

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

APRIL 17, 2022—EASTER SUNDAY

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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.

OFFICE HOURS:	Monday to Friday	9:30AM – 3:00PM
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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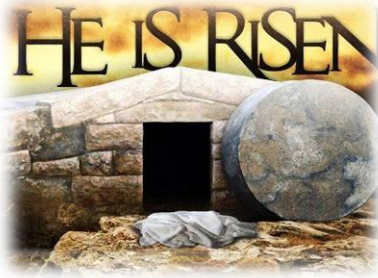
K of C Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month

*According to the Scripture:
Jesus must rise from the dead.*

John 20.1-18



“There is no tale ever told,” author J.R.R. Tolkien once wrote in an essay on storytelling, that people “would rather find was true.”



The Catholic author of *The Lord of the Rings* was speaking of the story of Jesus. Today as we accompany Peter and the Beloved Disciple making their way to the tomb, we might echo Tolkien’s comment.

Our faith—as St. Paul tells the Corinthians—rests on the truth of Jesus’ Resurrection. But establishing that truth isn’t a matter of science, history, or archaeology. It’s a matter of faith. We call upon the Holy Spirit—present to the Church—to assist us. In the Easter *Gospels* we hear the witness of the first followers of Jesus: Jesus was risen; they had experienced him alive in their midst. Their testimony in the Spirit moves us to a faith-filled “Alleluia.”

We live in a skeptical age. And yet in his essay, J.R.R. Tolkien pays tribute to the power of the Christian proclamation. He notes that there is no other story which so many skeptics “have accepted as true on its own merits.” Our Easter *Gospel* is a *story of living faith* in which we are participants, and to which we are now witnesses.

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

DATES and EVENTS



- **First Holy Communion**
April 23, 2022 2:00 PM

- **Share Hope meeting** Tuesday, April 26, 2022
St. Mary’s Church 7:00PM
- **Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration** at Sacred Heart Cathedral-- Sunday, April 24
Confessions at 2:00PM,
Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00PM
Mass at 3:15PM
- **The Celebration of Fr. Chris’s 25th Anniversary or Ordination**
June 3, 2022
Mass 7:00PM See invitation

[Link for the Diocesan Wednesday Weekly for April 13, 2022](#)

Easter Blessings:

A very Blessed Easter to all of you on behalf of the Parish Staff: Sr. Michaela, Jim, Martha, and myself.

Sincere gratitude to all those who have made our Triduum and Easter celebrations so beautiful: Linda and Sr. Michaela for the art and environment, the music ministries, all who ministered at the celebrations, and those who participated in the liturgies.

Congratulation to Patrick Plouffe, Jocelyn and Ryan Chowdrhy; and Samantha and Dustin Ruth who completed the Sacraments of Initiation at the vigil. May they continue to grow in their faith, as we support them in prayer as a church community.

With my Easter prayers and blessings.

Fr. Chris Lynch, Pastor

Why do we “have to” go to Mass?

Whether you’re eight or eighty years old, at some point in life, you’ve probably struggled with the question,

“Why do I have to go to Mass?”

You may

- at times just not feel like going.
- not like the music or the homilies in your parish.
- think Mass is boring.
- try to convince yourself that you can pray just as well outdoors or in the comfort of your own home.

Even though you know that going to Mass is a good thing, you can talk yourself out of going by focusing on those reasons. At first, you may feel some guilt, but eventually, justify your decisions by convincing yourself that you are too: busy, tired, bored, or frustrated.

When this happens, you miss the great gift that God gives to us in the Eucharist.

What if you changed your attitude about going to Mass? What if you began to think of Mass as the time in the week and/or day to connect, in a special way, with God and with your church community? What if you made Mass a priority?

The effects of these positive attitudes may surprise you. Research studies show that people who go to Church every week are:

- Less likely to suffer from depression.
- Less likely to abuse drugs or alcohol.
- More likely to have a solid sense of right and wrong.
- More likely to have a longer and a happier life.

Please know you are always welcome here at Immaculate Conception and let us know if we can help you in any way.



Please join us for 25th Anniversary
of the
Presbyteral Ordination
of

Father Chris Lynch

Mass will be celebrated
on

Friday, the third of June
two thousand and twenty two
at seven o'clock in the evening.

Ordination
June 6, 1997

A reception will follow in the Church Hall

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Please RSVP to Martha Primus by May 27th
call 250-964-4898 or email icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca

*"As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you; abide
in my love."*

John 15.9



Baby Bottle Campaign

Sunday, May 8th to Sunday, June 19, 2022.

Please join in the Annual Baby Bottles
Campaign sponsored by
Advokate Life & Education Services.

These baby bottles represent HOPE for
vulnerable women and families in need.

By filling a bottle, you're taking part in literally changing
and saving lives.



Bottles will be available May 24, 2022

Check out <https://babybottles.ca/>

DYC 2022 is right around the corner – May 6th & 7th

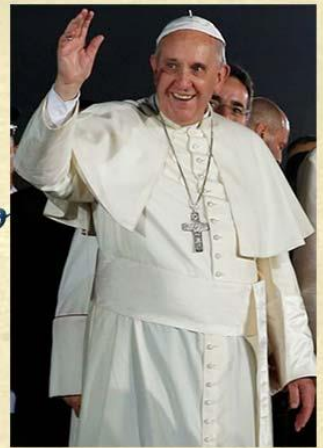
at Christ our Saviour Parish, here
in Prince George! Open to all
youth Gr. 7-12! Official
registration and more info was
released on Friday, April 15th

Contact Lisa Farrell at
lfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca



*We ask the risen
Jesus, who turns
death into life, to
change hatred into
love, vengeance
into forgiveness,
war into peace.*

~ Pope Francis ~



Since the pandemic many of our
parishioners have not returned to church.
Consequently, this has affected our
finances, our expenses are greater than
what we are receiving in the Sunday
collections.

As you are aware the cost of everything
has sky-rocketed, which has put an
enormous burden on our expenditures.

Please think about increasing your
offering if you have not done so for
awhile. For those who have not been
contributing, please be aware that what
we provide as a parish community comes
with many expenses. i.e. utilities, salaries,
maintenance, insurance (which increased
by 70%), church and office supplies etc.
Thank you for your consideration.

THIS IS OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

A season of
REBIRTH
A time of **renewal**
A day of **RESURRECTION**
Today we share the **PEACE**
and **joy** that
God
offered us,
when he gave us
His only
SON.



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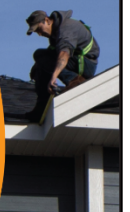
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