

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

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January 29, 2023

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

BISHOP -DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE

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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: Phyllis Sarrazin

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

Blessed are the poor in spirit!

Matthew 5.1-12

Mass Intentions

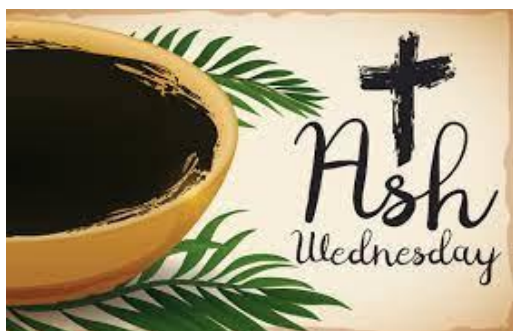
FOR THE WEEK



Sun	Jan 29	9AM	RIP of the souls Tony & Marlene Simouski
		11AM	RIP of Jessie Bringas
		7PM	RIP of Carma Correia on the anniversary of her death
Mon	Jan 30	9AM	Mass of thanksgiving for Don Nguyen and for his intentions
Tues	Jan 31	9AM	RIP of Elaine and Greg Rolufs
Wed	Feb 1	9AM	Intentions of Cassie Dufault for healing
Thu	Feb 2	9AM	For the intentions of Maria Stankiewicz and Angieszks Mainville
Fri	Feb 3	9AM	RIP of Madeline Nicholls

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.

Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2023



Ashes are made by burning palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

If you have palms please bring them to the Church on or before February 12, 2023. Please put them in the box provided in the foyer.

2022 TAX RECEIPTS FOR IC PARISH. . .

If you made donations to the parish in the 2022 year, your receipt is ready for pick up in the church foyer. Please note that there is only one receipt in the envelope as most people file tax returns digitally. If you require a second copy, please email the church and I can email you another copy or print another hard copy for pickup. Thank you for your donations to the parish!

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- **RCIA** - 7:00PM February 2, 2023 at IC
- **Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel** – Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
- **K of C Monthly Meeting** – Next meeting will be Thursday, February 16, 2023
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast** –February 19, and every 3rd Sunday after the 9 & 11AM Mass
- **Lenten Parish Mission March 5-8, 2023 with Bishop Gary Gordon.** Stay tuned for more details.



2023 DONATION ENVELOPES

There are still envelopes for the 2023 year in the foyer for those with assigned envelope numbers.

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 in 2023 to ensure that the receipt issued to the correct person. Please check your name and address on the label.

If you do not currently have envelopes and would like them, please call or email the parish office.

Also there are Special Collection envelope packages available for those who currently use or are considering EFT and PAD.

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.](#)

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DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Is beginning a new campaign this year – [Create Hope: Stand for the Land](#).

Around the world, many communities are mobilizing to defend their territories against threats posed by extractive industries and industrial agriculture. These people are often threatened, criminalized or even killed when they stand up to protect their lands, their livelihoods and their very existence.

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada stands in solidarity with these peoples. With our partners, we support communities' efforts to protect their territories and biodiversity for present and future generations.



SHEPHERD'S CORNER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Shepherd's Corner is a ministry and outreach of the Diocese to the homeless and street people in the downtown area of the city. It is an opportunity to live out what Jesus asked in Matthew 25: 35 - 40.

Since Covid-19 we have not had people inside, although restrictions have been lifted. We currently provide front door services of drinks, snacks, and clothing (if available).

Hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

There are strict procedures in place to ensure safety of all, and to maintain cleanliness and good hygiene.

The primary focus of the ministry is to see those served as children of God.

We are in dire need of volunteers.

Please note that **ALL** volunteers require a Criminal Record Check to be completed prior to being scheduled for this ministry.

If you feel called to serve in any way, please contact:

Peter Ranson at p-ranson@shaw.ca or (250) 552-8980.

PG PROLIFE SOCIETY

A prayer vigil to be held on Sunday, February 5, 2023 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM on the corner of Highway 97A and Highway 16West. For more information or questions please contact Laura Fowlie - 250-563-3874.

[Link for the
Diocesan Wednesday Weekly
January 25, 2023](#)

WHAT IS ORDINARY TIME?

Ordinary Time is a liturgical season, just like any other. And just like any other season in the liturgical calendar, this season celebrates a very specific time in the life of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

When we think of liturgical seasons we typically think of the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. These seasons celebrate what could be thought of as "The Main Event." Namely, the incarnation, birth, passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus.

Seems like there isn't much to celebrate after that, right? Wrong!

The 33 (or 34 depending on how the feasts fall) weeks of Ordinary Time contain the rest of Jesus' earthly ministry and some of the major events of the Gospels we have come to know and love.

The miracles, the parables, the calling of the twelve, the Sermon on the Mount, the Bread of Life discourse. . . we get all that and more during this season. Truly, there is much to celebrate.

Why the word Ordinary? The term 'ordinary' in our common use typically refers to something being plain, unimpressive, or unexciting. A kind of 'it is what it is' mentality. For that reason, many people hear 'Ordinary Time' and they immediately think of the season as such. But that understanding doesn't reflect the true meaning of the season.

Ordinary, in this context, comes from the Latin term *ordinalis*, meaning 'numbered' or 'ruled'. This title simply refers to the ongoing and rhythmical nature of the season. Just like everyday life, there is a rhythm to the days and the weeks. Sure, we have holidays and special occasions that we look forward to that change the pace, just like we have holy days and feasts in the Church year. But those special occasions aren't the whole picture, just like there is more to the life of Christ than what we celebrate in the other liturgical seasons.

Check out the [Liturgical Calendar for 2022-23](#). You will notice the colours for each season indicated on the calendar.



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