IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

APRIL 24, 2022—2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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

BISHOP ~DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE Most Rev. Stephen Jensen Email: sjensen@pgdiocese.bc.ca

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PASTORAL MINISTRIES CONTACTS

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR: Matt Brown HOME VISITS: Contact Parish Office

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR: Eva Gillis CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: TBA

HOSPITALITY/COFFEE Anita Santos CHURCH Sr. Michaela

SUNDAY: 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

After eight days Jesus came and stood among them.

John 20.19-31





"I'll need to see some proof"-how often have you used that expression?

Most of us are quick to call for proof for anything out of the ordinary. We don't want to be "taken in" by extravagant claims or scams.

So today's *Gospel*--the story of "Doubting Thomas"-has a modern appeal. It sounds natural to us for Thomas to want to have his doubts answered with real proof. But Jesus praises those who believe without any physical proof. He calls such believers "blessed."

This Easter story is specifically directed at us--those who would come to believe in Jesus down through the ages. We welcome the testimony of those who went before us: those who walked with Jesus after his resurrection and went on to witness to him throughout the world. We are part of a community of faith--a living legacy passed on from generation to generation, and often given at great cost, with personal sacrifice.

When we hear this *Gospel* proclaimed in a community of believers this Easter, we can take heart in the Lord's words. And where my faith wavers, I can gain strength from the Holy Spirit at work in the midst of the community of faith.

> From Father Greg Friedman, OFM Listen here to the Sunday Soundbites

DATES and EVENTS

- **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

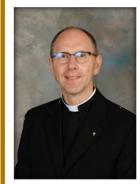
> June 3, 2022 Mass 7:00PM See invitation

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED THEIR FIRST COMMUNION.

Karleigh Allen Jacob Anderson Declan Boyd **Cain Carpenter Desmond Daigle** Lydia Grigg Asher Hogue JohnPaul Iorhemen

Kamila Abad-Mercedes Luka Jurkovic Johnson Laitinen Liann Mathew Zoey Matte Wyatt Murphy **Jackson Murray** Carolyn Padilla Benjamin St. Peter

GOD BLESS YOU!



Ordination June 6, 1997 Please join us for 25th Anniversary of the Presbyteral Ordination

Father Chris Lynch

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

Mass will be celebrated

A reception will follow in the Church Hall

Immaculate Conception Parish 3285 Cathedral Avenue Prince George, BC

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

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

John 15.9

Link for the Diocesan Wednesday Weekly for April 20, 2022



2022 Pastoral Appointments

Bishop Stephen Jensen announces the following clergy appointments, effective August 1, 2022

- Rev. John Garden Pastor, Immaculate Conception, Prince George
- Rev. Chris Lynch Pastor, Church of the Resurrection, Fort St. John
- Rev. Aruldhas Lucas, SAC Pastor, St. Mary's, Prince George
- Rev. Miguel Rabino Pastor, St. Patrick's, McBride

Leaving the diocese:

- Rev. Gilbert Bertrand, OMI
- Rev. Wes Szatanski, OMI

PG4Ukraine – Share Hope Refugee Sponsorship

The Share Hope Refugee Sponsorship Committee is part of a city wide PG4Ukraine initiative. They are raising funds and awareness in an effort to help displaced persons and refugees fleeing from the war in Ukraine.

If you would like to help with our fundraising efforts, you can donate directly to your Parish and mark it "in support of the Share Hope Refugee Sponsorship Committee."

You can also donate through CanadaHelps using the "Ukraine" option on the page for the Diocese of Prince George located here: https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/70838.

We are always looking for new members to join in our efforts.

For more information, contact Dick Mynen from St. Mary's at 250-565-4764 or Eva Gillis from Immaculate Conception at 778-349-7001.

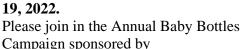


<u>DYC 2022 is right around the</u> <u>corner - May 6th & 7th</u> at Christ our Saviour Parish, here in Prince George! Open to all youth Gr. 7-12! For registration and more info

Contact Lisa Farrell at lvfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca

Baby Bottle Campaign

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



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.

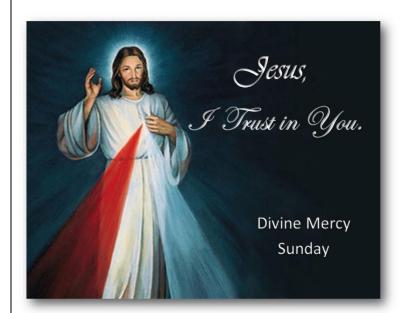
Bottles will be available May 24, 2022 Check out https://babybottles.ca/

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.

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