



Sun	Oct 1	9AM	For the intentions of Fr. Punnaiah and Parishioners of Our Lady of Good Hope/Snows on their 150th Jubilee Anniversary
		11AM	RIP of James Roderick Lynch - 1st Anniversary of death
		7PM	For the People of IC
Mon	Oct 2	9AM	RIP of John and Mary O'Neill
Tues	Oct 3	9AM	Intentions of Mary-Jo Thibedeau on her 70th BD
Wed	Oct 4	9AM	RIP of Martin Dick
Thu	Oct 5	9AM	For the Intentions of Daniel Westle on his BD
Fri	Oct 6	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.

### 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)

### HOSPITALIZATION AND VISITING THE SICK

Just a reminder to our parishioners, if you or one of your loved ones are hospitalized, and/or you would like a visit from either Fr. John or Fr. Matthew or a minister who visits the sick, please call or email the parish office to let us know. Also, when being admitted to the hospital let the registration clerk know that you wish to be visited, as the Privacy Act limits the information that hospitals can release, and we have no other way of knowing you are in hospital.

There are also wallet-sized cards available in the foyer to request a priest in case of an emergency.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Giving Tree Committee would like to thank all parishioners who supported us in the sponsorship of a blanket or who made a donation. Your continued support is appreciated. We are still accepting donations. If you would like to donate or have any questions, please contact Sr. Michaela.

### PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

Are you new to our parish? If so, **welcome!** Registration forms are in the foyer OR check out our webpage at [www.icparish.ca](http://www.icparish.ca) for a fillable form. Please submit via email [icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca) or drop off at the parish office.

Has your contact information changed? Please contact the parish office at 250 964 4898 or send an email with your changes.

### 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)

Our next **session on Thursday, October 5, at 7:00PM to 8:30PM in the Meeting Room at IC.** This will be a collaborative program with St. Mary's Parish.



- **Pro-Life Chain – October 1, Highway 16 and Ferry.**



- **SVDP Thanksgiving Food Drive -- October 1, 2023- bags are in the foyer. Items will be picked up on October 10, 2023**

- **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 –October 15 after the 9AM and 11AM Mass**

- **Review of Liturgical Ministries for current ministers--October 4, 2023 @7PM**

- **RCIA Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 7PM in the Church Meeting Room**

- **Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel – Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM**

- **Canada Needs Our Lady: Public Rosary Oct 14 at 12 noon at Highway 16 and Ferry Ave.**

## BLESSING OF PETS



The blessing of animals is a Catholic custom that is centuries old, and one that is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. St. Francis was known for his love of animals and for all of God's creation. He even wrote a lyrical poem titled, *Canticle of the Creatures*.

an ode to God's living creatures and all of creation. The blessing of animals, therefore, is often, by custom, held on or near October 4<sup>th</sup>, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. The blessing of animals celebrates the companionship and service of pets and livestock, the beauty of God's creation, and our gratitude and concern for all of God's divine handiwork.

In keeping with this centuries-old tradition, we will have a blessing of pets on **Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.** Pet owners are invited to bring their pets to this ritual blessing. Please form a circle or oval in the lower school field (section inside the fenced area closest to Cathedral Avenue) when you arrive.

For safety and organizational reasons, pets must be on a leash or in a carrying device. Should your pet need to use the field for 'washrooming' purposes, please ensure that you remove any 'deposits' from the field as children use it for play and sports activities. 😊

## CALLED TOGETHER, GIVING, SHARING, SERVING



Thank you to those who have made an early commitment to this year's appeals. A little over 12% of the diocesan goal at \$35,028 pledged and \$24,725 already received.

Our Healing and Reconciliation Appeal has reached \$3,110 with all the pledged funds already received.

I want to take this moment to point out a big change on the Weekly Update report. This year, each parish has a 'parish project goal' which is added to the parish's diocesan goal for a total combined goal. We want to draw attention to the fact that **Called Together** is meant to help every parish and not just the identified recipients of appeal funds. All funds raised above a parish's diocesan goal are returned to the parish.

The appeals continue until June 30, 2024. Please consider making a financial contribution over the next few months. With the prayerful support of our Catholic community in the diocese it will help make a big difference for many of our people who are in most need of support.

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

**TOTAL PLEDGES RECEIVED TO DATE: \$ 3,380.00**  
**OR 10.20% OF OUR GOAL**

## PARISH MINISTRIES FORMATION & TRAINING

The opportunity for training was **on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00PM**, however if you missed that chance and were unavailable, please call the parish office if you wish to be an **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) and/or Lectors** it's not too late.

**Review for existing EMHC and Lectors is on October 4, 2024 at 7:00PM.**

This is a great opportunity to serve our community. We encourage all, including our young people, to consider this invitation.

Please email the parish office at [icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca) or call 250-964-4898 for more information.

## HOW CAN YOU SHARE YOUR 'TREASURE'?

As a follow-up to our Stewardship Sunday presentation here are some of the ways you can share your treasure:

1. **Envelopes:** If you don't have an envelope and would like one, contact the parish office. A reminder to make all cheques payable to RCEC Immaculate Conception Parish or RCEC-IC
2. **Pre-Authorized Debit:** Consider having your offering come directly from your account to ours. This option is available on a bi-weekly or monthly basis. If you are interested, please pick up an application form from the church foyer or access it on our webpage at <https://www.icparish.ca/> and fill in your PAD application.
3. **E-transfer:** This is at your fingertips you can make the offering online. Registered through [icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca) for a direct deposit.

**A TAX RECEIPT WILL BE ISSUED FOR ALL DONATIONS.**

**THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO GET A TAX BREAK  
AND TO SHARE YOUR TREASURE.**

**THANK YOU for sharing your  
TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE**

**Diocesan Wednesday Weekly**  
**will be September 27, 2023**

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**Immaculate Conception**  
**Incredible Community**

