

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

September 4, 2022—23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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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## PASTORAL MINISTRIES CONTACTS

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR: Matt Brown

HOME VISITS: Contact Parish Office

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR: Eva Gillis

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: TBA

HOSPITALITY/COFFEE  
SUNDAY: Anita Santos

CHURCH  
ENVIRONMENT: Sr. Michaela

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Dennis Fedyk

SOCIAL ACTION: Sr. Michaela

GRAND KNIGHT:

Soup Kitchen

K of C Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

Whoever of you does not give up all that he has cannot  
be my disciple.

Luke 14.25-33

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sun	Sep 4	9AM	RIP of Paul Thibodeau
		11AM	For the intentions of Sally Guzzardi on her BD
		7PM	
Tues		9AM	For the intentions of Sr. Michaela on her BD

Mass intentions may be requested for various reasons (eg. a deceased loved one, someone who is ill, a birthday or anniversary, etc.) A Mass offering may be given for the intention but is not required. If you have a Mass intention, please call the parish office by Wednesday of each week so that the intention can be published in the bulletin.

## RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

**Our RCIA program begins Thursday, September 29 at 7PM in the meeting room at Immaculate Conception.**

Are you or anyone you know interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA is a journey of faith for unbaptised Adults, Baptised Adults from another Christian Faiths, and Baptised Adults from the Roman Catholic Faith who have not received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. If you are interested in RCIA please contact Martha 250-964-4898 or email the parish office at [icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca)

**We will be teaming up with St. Mary's Parish.**

## CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN

Children who are not registered in a Catholic School and wish to receive the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation, are asked to email the parish office at [icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca)

children's  
**CATECHISM**

Immaculate Conception School Office is now open and classes resume on **Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**. Children will be in school all day. Welcome to the 2022-23 school year.

**Just a reminder that the school zone speed of 30 km is in effect!**



## PARISH MINISTRIES

There are many ways to share your time and talents at Immaculate Conception, both in the parish and school. We invite you to consider the following as an opportunity to serve. Please see insert for description of each of the following.

- Altar Server (grade 4 and up)
- Altar Linen Care
- Church Environment and Art
- Children's Liturgy (program leader)
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Grounds and Building Maintenance Assistance
- Hospitality
- Host for Sunday Coffee
- Lector
- Music ministry
- RCIA Team, and Faith Formation
- Visiting the Sick and Homebound

All of these are important to the life of the church and school community. Be assured that **formation, training and support will be offered.**

We encourage all, including our young people, to consider this invitation.

Sign-up Sunday will be on **September 11 & 18, 2021 after each Mass.** If you are already a part of any of these ministries and would like to continue, please sign-up and provide your contact information. If you are not at Mass on Sign-up Sunday please email Sr. Michaela at [mmarques@pgdiocese.ca](mailto:mmarques@pgdiocese.ca) or the parish office at [icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca)

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

- **K of C Meeting -Church Hall**  
September 8, 2022 6:30PM
- **1<sup>st</sup> School Mass of the 2022-23 Year**  
September 9, 2022 9:00AM
- **Ministry Sign-up Sunday**  
September 11 & 18, 2022 After all Masses
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast** by donation  
September 18, 2022 After 9 & 11AM
- **Commissioning of IC School Teachers**  
September 25, 2022 11:00AM
- **RCIA**  
September 29, 2022 7:00PM
- **Stewardship Sunday** TBA

## PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

1. Are you new to our parish? If so, **welcome!** Please take a registration form from the foyer OR check out our webpage at [www.icparish.ca](http://www.icparish.ca) for a fillable form. Please submit via email [icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca) or drop off at the parish office.
2. Has your contact information changed? Please contact the parish office at 250 964 4898 or send an email with your changes.
3. Are you missing your 2022 envelopes, or would like envelopes– call the parish office.

A reminder to make all cheques payable to RCEC Immaculate Conception Parish or RCEC-IC

## PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT

Pre-authorized debit helps to simplify your contributions on a bi-weekly or monthly basis. If you are interested, please go to our website at <https://www.icparish.ca/> or pick up a pre-authorized form from the church foyer and hand it in to the parish office with a **void cheque**

## MONTHLY ADORATION

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> September at the Domano Chapel.**

Mass will be celebrated at 7:30AM and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8:00AM – 8:00PM.

## THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

Blankets have been made to help six agencies that our parish supports through **The Spirit of Giving (formerly the Giving Tree)**. We invite your sponsorship for the two sizes of blankets, **small (\$30.00)** and **large (\$40.00)** that will help the agencies. There will be a committee member in the hall after Masses for the next two Sundays at 9 & 11AM. Your sponsorship will be gratefully accepted. In addition to your sponsorship for the blankets, we appreciate monetary donations for the purchase of items for the agencies who have specific requests. If you would like to provide **sponsorship for a blanket** or **make a monetary donation**, please contact Sr. Michaela. **Thank you for your support.**

## STUFFIE COLLECTION FOR JUBILEE LODGE

We are collecting Stuffies to help with the recreational programs for seniors at the Jubilee Lodge. If you have any in new or like new condition, please bring them to the church. There will be a box in the foyer or see Sr. Michaela.



## PASTORAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM

This very valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training online series is being offered by the Diocese of Victoria will begin this fall. The nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, **starting on September 24, 2022**, except for Thanksgiving (October 8) **to conclude November 26**. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or smartphone with speakers, microphone and webcam, and a reliable Internet connection. **Please register through your local parish by September 16.**

Please see the link for further details or see our parish bulletin board for a hard copy.

- [Poster](#)
- [Description of the program](#)

## SHARE HOPE

Prince George Share Hope has helped over 70 people from Ukraine who have arrived in Prince George to find peace and support since the invasion began. We are currently in dialogue with another 68 people which are expected to arrive over the next 6 weeks plus a family of 4 which will be settling in Vanderhoof. We are actively helping everyone to find housing, jobs and especially day care since many families are coming as moms and kids.

This number far exceeds what the committee was originally expecting to support, thus we are now looking for more support from the community. We are looking for more host families, more donations of furniture and household goods and more finances to help these people. If you can help out in any way, please email [pg.sharehope@gmail.com](mailto:pg.sharehope@gmail.com)

Donations made payable to RCEC-Share Hope will receive a charitable tax receipt and can be dropped off at any office of a Catholic Parish in Prince George or mailed to the Diocesan Pastoral Centre.

Donate online via CanadaHelps:

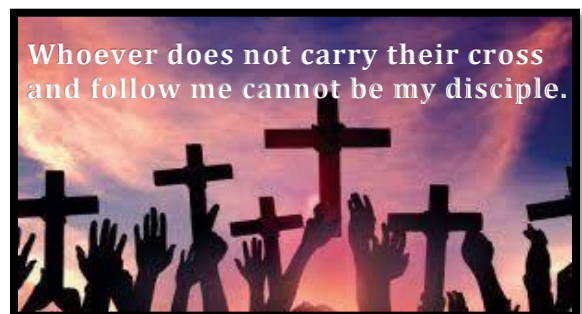
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**[Link for the Diocesan Wednesday Weekly  
for August 31, 2022](#)**

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# Liturgical Ministries



Altar Server	Altar Servers assist the priest at Mass in a prayerful and respectful manner. Serving includes preparation before the Mass and assisting during Mass; the duties will be reviewed in the training provided.
Children's Liturgy of the Word	The leader of Children's Liturgy facilitates the 'Liturgy of the Word for Children'. The Sunday Gospel and readings are proclaimed at a level the children can understand so as to experience God's love for them. The Liturgy of the Word is enriched with discussion, activities, prayers, and songs. Training, resources, and support are provided for those who provide this ministry.
Church Art & Environment	Ministers of Art & Environment are called to serve the parish in preparing an environment that enables reverence and the worship and honor of our God. These ministers care for the worship space, ensuring that the environment appropriately represents what we celebrate in the sacraments, rites, and the liturgical seasons and feasts of the Church Year.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMC)	The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMC) assists the priest in the distribution of Holy Communion. EMCs receive formation and training which emphasizes the importance of this specific ministry and the reverence and decorum that it requires.
Hospitality Ministry	The Hospitality Ministry helps to provide a welcoming atmosphere at our parish. In addition to being greeters at Sunday Mass, the Hospitality Ministers connect guests and newcomers to parish resources and coordinate the gift bearers and ushers.
Hosting Sunday Coffee	Those hosting Sunday Coffee provide an opportunity for parishioners to socialize after Mass. Working as a team of two to four people—they set up, make, and serve coffee and treats and clean up. If there are enough teams – a team would serve once a month.
Lector	The Lector Ministry calls for the proclamation of the Word of God at Mass and other liturgical celebrations. The hearing of God's Word, which is living and active, enable us to grow in the knowledge of Scripture and incorporate its message into our daily living. Lectors are urged to pray with the Sunday readings prior to proclaiming them, and to





	then read scripture in a clear and meaningful way so that everyone can hear and understand how God is speaking to us in his living Word. Lectors receive formation and training.
Music Ministry Leaders of song	The Leaders of Song enhance the liturgical celebrations by directing the music at Mass through hymns and songs that will ensure the “full, conscious, and active participation” of the parishioners in the liturgical celebration (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 14). The whole parish community benefits from participating in the Mass through prayerful music.

## Other Parish Ministries and Services

Altar Linen Care	The care of the altar and church linens is important to the celebration of the Mass. Well prepared altar linens serve as a sign of reverence for what is celebrated on the altar of the Lord, as well as a protection of the altar and the sacred vessels.
Grounds and Building Maintenance Assistance	To assist in the maintenance and care of our building and grounds when needed

## Parish Outreach and Formation

RCIA Team Member and Faith Formation	<p>The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a program for people interested in the Catholic faith, whether they are non-Catholics thinking about becoming Catholic, or Catholics who wish to learn more about their baptismal Catholic faith.</p> <p>The goal of Faith Formation is to assist parents in the religious education of their children and to help them prepare to receive the Sacraments. The Faith Formation program is offered to children who attend public school.</p>
Visiting the Sick and Homebound	Those who visit and/or bring Holy Communion to those at home, in hospital or care homes are offering a ministry of spiritual care. A minister of care is commissioned by the parish to bring Holy Communion and the compassion of Christ and His Church to the sick and the homebound. Visiting the sick, the grieving, the aged, the dying is a ministry of sharing Christ with others. Training for this is provided.



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