IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

JUNE 5, 2022—PENTECOST SUNDAY

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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

"Receive the Holy Spirit."



Shortly after Easter one year, a woman in my parish who had been received into the Church at the Easter Vigil told me how welcomed she felt in the

Catholic family. The sense of openness and tolerance she experienced was especially important to her.

It's a characteristic of Catholicism to see God's goodness in all of creation, in various human endeavors, and in the cultures and histories of human beings wherever the *Gospel* is preached. While we haven't always lived up to that ideal, I was happy that my new parishioner experienced something of that spirit.

That *universal* dimension is also one of the themes of Pentecost. The dramatic story of the descent of the Holy Spirit tells us how the Holy Spirit can break down walls we may put up between peoples, races, and cultures. What we see as obstacles, the Spirit can use to create a new unity--a reversal of the story of the Tower of Babel in *Genesis*, when people let human arrogance lead to disunity, as one human language fractured into many different tongues.

Today across the world a myriad of voices, different languages, and many cultural expressions will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. Let's join our voices with that Pentecost chorus.

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

Father Chris Honowing your Years of service

Drawn by Kate O'Brien

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince</u> <u>George (CISPG):</u>

- Teachers: Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George (CISPG) is hiring for September 2022, full-time teaching positions in Prince George, Terrace, Kitimat and Dawson Creek. Please help spread the word! Postings found at http://cispg.ca/careers/
- Principal for Sacred Heart School, PG: Catholic Independent Schools is looking for a principal for Sacred Heart Catholic School in Prince George. Click here to job posting for details.

St. Mary's Parish Secretary

St. Mary's Parish in Prince George is looking for a full-time secretary. Hours are 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week. Benefits included. For more information or to apply, send your resume to hr@stmaryspg.ca

Fort George Manor:

• Fort George Manor is looking for a part-time bookkeeper – a great opportunity for someone retired but not tired! Please see link for details.

DATES AND EVENTS

- Confirmation today, June 5, at Sacred Heart at 2:00PM for all the city parishes.

 MARK YOUR

 CALENDAR!
- Fr. Chris' last Sunday in the parish will be July 24, 2022.

Blessings on your 25th Anniversary of Ordination. May your life as a priest continue to be filled with His grace and joy. With thanksgiving for your years of Priestly ministry at Immaculate Conception Parish. May God bless you abundantly.

CCCB SUBMITS BRIEF TO THE SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON MAID

The CCCB has submitted a brief to the Special Joint Committee on MAiD urging them not to allow the expansion of euthanasia eligibility. They warn that euthanasia is a deterrence from improving access to viable alternatives and erodes the common good of society.

Click here to read the CCCB's full brief.

<u>Link for the Diocesan Wednesday Weekly</u> for June 1, 2022

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:

- Visit https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/
- Call 1-866-322-4441
- ➤ Send cheques to CNEWA Canada, 223 Main Street, Box 80, Ottawa ON K1S 1C4

PG4UKRAINE – SHARE HOPE REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

Share Hope Committee has been very active since the invasion of the Ukraine. Numerous families who made their way to Prince George and northern BC to seek refuge temporarily or permanently have received assistance. This has come in the form of travel, housing, language, job searchers, education and health, wellness and more. There is also support to families and individuals to connect socially with others. If you would like to get involved, please contact Eva Gillis at Immaculate Conception or Dick Mynen at St Mary's via email at pg.sharehope@gmail.com.

Share Hope is also fundraising to financially support those arriving in PG and the Northern region. There have been requests from many families, and funds have been distributed to those in need. If you would like to help with the fundraising efforts, please donate directly to your parish and mark it "in support of the Share Hope Refugee Sponsorship Committee" or 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. If you have a fundraising idea or initiative you would like to promote, contact pg.sharehope@gmail.com

FAMILY LOVE: VOCATION AND PATH TO HOLINESS – A CCCB VIDEO FOR THE 10TH WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

The 10th World Meeting of Families will take place from 22-26 June 2022 this year. It has been organized by the Diocese of Rome and the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life. This year, the event itself will be celebrated in all dioceses and eparchies across the world and not just in Rome.

To help bring the theme to life for dioceses and eparchies in Canada, the CCCB Standing Committee on Family and Life has produced and released "Family Love: Vocation and Path to Holiness," a short promotional video.

View the full press release and access the video on the CCCB's website: https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/press-release-world-meeting-of-families/

YOUNG ADULT AND FAMILY CAMP – REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Registration for the Young Adult and Family Camp is now open! See the registration links below to sign-up for one of the camps from June 30th to July 4th. The deadline for registration is June 19, 2022.

Young Adult Registration:

https://forms.gle/TFfUCvze2EJkASJ66

Family Registration:

https://forms.gle/5zMt4cgy612yUnxMA

Click here to see the posters for further details on the camps.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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