# **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

**Diocese of Prince George** 

# JUNE 19, 2022—MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



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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 Sunday	Monday – Friday 9:00AM 9:00AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM
SACRAMENTS:	Baptism Reconciliation Marriage	Contact Parish Office Before Mass, or by appointment Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance

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# PASTORAL MINISTRIES CONTACTS

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR:
PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR:
Hospitality/Coffee Sunday:
Knights of Columbus Grand Knight: K of C Meetings

2: Matt Brown 2: Eva Gillis E Anita Santos 7: S Dennis Fedyk 5:

<sup>5</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month

HOME VISITS: Contact Parish Office CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: TBA CHURCH Sr. Michaela ENVIRONMENT: Linda Boudreau SOCIAL ACTION: Sr. Michaela Soup Kitchen VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock



# All ate and were filled.

Luke 9.11b-17

# June 19, 2022—Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



A liturgist and teacher whom I know speaks of a part of the Mass which gets the least emphasis in our Sunday

celebration. It comes at the very end of Mass as the priest blesses the assembly and dismisses it. This short ceremony is really a "commissioning." We're being sent out into the world to put the whole meaning of the Sunday Eucharist into practical action in our lives.

Today's feast, which commemorates Christ's gift of himself in the Eucharist, has two Scripture selections which help us appreciate this "under-emphasized" part of the Mass. Listen to Saint Paul describe to the Corinthians how Jesus blessed and broke bread at the Last Supper, and then hear Luke's *Gospel* tell the story of Jesus feeding the crowd. The *Gospel* speaks of "blessing and breaking" the loaves as well.

Could Luke have meant us to hear this story of Jesus feeding the hungry and intended us to think about the meaning of Eucharist as well? How is Jesus the food that feeds our deepest hungers? And could that connection teach us what we're commissioned to do at every Eucharist: to take its power into everyday life where we're called to feed others, with both physical and spiritual food? Those are good questions to think about as we gather for Eucharist this weekend.

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

# To Fr. Chris and all fathers in our parish.



With sincere gratitude to all the people of Immaculate Conception Parish for helping me to celebrate 25 years of Priesthood.

Thank you for your gifts, cards, and best wishes. Thank you also to the organizing committee for their hard work behind the scenes, the music ministry, and all who helped at the Eucharistic Celebration.

Thanks also to Bishop Jensen and the priests of the diocese for their presence and for joining the celebration.

May God Bless you all abundantly!

Fr. Chris Lynch

#### DATES AND EVENTS

- Last day of school is June 28, 2022
- Fr. Chris' last Sunday in the parish will be July 24, 2022.
- Fr. John Garden's first Mass in the parish is August 1, 2022.

#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

• <u>Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of</u> <u>Prince 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, Smithers and Dawson Creek. Please help spread the word! Postings found at http://cispg.ca/careers/

## • <u>Camp Morice Society:</u>

We are looking for a person who is Catholic, outgoing, energetic, and loves running youth programs to fill our "Summer Assistant Program Director" position! If this interests you, please go to our website for the full job description www.campmorice.ca or contact president@campmorice.com for more info!

Link for the Diocesan Wednesday Weekly for June 15, 2022

# CNEWA CANADA RAISES \$4 MILLION TO SUPPORT UKRAINE

In the early weeks of February after the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, CNEWA Canada launched a campaign to raise money for relief efforts in Ukraine. In the 100 days since then, people across Canada have donated a historic \$4 million.

Msgr. Peter Vaccari, president of CNEWA, said "We're working quickly to direct this aid to those who need it most through our partners on the ground in Ukraine as transparently and securely as possible."

The full news release can be read here: <u>https://cnewa.org/ca/cnewa-canadas-ukraine-campaign-tops-4-million/</u>

Donations can continue to be made online, by phone, and through cheques in the mail as detailed on the following page.

#### 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 <u>https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/</u>
- ➤ 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: <u>https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/70838</u>. If you have a fundraising idea or initiative you would like to promote, contact <u>pg.sharehope@gmail.com</u>

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

The 10<sup>th</sup> 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: <u>https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/press-release-world-meeting-of-families/</u>

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUMMER 50/50 Charity Appeal

Tickets are now on sale for this year's Summer 50/50 Charity appeal.

Did you know? Funds raised from this Charity Appeal are given back to the dioceses in BC to help fund education and social programs. <u>Check out the poster click here.</u>

At the heart of the **Eucharistic celebration** are the bread and wine that, by the words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's Body and Blood. Faithful to the Lord's command the Church continues to do, in his memory and until his glorious return, what he did on the eve of his Passion: "He took bread...." "He took the cup filled with wine...



