

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Diocese of Prince George

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**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time—September 10, 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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FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR: Jennifer Wilczek

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: TBA

HOSPITALITY/COFFEE SUNDAY: Daniel Burri

CHURCH

ENVIRONMENT: Phyllis Sarrazin

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Fern Cote

SOCIAL ACTION &

GRAND KNIGHT:

SOUP KITCHEN: Sr. Michaela

K of C Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

**If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.**

Matthew 18.15-20

# MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	Sep 10	9AM	For the Parishioners of IC
		11AM	
		7PM	
Mon	Sep 11	9AM	
Tues	Sep 12	9AM	RIP of Jackie Johnson
Wed	Sep 13	9AM	
Thu	Sep 14	9AM	
Fri	Sep 15	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](mailto: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](mailto:icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca)

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL



**A reminder that the school is in session and the zone speed of 30 km is in effect!**



Please note the new parking pattern to accommodate accessible parking for students in our school community.

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Incredible Community

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



- **Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel** – Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- **Ministry Sign-up Sundays** – today and September 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
- **Altar Servers Workshop** - Saturday, September 23, from 10:00AM to 3:00PM
- **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

## PARISH FALL POTLUCK

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> @ 5:30PM



Parish Potluck

As we return from summer holidays and enter into our fall routines, the IC parish community invites all parishioners to a fall potluck dinner on Friday, September 22, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

Each family is asked to **bring a main dish to share** and according to the first letter of your last name to also bring:

- A to L -- a Vegetable or Salad
- M to Z—a Dessert.

The parish will provide beverages.

This will be an opportunity to meet new parishioners and to connect with those we have not seen for a long time. Hope to see you there.

## 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
- 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](mailto: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](#)

## 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](mailto:icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca)

**[Diocesan Wednesday Weekly  
will be September 6, 2023, 2023](#)**

## 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](#) by **Wednesday, September 13**, 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](mailto:michaelamarques49@gmail.com). Thank you.

## CALLED TOGETHER,

### GIVING, SHARING, SERVING



Along with all parishes and missions throughout the diocese, this weekend we kick-off the Annual Diocesan Appeal: It supports the mission of the local Church across our diocese. Your gift is one way that you can practice stewardship and participate in the mission of the Church. The diocesan goal has been slightly increased to \$275,000 this year, still falls short of the usual \$400,000. This year, we are putting a focus on funding those programs which were suspended under COVID but are now coming back to life. The biggest portion will go to help those smaller parishes and missions across the diocese who continue to face ongoing challenges.

The diocese is continuing to collect funds for the **BC Bishops' appeal in support of Healing and Reconciliation**. See the brochure in the package for details.

The form in the package gives the opportunity to designate how much you would like to direct to the **Diocesan Annual Appeal** and how much to the **Healing and Reconciliation** appeal. We thank you for your continued generous support.

<b>OUR PARISH GOAL: \$25,623</b>	<b>OUR PROJECT GOAL: 7,500</b>
<b>TOTAL PARISH GOAL</b>	
<b>\$ 33,123</b>	

### APPEAL LETTER FROM BISHOP JENSEN

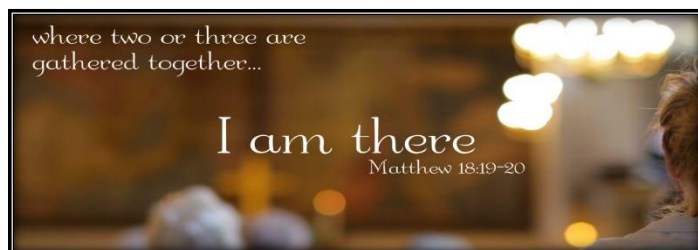
Through the Annual Appeal over the last few years, the community of the diocese has responded to the extraordinary situation of small parishes and missions that suffered disproportionately due to the financial impact of the pandemic restrictions.

Now that we are returning to more normal conditions and people can once again participate in parish life, the Appeal focus can turn to ministries that were either suspended or curtailed during the health emergency. This includes work with youth and young adults and university students, hospital ministry, the Rose Prince pilgrimage and other forms of evangelization and outreach.

The overall Appeal goal has risen, a step towards a return to pre-pandemic levels of support. In addition, the Appeal includes a new category for parish projects. The Appeal infrastructure provides an efficient means for each parish to address its own needs and over the last few years several parishes have taken advantage of this opportunity.

Who could have predicted recent history? Times have changed, but our need to be stewards of God's blessings to us is constant. I invite you to join me once again in supporting the Annual Appeal to build the community of faith, service and witness in our local Church.

+Most Reverend Stephen Jensen







# 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.



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.



# 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	



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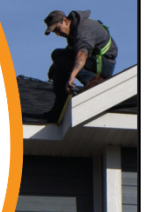
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