

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

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22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time—September 3, 2023



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: Jennifer Wilczek

HOME VISITS: Contact Parish Office

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR: Daniel Burri

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: TBA

HOSPITALITY/COFFEE SUNDAY: Daniel Burri

CHURCH ENVIRONMENT: Phyllis Sarrazin

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Fern Cote

SOCIAL ACTION: Sr. Michaela

GRAND KNIGHT:

Soup Kitchen

K of C Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

**If anyone wants to become my follower,
let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.**

Matthew 16.13-20

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	Sep 3	9AM	RIP of Andrea Palombo
		11AM	
		7PM	For the Parishioners of IC
Mon	Sep 4	9AM	
Tues	Sep 5	9AM	
Wed	Sep 6	9AM	
Thu	Sep 7	9AM	
Fri	Sep 8	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.

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you, or anyone you know interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA is a journey of faith for unbaptised Adults, Baptised Adults from another Christian Faiths, 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

We hope to begin late September.

CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN

Children who are not registered in a Catholic School and wish to receive the sacraments of First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation, are asked to email the parish office at icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca or call 250-964-4898

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL



The school office is now open, and classes resume on Tuesday, the 5th of September. This will be a full school day for the children.

Just a reminder that the school zone speed of 30 km is in effect!



There is a new parking pattern to accommodate accessible parking for students at our school community. Welcome to the 2023-24 school year.



- **First full day of School at IC September 5, 2023**
- **Opening School Mass for 2023-24 year; September 8, 2023**
- **Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel – Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM**
- **Ministry Sign-up Sundays -September 10 & 17**
- **K of C Monthly Meeting – Next meeting will be Thursday, September 14, 2023 –every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM**
- **Stewardship Sunday – September 17 at all Masses**
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, September 17 after the 9AM and 11AM Mass**
- **Commissioning of IC School Teachers September 24 @ 11AM Mass**
- **Ministry Workshop for NEW Liturgical Ministers September 27, 2023 @ 7PM**
- **Review of Liturgical Ministries for current ministers--October 4, 2023 @7PM**
- **RCIA commencement – TBA**

ALTAR SERVERS

Any children from our parish who are in grade 4 and up who attend public school or home school and would like to be an Altar Server are invited to [fill in the form](#) on our website. For those attending IC school you will receive a form early in the school year. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Michaela by email at michaelamarques49@gmail.com. Thank you.

THE GIVING TREE

Blankets have been made to help six agencies that our parish supports through the **Giving Tree**. We invite your sponsorship for the two sizes of blankets, **small (\$30.00)** and **large (\$40.00)** that will help the agencies. There will be a committee member in the hall after Masses for the next two Sundays at 9 & 11AM. Your sponsorship will be gratefully accepted. In addition to your sponsorship for the blankets, we appreciate monetary donations for the purchase of items for the agencies who have specific requests. If you would like to provide **sponsorship for a blanket or make a monetary donation**, please contact Sr. Michaela. **Thank you for your support.**



Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers	Altar Servers assist the priest at Mass in a prayerful and respectful manner. Serving includes preparation before the Mass and assisting during Mass; the duties will be reviewed in the training provided.
Children's Liturgy of the Word	The leader of Children's Liturgy facilitates the 'Liturgy of the Word for Children'. The Sunday Gospel and readings are proclaimed at a level the children can understand so as to experience God's love for them. The Liturgy of the Word is enriched with discussion, activities, prayers, and songs. Training, resources, and support are provided for those who provide this ministry.
Church Art & Environment	Ministers of Art & Environment are called to serve the parish in preparing an environment that enables reverence and the worship and honor of our God. These ministers care for the worship space, ensuring that the environment appropriately represents what we celebrate in the sacraments, rites, and the liturgical seasons and feasts of the Church Year.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMC)	The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMC) assists the priest in the distribution of Holy Communion. EMCs receive formation and training which emphasizes the importance of this specific ministry and the reverence and decorum that it requires.
Hospitality Ministry	The Hospitality Ministry helps to provide a welcoming atmosphere at our parish. In addition to being greeters at Sunday Mass, the Hospitality Ministers connect guests and newcomers to parish resources and coordinate the gift bearers and ushers.
Hosting Sunday Coffee	Those hosting Sunday Coffee provide an opportunity for parishioners to socialize after Mass. Working as a team of two to four people—they set up, make, and serve coffee and treats and clean up. If there are enough teams – a team would serve once a month.
Lector	The Lector Ministry calls for the proclamation of the Word of God at Mass and other liturgical celebrations. The hearing of God's Word, which is living and active, enable us to grow in the knowledge of Scripture and incorporate its message into our daily living. Lectors are urged to pray with the Sunday readings prior to proclaiming them, and to then read scripture in a clear and meaningful way so that everyone can hear and understand how God is speaking to us in his living Word. Lectors receive formation and training.



Immaculate Conception



I would like to serve in the following ministry or ministries.

Please check the one or ones in which you are interested.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Ministry Workshop for NEW Liturgical Ministers September 27, 2023 @ 7PM
- Review of Liturgical Ministries for current ministers--October 4, 2023 @7PM

LAST NAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

MASS TIME PREFERENCE:

9:00 AM ☐

11:00 AM ☐

7:00 PM ☐

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers	
Children's Liturgy of the Word	
Church Art & Environment	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)	
Hospitality Ministry	
Hosting Sunday Coffee	
Lector	
Music Ministry – Leader(s) of song	

OR:

I am interested in helping in the following area: _____

Other Parish Ministries and Services

Altar Linen Care	
Grounds Maintenance	
Building Maintenance Assistance	

Parish Outreach and Formation

RCIA Team Member	
Faith Formation	
Visiting the Sick and Homebound	

Music Ministry Leaders of song	The Leaders of Song enhance the liturgical celebrations by directing the music at Mass through hymns and songs that will ensure the “full, conscious, and active participation” of the parishioners in the liturgical celebration (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 14). The whole parish community benefits from participating in the Mass through prayerful music.
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Other Parish Ministries and Services

Altar Linen Care	The care of the altar and church linens is important to the celebration of the Mass. Well prepared altar linens serve as a sign of reverence for what is celebrated on the altar of the Lord, as well as a protection of the altar and the sacred vessels.
Grounds and Building Maintenance Assistance	To assist in the maintenance and care of our building and grounds when needed

Parish Outreach and Formation

RCIA Team Member and Faith Formation	<p>The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a program for people interested in the Catholic faith, whether they are non-Catholics thinking about becoming Catholic, or Catholics who wish to learn more about their baptismal Catholic faith.</p> <p>The goal of Faith Formation is to assist parents in the religious education of their children and to help them prepare to receive the Sacraments. The Faith Formation program is offered to children who attend public school.</p>
Visiting the Sick and Homebound	Those who visit and/or bring Holy Communion to those at home, in hospital or care homes are offering a ministry of spiritual care. A minister of care is commissioned by the parish to bring Holy Communion and the compassion of Christ and His Church to the sick and the homebound. Visiting the sick, the grieving, the aged, the dying is a ministry of sharing Christ with others. Training for this is provided.



PARISH MINISTRIES

There are many ways to share your time and talents at Immaculate Conception, both in the parish and school. We invite you to consider the following as an opportunity to serve. Please see insert for description of each of the following.

- Altar Linen Care
- Altar Server (grade 4 and up)
- Church Art and Environment
- Children's Liturgy (program leader)
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Grounds and Building Maintenance Assistance
- Hospitality
- Host for Sunday Coffee
- Lector
- Music ministry
- RCIA Team, and Faith Formation
- Visiting the Sick and Homebound

All of these are important to the life of the church and school community. Be assured that **formation, training and support will be offered.**

We encourage all, including our young people, to consider this invitation.

Sign-up Sunday will be on September 10 & 17, 2023 after each Mass. If you are already a part of any of these ministries and would like to continue, please sign-up and provide your contact information. If you are not at Mass on Sign-up Sunday please send an email to the parish office at icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca OR [click here to sign-up online on our website.](#)

Please see attached for the description of each of the Ministries or [click here](#)

PASTORAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM



This very valuable and free **Pastoral Care Outreach Training online series** is being offered by the Diocese of Victoria will begin this fall. The nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon,

starting on September 23, 2023, except for Thanksgiving (October 7) to conclude November 25. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or smartphone with speakers, microphone and webcam, and a reliable Internet connection. Please register through your local parish by September 15, 2023.

Please see attached for further details or see our parish bulletin board for a hard copy.

Diocesan Wednesday Weekly
will be August 30, 2023

WELCOME FR. MATTHEW!

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of our IC parish-school community, I want to officially welcome Fr. Matthew Bellerive as Assistant Priest!

Fr. Matthew was ordained to the ministerial priesthood for the Diocese of Prince George by Bishop Jensen on May 26, 2023.

I welcomed Fr. Matthew at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, August 20th, but I have not had an opportunity to offer a broader welcome from our faith family. May your upcoming year, Fr. Matthew, be enjoyable, formative, informative, and grace-filled!

Peace+

Fr. John

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PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT

Pre-authorized debit helps to simplify your contributions on a bi-weekly or monthly basis. If you are interested, please go to our website at <https://www.icparish.ca/> or pick up a pre-authorized form from the church foyer and hand it in to the parish office with a **void cheque** icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca

PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

1. Are you new to our parish? If so, **welcome!** Please take a registration form from the foyer OR check out our webpage at www.icparish.ca for a fillable form. Please submit via email icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca or drop off at the parish office.
2. Has your contact information changed? Please contact the parish office at 250 964 4898 or send an email with your changes.
3. Are you missing your 2022 envelopes or would like envelopes– call the parish office.

A reminder to make all cheques payable to RCEC Immaculate Conception Parish or RCEC-IC





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