

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

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February 19, 2023

7th 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

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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

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Matthew 5.38-48

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sun	Feb 19	9AM	RIP of Anthony Wilczek
		11AM	RIP of Madeline Nicholls
		7PM	For the People of IC
Mon	Feb 20	9AM	Intentions of Cassie Dufault
Tues	Feb 21	9AM	For the intentions of Chris Paulsen and her family
Wed	Feb 22	9AM	For the intentions of Fr. John on his BD
Thu	Feb 23	9AM	For the intentions of Paul & Doris Jean who celebrated 65 years of marriage
Fri	Feb 24	9AM	RIP of Wolfgang Gottlieb Betz

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.



February 22, 2023

On this first day of Lent, we receive ashes on our foreheads in the form of a cross, with the words “*Repent and believe in the gospel*”. The cross of ashes is a sign of our faith and a reminder of repentance for our sins.

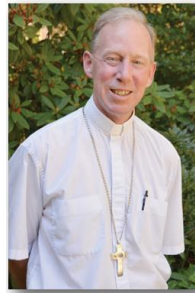
With these ashes, we recall our origins from the earth, as well as how our bodies shall return one day to the same form (as indicated by the dictum “*Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return*”).

In true fashion of life coming full circle, the ashes are produced from the burning of palm branches of the preceding year’s Palm Sunday, which comes the week before Easter Sunday and marks the welcome Jesus received from followers upon his return to Jerusalem prior to his crucifixion.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- **K of C Pancake Breakfast** – Today, Feb 19, 2023 after the 9 & 11AM Masses and every 3rd Sunday
- **Ash Wednesday** – February 22, 2023 Mass at 9:00AM (School) and 7:00 PM
- **RCIA** – 7:00PM February 23, 2023 at IC
- **K of C Monthly Meeting** – Next meeting will be Thursday, March 9, 2023 –Second Thursday of the month.
- **Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel** – Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
- **Ordination of Deacon Matthew to the Priesthood**—May 26, 2023

LENTEN PARISH MISSION WITH BISHOP GARY GORDON



Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus reflections by Bishop Gary Gordon. Monday, March 6 to Wednesday, March 8, 2023. Bishop Gary will join us Sunday, March 5, he will be the main celebrant at the Sunday Masses. See poster in foyer for other details.

Parishioners can register by one of the following ways:

- Call the parish office at 250-964-4898
- Email icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca
- Or on sign-up sheet provided in the church foyer

Registration is now open to the city parishes through [EVENTBRITE](#).

The format for the evenings will be as follows:

PARISH MISSION (6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.):

- Welcome
- Gathering Hymn
- Parish Mission Prayer
- Mission Talk
- Question Period
- Closing Hymn

COFFEE SOCIAL (7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)

When registering, please let us know if you can bring goodies to share for the Coffee Social and for which evening(s).

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TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the parish-school community, I want to thank the Knights of Columbus Members of Domano Council 8318 for all that they are and do for us and the broader community of PG!

In addition to providing us with an OUTSTANDING pancake breakfast, they are involved in a variety of charitable ministries and labours that make a difference in the lives of others, including our own parish-school community!

A matter of fact, the donations that we make at the pancake breakfast are directed toward covering the food costs, and if there are surplus donations, they go toward the charitable causes of the Knights. This is why I encourage us all to be generous in our offering at the pancake breakfast donation table; for by doing so, we participate in the charitable works of the Knights! The Knights of Columbus are, indeed, disciples of the Gospel and they contribute to the building up of the Kingdom on earth! And so, on behalf of our community, I express a heartfelt THANK YOU to the Knights members, and I encourage men who are not yet part of this Catholic brotherhood to consider becoming a Knight!

Peace+ Fr. John

2023 DONATION ENVELOPES

There are still envelopes available for the 2023 year. 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.](#)

CANADIAN RED CROSS DONATIONS WILL BE MATCHED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF IN TÜRKIYE AND SYRIA

From February 6 to 22, the Government of Canada will match donations from individuals to the Red Cross' Earthquake in Türkiye and Syria Appeal, up to a maximum of \$10 million.

[Link for the
Diocesan Wednesday Weekly
February 15, 2023](#)

BISHOPS AND CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS IN CANADA LAUNCH TURKEY/SYRIA EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY AID CAMPAIGN

The four Catholic organizations of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), Canadian Jesuits International (CJI), Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), and Development and Peace-Caritas Canada (DPCC) are launching an emergency aid campaign for Turkey and Syria, with the support of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB). Together, the organizations have pledged nearly one million Canadian dollars.

To read the full press release or learn more about these organizations and how to donate, please visit: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/bishops-and-catholic-organizations-in-canada-launch-turkey-syria-earthquake-emergency-aid-campaign/>

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.

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