

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

APRIL 10, 2022—PALM SUNDAY



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MASS TIMES:	Daily	Monday – Friday 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 Passion of our
Lord Jesus Christ

Luke 23.1-49





**“Father, forgive them,
they know not what they do.”**

These words of Jesus from Luke’s account of Christ’s passion and death reveal the compassion of the Suffering Servant. Hello, I’m Franciscan Fr. Greg Friedman and this is the *Sunday Soundbite* for Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion.

Each of the evangelists has a distinctive portrait of Jesus as he walks the way to Calvary. Luke remains consistent to the characteristics he’s highlighted all through his *Gospel*. He especially depicts Jesus’ concern for those on the margins of society--shown as the Lord heals in the Garden, comforts the weeping women, forgives his executioners, and welcomes the repentant thief.

Many of us I’m sure, have known people near death who show more concern about the feelings of those around them than for themselves. We marvel at the self-sacrifice such heroic love involves. Here in this Sunday’s account of the Passion is the model for all love--the sacrificial love of Jesus, which continues to be available for each of us.

Luke painted this portrait specifically for a Christian community in the latter half of the first century, which faced internal doubts and external persecution. It seems clear that he’s urging them—and us, the Church at the beginning of the Third Millennium—to cling fast to the image of the Suffering Messiah, whose example of love ought to guide our personal and communal life as Christians and as the Church.

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

[Now we remain – By David Haas](#)

Song of prayer for your HOLY WEEK

Triduum 2022 April 14-17

at Immaculate Conception Parish

 Holy Thursday 7:00 PM	 Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10:00AM Veneration of the Cross 3:00 PM	 Easter Vigil Saturday 7:00 PM	 Easter Sunday 9:00 & 11:00AM NO 7:00PM Mass
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DATES and EVENTS

- **Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022**
Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00PM
- **Good Friday, April 15, 2022**
 ~**Stations of the Cross** 10:00AM
 ~**Veneration of the Cross** 3:00PM
 ~**Collection for Holy Land:** this is taken for the support of the Holy Land – for the work of the Church, the support of Christian communities, the upkeep of the Holy Sites, and the formation of future priests. Please give as best you can to support the Church and Christian community. Thank you
- **Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022**
 ~**Blessing of Easter Food** 11:00AM
 ~**Easter Vigil** 7:00PM
- **Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022**
Mass Times 9:00AM & 11:00AM
NO 7:00PM Mass on Easter Sunday



First Holy Communion
April 23, 2022 2:00 PM

Videos for Holy Week

- [Holy week in 3 minutes](#)
- [Holy Week for Children](#)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – April 12, 2022

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to adoration on **Tuesday, April 12, 2022** of Holy Week- at Domano Chapel, 6500 Southridge Ave. **Mass at 7:30 AM** and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM for a day of silent prayer and adoration. We will pray for the universal Church and the world, and for the people and needs of our Diocese. Please mark your calendar for the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Support Ukraine through CNEWA

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) is a papal agency dedicated to addressing the needs of near-eastern countries and implementing solutions with and through the Church in those countries.

Donations for Ukraine can be sent to CNEWA the following ways:

- <https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/Ukraine/>
- Call 1-866-322-4441
- Or Send cheques to CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association) Canada, 223 Main Street, Box 80, Ottawa ON K1S 1C4

Or you can make your donation to Immaculate Conception parish. Please make cheque payable to RCEC Immaculate Conception. The parish will forward the donations collected. There will be a separate basket for the donations beside the regular donation basket.

*We flee to the shelter of your mercy,
O Virgin Mother of God.
Do not reject our prayers of anguish, but free us
from tribulation, O only pure and blessed one*

The Share Hope Refugee Sponsorship Committee is working with a city-wide PG4Ukraine initiative.

Funds are being raised in coordination with efforts to help displaced persons and refugees fleeing from the war in the Ukraine. This includes the option to relocate to Prince George.

Donations can be made directly to the parish mark envelope or cheque with "Share Hope Refugee Sponsorship Committee." This is separate from the basket we have out for the Ukraine.

You can also donate through CanadaHelps using the "Ukraine" option on the Diocese of Prince George webpage located [here](#).

The Committee is always looking for new members to join in their efforts.

For more information, contact Eva Gillis at 778-349-7001.

[Link for the Diocesan Wednesday Weekly for April 6, 2022](#)

Progress on the Path of Reconciliation

Bishop Stephen Jensen welcomed the news of Pope Francis' message of apology to residential school survivors at the end of his week of meetings with Indigenous, Inuit, and Metis delegates in Rome. Another step on the journey of healing and reconciliation.

Last year, the diocese embarked on a fundraising appeal to support residential school survivors, their families and communities, and to promote reconciliation among the indigenous and non-indigenous peoples. Over \$70,000.00 has been raised and it represents about half of the amount the diocese has pledged as its share of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' (CCCC) collective pledge of \$30 million across the country over the next five years.

The CCCC established a new registered charity to manage funds raised across the country with transparency and good governance.

All the funds pledged and raised from the diocese will be returned and used to support projects recommended by a local committee of Indigenous persons, which is in the process of being formed. The diocese will provide updates as this work proceeds.

We hope this initiative will be one more contribution to the work of fostering mutual respect and commitment to a shared future for all who call this land home. For further reading:

- <https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Bishops-Announce-Indigenous-Reconciliation-Fund.pdf>
- <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/canadas-catholic-bishops-welcome-pope-francis-apology-to-indigenous-peoples/>



Holy week is a privileged time when we are called to draw near to Jesus:

friendship with him is shown in times of difficulty.

Pope Francis

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