

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

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December 4, 2022
2nd Sunday of Advent



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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HOSPITALITY/COFFEE Dan Burri

CHURCH Sr. Michaela

SUNDAY:

ENVIRONMENT:

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

"Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Matthew 3.1-12

MORE ON THE SEASON OF ADVENT

ADVENT SUNDAYS

Each Sunday of Advent takes on a particular character as suggested by the Gospel reading.



Week I The Lord's coming in glory at the end of time (the *parousia*).

Weeks II and III John the Baptist and his message of reparation and repentance.

Week IV Events that immediately prepare for the Lord's birth.

The Old Testament readings are prophecies about the coming of the Lord and the promise of messianic fulfilment. The writings of the prophet Isaiah are especially prominent during Advent.

The selections from the writing of the Apostles offer instructions and exhortations on the different themes and ideas of the season.

ADVENT WEEKDAYS

The readings of the first part of Advent centre on a semi-continuous reading of the prophet Isaiah, with gospel passages that reflect a sense of fulfilment of the reading.

During the second week, the gospel readings introduce us to John the Baptist as the one who prepares us for the coming of the Lord (at Christmas and at the end of time) through his message of repentance.

Finally, beginning on December 17th, the gospel readings from Matthew and Luke recount the events that prepared for the Lord's birth. The first readings present important messianic passages that relate to the gospel text.

THE PROPHETS

The writings of the prophets (especially Isaiah) and the images they use in their books find a special place in Advent. However, it is important to remember that we read the prophets not because they somehow detail specific details of the coming of Jesus, but because of the intimate relation between the longing that they express and the fulfilment that Jesus brings. The plan and pattern of the Old Testament directs us to the coming of Christ and to the messianic kingdom that he inaugurates. In the works of the prophets, the Church finds the language and symbols that help it express the mystery of the coming of the Saviour.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Sun	Dec 4	9AM	RIP Derrick Honeyman on the 9 th anniversary of death
		11AM	For the intentions of Barbara Pawlowska on her name day.
		7PM	For the People of IC
Mon	Dec 5	9AM	For the intentions of Bonnie Konkal on her BD
Tue	Dec 6	9AM	RIP of Duncan Harper
Wed	Dec 7	9AM	RIP of Rosa and Karl Wipfli
Thu	Dec 8	9AM	Parishioners of IC Parish and the Domano Sisters
Fri	Dec 9	9AM	RIP of Valerie Giles

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.

2023 DONATION ENVELOPES

Envelopes for the 2023 year are available in the foyer for those who use envelopes.

Because some parishioners have moved or some are now donating by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) and Preauthorized Debits (PAD), the number of envelope boxes required has decreased. If you had an envelope number higher than 160, you have a new number assigned to you. Please be sure to indicate your name and contact information on the first few envelopes used to donate to ensure that the receipt is in the correct name and ensure that your address is correct as indicated on the label.

Please call or email the parish office if you do not currently have envelopes and would like to use them, or for the Special Collection envelope packages for those who are considering EFT and PAD.

For the current users of EFT and PAD there are Special Collection envelopes in the foyer.

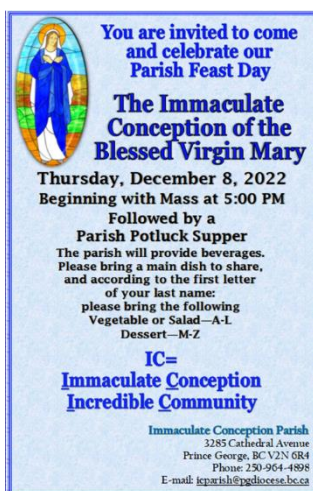
If you would like to donate by PAD you will find the application [here](#).

Or if you would like to donate by EFT, we are registered through icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca for a direct deposit. [Click here for instructions on how to e-transfer.](#)

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- **Seniors' Lunch – Hosted by School Staff**
Today December 4, 2022 after 11:00AM Mass
- **RCIA – 7:00PM December 8, 2022 at IC**
- **Advent Reflections – to be held on Thursday, December 15 & 22 after the daily Mass.** There will be an opportunity to share on the Season of Advent and Christmas
- **K of C Monthly Meeting – this month, the meeting will be Wednesday, December 7, 2022** due to the Parish Potluck
- **December 8, 2022 – starting with Mass at 5PM,** followed with a parish potluck dinner

Feast of the Immaculate Conception



- **3rd Sunday of Advent – December 11, 2022**
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast –December 18, and every 3rd Sunday after the 9 & 11AM Mass**
- **Games Night – Crib and Scrabble 7:00PM**
Every 2nd Tuesday- Postponed until further notice.
- **Advent Reconciliation at IC – Wednesday, December 21st 7:00 to 8:00 PM**
- **Christmas Masses – December 24 at 6:00 PM & 9:00PM and Christmas Day, December 25 at 10:00AM**

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[Link for the Diocesan Wednesday Weekly
for November 30, 2022](#)

RCIA

Our next session is on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 7PM at Immaculate Conception

If you know anyone interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA is a journey of faith for unbaptised Adults, Baptised Adults from another Christian Faith, 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

SCAM EMAILS

There have been some people who have received emails and text messages professing to be sent by priests or the bishop and requesting assistance of some kind. **Please DO NOT respond to these.** Emails from the bishop would come from pgdiocese.bc.ca or pgdiocese.ca. While most fake messages have been from gmail.com accounts, there have been rare reports of some fake emails imitating legitimate email accounts.

Apparently, there are no steps we can take to prevent these messages from being sent, we can advise everyone of the problem. **If you receive an unexpected email claiming to be from the Bishop, Clergy, or any religious in the diocese and are not certain if it is legitimate, please call the parish office or the diocese.**

For more information on the many types of phishing messages and how to identify them, please visit this government website:
<https://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/en/phishing>



- December 16th: 6:00 pm at St. Mary's Parish
- December 20th: 6:30 p.m. at Christ Our Saviour
- **December 21st: 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception**
- Saturdays of Advent: 4:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral



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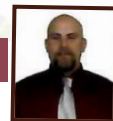
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