

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

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24th Sunday of Ordinary Time—September 17, 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

BISHOP -DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE

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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 &

GRAND KNIGHT:

SOUP KITCHEN: Sr. Michaela

K of C Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

Matthew 18.21-35



Sun	Sep 17	9AM	For the People of IC
		11AM	RIP of Benno John Ens – on the anniversary of his BD tomorrow
		7PM	
Mon	Sep 18	9AM	RIP of Tom Brock - Brother of Fr. Terry Brock
Tues	Sep 19	9AM	RIP of Gerry Gillis on the anniversary of his BD
Wed	Sep 20	9AM	
Thu	Sep 21	9AM	RIP of Dominic Egum
Fri	Sep 22	9AM	Intentions of Emma Hall on her BD

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.

PARISH FALL POTLUCK

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND @ 5:30PM

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 **OR**
- 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.

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

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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 will begin our first session on Thursday, September 28 at 7:00PM to 8:30PM in the Meeting Room at IC. This will be a collaborative program with St. Mary's Parish.



- **Stewardship Sunday – Today see insert/attached**
- **K of C Monthly Meeting – Next meeting will be Thursday, October 12, 2023 –every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM**
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast – today 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**
- **Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel – Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM**
- **RCIA Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 7PM in the Church Meeting Room**

BILLET FOR STUDENT TEACHER – SHC

Sacred Heart School is going to have a student teacher come from St. Mary's University in Calgary. She is looking forward to coming but has not yet found accommodations for her stay from Oct. 22 to Dec. 16. If there is a member or a family within the parish community that could possibly host this student teacher during her practicum, it would be greatly appreciated. Finding her lodgings close to Sacred Heart School (or close to a bus stop) would be ideal, as she does not have access to a vehicle. Please contact, the school Principal, Stephanie Becker at sbecker@cispg.ca, or phone the school at 250-563-5201.

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 today. 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 [click here](#) for the description of each of the Ministries.

RACHEL VINEYARD RETREATS

Fall retreats for the BC Interior

For Emotional and Spiritual Healing

Rachel Vineyard weekend retreats offer a supportive and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal & healing.

Registering now. Confidentiality assured.

- Kelowna retreat Oct 20-22
Contact Vicki at 250-762-2273
www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com
Facebook: Rachels Vineyard Kelowna
- Merrit retreat Oct 17-19
Contact Nancy at 250-267-5081 phone or text
rvkamloops@yahoo.ca

SACRED HEART SENIOR CITIZENS' SOCIETY
FORT GEORGE MANOR

AGM meeting will be held on Sunday, September 17th, 2023 – 1:30pm at 1870 Gorse Street.

We invite you to attend, come see friends and hear the business of the Manor over the past year.

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

Diocesan Wednesday Weekly
will be September 13, 2023

CALLED TOGETHER,

GIVING, SHARING , SERVING



Today is the Educational and Promotional Weekend. As in the past, your pledge truly benefits the many people in the small parishes, missions and ministries throughout our diocese.

A successful Appeal furthers the mission of our local Church and of our parish and helps others in our diocese with the resources they truly need. We hope that every household in our parish actively participates, a goal that can only be reached with your help. Please consider your support in the coming week. Not everyone can make the same pledge, but if we all offer our sacrifice, we will truly be successful.

OUR PARISH GOAL: \$25,623 OUR PROJECT GOAL: 7,500
TOTAL PARISH GOAL
\$ 33,123

PLEDGES TO DATE: \$1350.00

In addition to our diocesan appeal, the bishops of B.C. have asked us to help support efforts to promote healing and reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples through a separate appeal. The diocese has been asked to pledge \$147,000 toward this important work. Over the past two years, we raised \$110,000 of that total. We do not set parish goals for this appeal but look to the generosity of everyone to make a meaningful contribution to support these efforts.

The Healing and Reconciliation Committee has been formed and has begun meeting. Four indigenous members will review and consider how best to use the funds raised in our diocese to support projects that promote healing and reconciliation.

I tell you, not seven
times, but
seventy-seven
times

MATTHEW 18:22



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