

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Diocese of Prince George

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December 11, 2022  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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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SUNDAY:

ENVIRONMENT:

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

**"Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"**

*Matthew 11.2-11*

## ADVENT FEASTS



The first part of Advent allows for the celebration of feasts of the saints; from December 17th until Christmas, the liturgy and readings of the day have priority.

**Mary** plays a prominent role in Advent; it is the season in which she finds a special place as the one who gives herself to the service of the Word.

**December 8th:** celebrates Mary's own sinless conception (which is not to be identified with the virgin birth of Jesus); this is fulfilled in the commemoration of her birth on September 8th. Mary is the perfect Advent model of what the Church is called to be.

**December 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe** (commemorating the apparitions to Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin in Mexico in 1531) has particular significance in North America in which she is celebrated as patroness. In Canada, it is a National Day of Prayer for Aboriginal People.

Many countries had a tradition called the Rorate Masses: special celebrations in honour of Mary during Advent. Older calendars included a number of reflective feasts (for example, her Betrothal to Joseph and her Waiting (Expectation) for the Birth). Although these celebrations are not included in the current liturgical books, Mary's role is clearly expressed, especially in the days directly before Christmas.

**Joseph's** role in the mystery is the particular focus of the Fourth Sunday (Year C) and of the weekdays before Christmas. His response to the angel's message must be mirrored in the response of each Christian to the call to service of the Word.

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sun	Dec 11	9AM	RIP of Douglas and Dorothy Simms
		11AM	RIP of Barbara Mason
		7PM	For the People of IC
Mon	Dec 12	9AM	
Tue	Dec 13	9AM	RIP of Crystal Boyd and baby
Wed	Dec 14	9AM	RIP of Valerie Giles
Thu	Dec 15	9AM	For the intentions of Cassie Dufault
Fri	Dec 16	9AM	

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](mailto:icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca) for a direct deposit. [Click here for instructions on how to e-transfer.](#)



The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.” This Sunday is so named because “**Rejoice**” is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today’s Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5:

“**Rejoice** in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

## RCIA

Our next session is on Thursday, December 15, 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](mailto:icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca)

# ADVENT

## RECONCILIATION TIMES

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

Numerous priests will be available at all parishes .

Link for the Diocesan Wednesday  
Weekly  
for December 7, 2022

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- RCIA** - 7:00PM December 15, 2022 at IC
- Advent Reflections** – to be held on **Thursday, December 15 & 22** after the daily Mass. An opportunity to share on the Season of Advent and Christmas
- 4th Sunday of Advent** - **December 18, 2022**
- K of C Pancake Breakfast** –December 18, and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the 9 & 11AM Mass – There will be a special guest!
- Games Night - Crib and Scrabble** **7:00PM**  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 there will be no evening Mass.
- K of C Monthly Meeting** – Next meeting will be Thursday, January 12, 2023

## CHRISTMAS SEASON PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed from December 23, 2022 to January 6, 2023 inclusive.

## CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve – Sat., Dec. 24, 2022  
6:00 PM & 9:00 PM

Christmas Day—Sun., Dec. 25, 2022  
10:00 AM ONLY

Mon., Dec. 26 to Fri., Dec. 30, 2022  
9:00AM

NO Mass Sat. Dec. 31, 2022

Sun., Jan 1, 2023 Mary the Mother of God  
9:00AM, 11:00AM and 7:00PM

Mon., Jan 2, 2023 to Fri., Jan 6.,  
9:00AM

NO Mass Sat., Jan.7 2023

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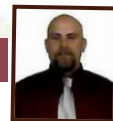
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