

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Diocese of Prince George

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December 18, 2022  
4<sup>th</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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HOSPITALITY/COFFEE Dan Burri

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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

**Jesus was born of Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, son of David.**

*Matthew 1.18-24*

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: ". . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sun	Dec 18	9AM	Intentions of Pat & Glen Doll
		11AM	Intentions of the Rodrigues family
		7PM	RIP of Betty Hopley
Mon	Dec 19	9AM	RIP of Antonio Docanto
Tue	Dec 20	9AM	RIP of Rita Burri
Wed	Dec 21	9AM	RIP of Larry Kearns
Thu	Dec 22	9AM	RIP of Jose & Bernadette Figueredo
Fri	Dec 23	9AM	RIP of Franco & Maria Luis

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.](#)



## CALLED TOGETHER AND RECONCILIATION AND HEALING APPEAL UPDATE



### TOTALS AS OF DECEMBER 14, 2022

IC PARISH GOAL: **\$25,291.00**  
 PLEDGES TO DATE: **\$26,485.00**  
 PLEDGES COLLECTED: **\$25,570.00**

Many thanks those who have supported the appeal. Your support has helped to meet the needs of the diocese and its missions. Since we have met and exceeded our goal and the funds exceeding the goal will come back to the parish for projects.

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- **K of C Pancake Breakfast** –today, **December 18**, and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the 9 & 11AM Mass – There will be a special guest today!
- **Advent Reflections** – to be held on **Thursday, December 22** after the daily Mass. An opportunity to share on the Season of Advent and Christmas
- **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
- **RCIA** - 7:00PM January 12, 2023 at St. Mary's

## CHRISTMAS SEASON PARISH OFFICE HOURS



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

## [Link for the Diocesan Wednesday Weekly for December 14, 2022](#)

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## 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 .

## Christmas Season Mass Times

**Christmas Eve – Sat., Dec. 24, 2022**  
 6:00 PM\* & 9:00 PM\*  
 (\*Overflow seating will be in the Parish Hall)

**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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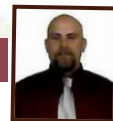
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