

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

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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

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HOME VISITS: Contact Parish Office

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR: Eva Gillis

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: TBA

HOSPITALITY/COFFEE Dan Burri

CHURCH Phyllis Sarrazin

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

Jesus fasted for forty days, and was put to the test.

Matthew 4.1-11

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sun	Feb 26	9AM	For the People of IC
		11AM	RIP of Fr. Nick Forde
		7PM	RIP of James Quickfall
Mon	Feb 27	9AM	For the Holy souls in Purgatory
Tues	Feb 28	9AM	RIP of Gerald Isberg
Wed	Mar 1	9AM	Intentions of David Konkal
Thu	Mar 2	9AM	For the Holy souls in Purgatory
Fri	Mar 3	9AM	For the intentions of Barbara Pawlowska

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.

PILGRIM ICON OF ST. JOSEPH—K OF C PRAYER SERVICE

Flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis, and inspired by his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, comes our new Pilgrim Icon Program in honor of St. Joseph.



The "just man," whom God chose to protect, defend and raise the most precious of his gifts to humanity had not a word of his own recorded in Scripture. Tradition tells us that our Lord's foster father died - likely with Jesus and Mary at his side - even prior to Jesus beginning his public ministry.

St. Joseph carried out his mission of raising, guarding and preparing Christ quietly, courageously and faithfully. For that faithful work, St. Joseph was rewarded - not with seeing the fruits of his labor in this life, but with the incomparable prize of glory in heaven.

Since 1979, the K of C Pilgrim Icon Program has held more than 174,800 local council and parish prayer services with some 22 million participants.

Our parish will have a prayer service on March 1, 2023 after the daily 9:00AM Mass to honor St. Joseph.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- **RCIA** - 7:00PM March 2, 2023 at St. Mary's
- **Stations of the Cross**—Every Friday During Lent at 7:00 PM
- **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
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast** –March 19, 2023 after the 9 & 11AM Masses and every 3rd Sunday
- **Ordination of Deacon Matthew to the Priesthood**—Friday, May 26, 2023 at Sacred Heart Cathedral – 7:00 p.m.



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](https://www.eventbrite.com).

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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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.](#)

APPEAL TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2022

Tax receipts for the Diocesan Annual Appeal are on the table in the foyer. Please pick up your receipt. If you do not pick up by this Sunday. The receipts will be put in the postal mail.

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 (CCCCB). 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.



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.

[Link for the
Diocesan Wednesday Weekly
February 22, 2023](#)

[Video Link for the 1st week of Lent
Watch Kye and Libby at Catholic Central](#)

WHAT DO WE DO DURING LENT?

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

Lent is a time when we are invited to carry out a three-fold mission, with the key pillars being [fasting](#), almsgiving, and [prayer](#). Certainly, these components are not new within our Catholic teachings nor are they reserved only for Lent, as we are encouraged to practice them regularly throughout the year. However, a special and renewed focus on each of them during Lent can foster growth and appreciation within our collective faith and respective spiritual journeys.

Fasting: As Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days, we, too, are called to forgo something for the same period when observing Lent. It is during this time that we can deepen our awareness of his sacrifice on the Cross, as well as Jesus' daily forgiveness of our sins and unconditional love for us.

Almsgiving: Stressing the importance of recognizing those in need while demonstrating the model of selflessness that Jesus embodied on earth, Lent offers us an opportunity to further concentrate on acts of charity within our communities through the giving of time, money, clothing or food, or any volunteer service.

Prayer: Another avenue for self-growth during Lent that can lead us into a closer relationship with God is prayer.





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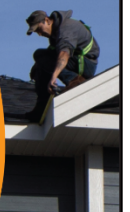
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