lent begins on



It is a day of fasting and abstaining from meat. Lent is a period of 6 weeks or 40 days (Sundays are excluded).

It is a time of preparation for Easter.

Lent gives us an opportunity to enter into a penitential time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

During Lent the liturgical colour used for the priest's vestments and for the altar linens is **purple**.

**PURPLE/VIOLET** is a somber color which symbolizes mourning, suffering, humility, and the willingness to do penance. It is associated with suffering of Jesus' Passion, when the soldiers clothed him in a purple cloak (Mk 15:17-20; Jn 19:2-3).

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS or see attached:

- **Ash Wednesday Mass**  
**March 2, 2022** 9:00 AM  
 7:00 PM
- **Stations of the Cross (no Mass afterwards)**  
 Fridays during Lent  
**Beginning March 4, 2022** 7:00 PM  
 Also known as The Way of the Cross, offers a chance to think about the crucifixion of Jesus. Each station is an opportunity to think about the pain and suffering Jesus went through because God loves us.
- **Rite of Election**  
**March 6, 2022**  
**Sacred Heart Cathedral** 2:00PM
- **Reflections During Lent**  
 Thursday mornings after morning Mass  
**Beginning March 10, 2022**
- **Healing Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**  
**March 25, 2022** 9:00 AM  
 Feast of the Annunciation
- **Communal Reconciliation** 6:30 PM  
 April 7, 2022 Or before any Mass or by appointment.

## Peace and Development



This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's *People and Planet First* campaign calls you to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their rights and the planet. Do this by:

1. **Donating** online at [devp.org/give](https://devp.org/give) or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on April 3, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 85 projects in 27 countries around the world!
2. **Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine** and other resources available at [devp.org/lent/resources](https://devp.org/lent/resources).
3. **Signing the petition** for strong laws to control Canadian corporations' behaviour abroad at [devp.org/act](https://devp.org/act).
4. **See attached or [click here for 2022 Solidarity Calendar](#)**. Print, put on your fridge, follow the journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

## Chrism Mass April 5, 2022 @ 7:00PM

### Mark your calendar



### Camp Morice is Hiring!

Camp Morice is looking for two people who are Catholic, outgoing, energetic, and love running youth programs to fill our "Year Long Program Director" and our "Summer Assistant Program Director" positions! If either of these interest you, please go to our website for the full job description [www.campmorice.ca](http://www.campmorice.ca) or contact [president@campmorice.com](mailto:president@campmorice.com) for more info!

### [Link for Diocesan Wednesday Weekly February 23, 2022](#)

**Updated Covid Restrictions remain the same for places of worship as of February 16, 2022 click link below**

### [Restrictions for places of worship](#) [A Mask /Face Covering is REQUIRED for Worship services](#)

- We continue to 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.
- We continue to livestream for the time being at 11:00AM Sunday morning and Monday to Friday at 9:00AM



The CCCB has announced that the Indigenous Delegation to Rome has been rescheduled to the end of March and beginning of April. The Delegation was originally scheduled for December but was postponed due to the evolving situation with the Omicron variant.

Pope Francis is now scheduled to meet with the delegates during the week of March 28th, with a final audience for all participants to take place on April 1, 2022. To see the full statement from the CCCB, [please click here](#).

### DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- |                           |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| • Fast from hurting words | ...and say kind words.              |
| • Fast from sadness       | ...and be filled with gratitude.    |
| • Fast from anger         | ...and be filled with patience.     |
| • Fast from pessimism     | ...and be filled with hope.         |
| • Fast from worries       | ...and have trust in God.           |
| • Fast from complaints    | ...and contemplate simplicity.      |
| • Fast from pressures     | ...and be prayerful.                |
| • Fast from bitterness    | ...and fill your hearts with joy.   |
| • Fast from selfishness   | ...and be compassionate to others.  |
| • Fast from grudges       | ...and be reconciled.               |
| • Fast from words         | ...and be silent so you can listen. |





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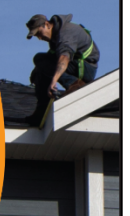
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# February 27, –April 9, 2022

## Immaculate Conception Parish

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>February 27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>March 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of OT Mass 9, 11 AM & 7PM	Mass 9:00 AM	Mass 9:00 AM	Mass 9:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM 	Mass 9:00 AM	Mass 9:00AM Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM 	
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sun of Lent Mass 9, 11 AM & 7PM	Mass 9:00AM	Mass 9:00AM	Mass 9:00AM	Mass 9:00AM Reflection during Lent	Mass 9:00AM Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM	
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun of Lent Mass 9, 11 AM & 7PM	Mass 9:00AM <b>School out for Spring Break</b>	Mass 9:00AM Soup Kitchen	Mass 9:00AM Soup Kitchen	Mass 9:00AM Reflection during Lent	<b>Mass 9:00AM</b> Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM	
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun of Lent Mass 9, 11 AM & 7PM	Mass 9:00AM	Mass 9:00AM	Mass 9:00AM	Mass 9:00AM Reflection during Lent	<b>Healing Mass 9:00AM</b> Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM	
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Lent Mass 9, 11 AM & 7PM	Mass 9:00AM <b>School back in session</b>	Mass 9:00AM	Mass 9:00AM	Mass 9:00AM Reflection during Lent	Mass 9:00AM Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM	
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Lent Mass 9, 11 AM & 7PM	Mass 9:00AM	Mass 9:00AM Chrism Mass SHC @ 7PM	Mass 9:00AM	Mass 9:00AM • Reflection during Lent • Communal Reconciliation 6:30 PM	Mass 9:00AM Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM	

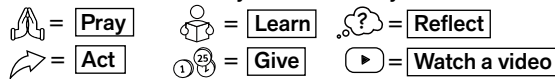


### PLEASE NOTE

- February 27, 2022 will be the **Rite of Welcome** for those journeying in the RCIA program at the 11:00AM Mass
- March 6, 2022 will be the **Rite of Election** for those journeying in the RCIA program at Sacred Heart @

## Let your creativity loose!

Choose a colour for each symbol and colour your calendar boxes:



GET READY! Decorate a recycled container to collect donations throughout Lent. Bring the money you collect to your parish's Solidarity Sunday collection or donate online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give).

When you see this icon, go to [devp.org/lentcalendar](http://devp.org/lentcalendar).

Share a photo of your decorated calendar on social media, remembering to tag @DevPeace #ShareLent2022 or email it to [lent@devp.org](mailto:lent@devp.org).  
Happy Share Lent!

**March 2**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
What is Share Lent? [Watch this video](#) to find out.

**March 3**  
Commit to put people and planet first during Lent.

**March 4**  
Do you know the seven Rs that can minimize your footprint on the Earth?

**March 5**  
Plant a seed and watch it sprout and grow until Easter.

**March 6**  
**First Sunday of Lent**  
Pray the Holy Spirit guides us in putting people and the planet first.

**March 21**  
Pope Francis reminds us that "The warming caused by huge consumption on the part of some rich countries has repercussions on the poorest areas of the world" (*Laudato Si'*, 51). How could we consume or use less?

**March 22**  
Simple actions can reduce pollution and global warming. During Lent, try to avoid single-use plastics and instead buy things in bulk.

**March 23**  
**World Water Day**  
Give 25¢ for every tap you turn on today (whether at home, in school or at work).

**24 mars**  
If your community was threatened by the arrival of a polluting company, how would you defend your rights?

**March 25**  
Do you know Víctor Vásquez? This Lenca Indigenous leader was imprisoned in Honduras for defending his ancestral territory against corporations. [Watch to learn more.](#)

**March 26**  
Give \$2 to support Development and Peace's partners like Caritas Choluteca in Honduras, who help communities defend their rights.

**March 7**  
Could you use less disposable packaging? Give 25¢ for each package in your trash can and 10¢ for each package in your recycling bin.

**March 20**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**  
Say a prayer for the activists who are threatened and even imprisoned for insisting on the right to a healthy environment.

**April 6**  
Pray that each and every one of us can live in dignity, peace and security.

**April 5**  
In Cambodia, small fishing communities are organizing to protect fish and aquatic plants, with the help of Development and Peace partner DPA.

**March 19**  
Make and sell some muffins to raise funds for Development and Peace! Every donation helps our partners fight injustice. Thank you!

**March 18**  
Canada must enact a law to protect people and the planet from companies behaving badly. [Sign the petition](#) with your family.

**March 17**  
Why does Canada need a corporate responsibility law? [Watch this video to find out.](#)

**April 4**  
[\(Re\)watch the animated video](#) For our Common Home. Do something to take care of the Earth.

**April 3**  
**Solidarity Sunday**  
Bring your donation jar to church for today's Solidarity Sunday collection or donate online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give).  
THANK YOU!

**March 16**  
Donate 50¢ for every electronic device in your home. Be sure to recycle them safely because they contain toxic pollutants.

**April 7**  
When it comes to putting people and planet first, every gesture counts. Help us [to spread solidarity!](#)

**April 16 Holy Saturday**  
Would your family want to Share Year-Round? Monthly giving is better for you, us, our partners and the people they serve. [devp.org/shareyearround](http://devp.org/shareyearround)

**April 15**  
**Good Friday**  
It's time for the *Spreading Solidarity* challenge! Remind your friends and family to contribute to your Development and Peace fundraising page.

**April 2**  
Are you up for the Good Friday *Spreading Solidarity* challenge? Start an online fundraising page and invite friends and family to donate. [devp.org/spreadingsolidarity](http://devp.org/spreadingsolidarity)

**March 15**  
What would you do if a company set up shop near you, contaminated your drinking water and refused to even discuss it with you? Talk with your family.

**April 8**  
Imagine having to leave your home and move because pollution, conflict or climate change is making life impossible. Our partner DPA helped a Cambodian community avoid that fate when their river began running out of fish.

**April 17 Happy Easter!**  
He is risen! May his rising inspire us to live as Jesus did, in love and solidarity, sharing with our sisters and brothers.

**April 14**  
**Holy Thursday**  
Have you heard of *Fratelli tutti*? It's Pope Francis's encyclical on fraternity and social friendship. [Watch this animated video](#) to learn more about it.

**April 1**  
Development and Peace is active in almost 30 countries. Check out the map on our [website](#) to see which ones.

**March 14**  
Some Canadian companies do not respect the environment and human rights in the Global South. What can you do about it? [Watch to find out.](#)

**April 13**  
We are all sisters and brothers. Change our hearts, Lord, so that we may love one another.

**April 12**  
Has the seed you planted grown? With time, love and care, we can all grow, too!

**March 31**  
There are great and growing inequalities between the world's richest and the poorest people. How could we live in a more just and equal world?

**March 13**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**  
Pray that every person in our human family can live with dignity in a healthy environment.

**April 11**  
We are all connected with one another. Act with respect for people, the planet and future generations.

**April 10**  
**Palm Sunday**  
Let us pray for the courage to defend those who are enduring unjust situations.

**March 30**  
How do you show your solidarity? Do something concrete to help a neighbour today.

**March 12**  
A group of Madagascan students planted over 3,000 trees to combat climate change. Donate \$1 for every tree on your property (or 5¢ a tree if you live in forest!).

**March 27**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
Pray for the chance to share beauty and joy rather than pollution and destruction.

**March 28**  
What is solidarity? Let's think about it as helping one's neighbour in a spirit of unity and acting together for the good of all. Reflect on your definition.

**March 29**  
Development and Peace stands with its partners as equals. Let's share with them. Support them by giving \$2.

**March 8**  
**International Women's Day**  
Around the world, girls and women are fighting to protect the environment and our future. Have you heard of Berta Cáceres, Autumn Peltier or Medha Patkar?

**March 9**  
Madagascar is a country very vulnerable to climate change. [Discover in this video](#) how our partner, CDA, is helping by working with communities to build ecological villages.

**March 10**  
Choose locally produced food and goods to reduce your impact on the Earth.

**March 11**  
Primary school kids have spoken up for the planet! [Check out what they said!](#) Have your own say on social media with a photo or video mentioning @DevPeace.

*Thank you for your participation and your generosity!*