

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

September 11, 2022—24th 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: Dan Burri

CHURCH
ENVIRONMENT: Sr. Michaela

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

Luke 15.1-32

*There will be joy in heaven
over one sinner who repents.*

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sun	Sep 11	9AM	
		11AM	Intentions of the Neville Family
		7PM	For the people of IC
Mon	Sep 12	9AM	For the Intentions of Goretti
Tue	Sep 13	9AM	RIP of Vincent Loi Vu
Wed	Sep 14	9AM	RIP of Elsie Beliveau
Thu	Sep 15	9AM	Intentions of Cassie Dufault
Fri	Sep 16	9AM	RIP of Mary Thai Vu

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

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

WELCOME TO FR. MIGUEL AND FR. KEN

Thank you to Fathers Miguel and Ken who will be assisting at the 7:00PM Sunday evening Mass, when they are available. Fr. Miguel on the 3rd Sunday and Fr. Ken on the 4th Sunday. They will begin on 18th and 25th of this month.

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. You can drop them in box in the foyer or see Sr. Michaela.



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**

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 refer to insert of the last two weeks for the ministries and their descriptions.

All 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 or the parish office at icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca

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](#)

[Link for the Diocesan Wednesday Weekly for September 7, 2022](#)

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

- **Ministry Sign-up Sunday**
September 11 & 18, 2022 After all Masses
- **Monthly Adoration** - 8:AM to 8PM
September 13, 2022 Domano Renewal Chapel
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast** by donation
September 18, 2022 After 9AM & 11AM
- **Commissioning of IC School Teachers**
September 25, 2022 11:00AM
- **Workshops for Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and Lectors** 7:00PM
Tuesday, September 27 and Monday, October 3
- **RCIA** 7:00PM
September 29, 2022
- **Welcome --Fall Potluck** 5:30PM
October 1, 2022- Parish Hall
- **Stewardship Sunday** After all Masses
October 2, 2022

FR. JOHN GARDEN'S INTRODUCTORY LETTER

Fr. John's letter dated August 7, 2022 is being redistributed for those who missed it due to summer vacation. Please see attached.

SHARE HOPE

Prince George Share Hope has helped over 70 people from Ukraine who have arrived in Prince George to find support since the invasion began. Currently there are another 68 people which are expected to arrive over the next 6 weeks. 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

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:
www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/70838
E-transfer to: sharehope@pgdio.ca and in the memo field add your name and address.

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**

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 for a fillable form. Please submit via email 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

THE FRIENDS OF THE EDZERZA FAMILY

Invite you to consider a financial donation to help Ken with his upcoming kidney transplant.

The transplant means Ken and Felicity (Fliss) will need to relocate to Vancouver for a minimum of three months and it is anticipated that he will be out of work for an extended period. Please see the link for more further details. https://www.gofundme.com/f/ken-edzerza-with-his-urgent-kidney-transplant?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1



This weekend is the kick-off of the **Annual Diocesan Appeal**: "Called Together – Giving, Sharing, Serving."

It supports the mission of the local Church across our diocese. It is one way that you can practice stewardship and participate in the mission of the Church. The diocesan goal has been slightly increased to \$250,000 this year, far short of the usual \$400,000.

Funds raised will continue to go to help those parishes, missions and ministries across the diocese who continue to face ongoing challenges and need support. Part of the increased goal will go to programs and ministries that were suspended during the challenges of COVID and are resuming.

Our Parish Goal is: \$ 25,291

This year, the diocese is also collecting funds for the BC Bishops' appeal in support of Healing and Reconciliation. This appeal is separate from Called Together and aims to provide funds for projects that support healing and reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples. We look to the generosity of everyone to make a meaningful contribution to promote this important work.

The Called Together package allows you to designate how much you would like to direct to the Diocesan Annual Appeal and how much to the Healing and Reconciliation appeal. Thank you for your continued support

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August 7, 2022.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I begin my ministry as your new pastor, I want to thank Fr. Chris Lynch, as well as the previous pastors of Immaculate Conception Parish and School, for sharing their God-given talents with this wonderful community! I also wish to express my joy in being assigned to I.C. by Bishop Stephen Jensen!

In many ways, I feel that I am coming 'home' for I taught catechism in the parish in the early 90's, and I taught Grade 4 at I.C. School from 1991-1995. Consequently, I know many individuals associated with this parish-school community, and I look forward to reconnecting! And to the members of the I.C. Parish-School community whom I do not yet know: I look forward to developing new bonds of faith and social connection with you in the coming months!

With the beginning of this new assignment, I want to inform you of my ministry responsibilities for in addition to serving as pastor, I will be continuing to serve at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre as Chancellor and as a certified therapist/counsellor. My ministry will be allocated as follows: 60% of my schedule will be dedicated to the parish-school community, and 40% to the Diocesan Pastoral Centre (with the respective bodies providing salary based on those percentages; this will result in a savings to the parish budget).

I am sometimes asked what I do as Chancellor. At present, my responsibilities are:

- notarize documents issued by Bishop Jensen
- review and process marriage documents and annulment documents; conduct annulment interviews
- assist in preparation of reports sent to Rome
- assist in the development and implementation of diocesan policies and forms
- oversee archival records and supervise the diocesan archivist
- serve as a member of the *Board of Directors of the Catholic Independent Schools Prince George (CISPG)*

- serve as a contact person and investigator for the diocesan *Respectful Workplace Policy*
- assist the pastors with canonical (church law) matters
- other duties as assigned by Bishop Jensen

I also:

- provide counselling services to Catholic adults in Prince George
- serve as the Bishop's delegate for the diocesan *Reporting of Sexual Abuse* protocol
- serve as a member of the *Priests' Ongoing Formation Committee*
- serve on the *College of Consultors* (the College of Consultors assists the diocesan bishop in the governance of the diocese in accord with the provisions of Church law)

While my responsibilities at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre will require me to be away from the parish and school at various times, I promise you that I will do my best to be a dedicated pastor.

I know, from experience, the wonderful qualities of this parish-school community and the ways in which the people at I.C. live out their baptismal calling! I am pleased to be included now as a spiritual brother and father of this parish-school family and its desire to live the Catholic Christian faith in and through the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

I look forward to the various ways in which we will journey together as a community in union with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, our diocesan Shepherd, Bishop Jensen, the diocesan family, the universal Church, and the world community!

May our Blessed Mother, through the grace of her *Immaculate Conception*, be a model of discipleship for us and invite us, ever more deeply, into the mission and blessing of her Son, the care of our Heavenly Father, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit!

Peace+



Fr. John Garden

Pastor, I.C. Parish-School Community