

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

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2nd Sunday of Advent

December 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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HOSPITALITY/COFFEE Daniel Burri

CHURCH

SUNDAY:

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

“The One who is more powerful than I is coming after me....”

Mark 1.1-8

MORE ON THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Each Sunday of Advent takes on a particular character as suggested by the Gospel reading.

Week I The Lord's coming in glory at the end of time (the *parousia*).

Weeks II and III John the Baptist and his message of reparation and repentance.

Week IV Events that immediately prepare for the Lord's birth.

The Old Testament readings are prophecies about the coming of the Lord and the promise of messianic fulfilment. The writings of the prophet Isaiah are especially prominent during Advent.

The selections from the writing of the Apostles offer instructions and exhortations on the different themes and ideas of the season.

ADVENT WEEKDAYS

The readings of the first part of Advent centre on a semi-continuous reading of the prophet Isaiah, with gospel passages that reflect a sense of fulfilment of the reading.

During the second week, the gospel readings introduce us to John the Baptist as the one who prepares us for the coming of the Lord (at Christmas and at the end of time) through his message of repentance.

Finally, beginning on December 17th, the gospel readings from Matthew and Luke recount the events that prepared for the Lord's birth. The first readings present important messianic passages that relate to the gospel text.

THE PROPHETS

The writings of the prophets (especially Isaiah) and the images they use in their books find a special place in Advent. However, it is important to remember that we read the prophets not because they somehow detail specific details of the coming of Jesus, but because of the intimate relation between the longing that they express and the fulfilment that Jesus brings. The plan and pattern of the Old Testament directs us to the coming of Christ and to the messianic kingdom that he inaugurates. In the works of the prophets, the Church finds the language and symbols that help it express the mystery of the coming of the Saviour.



Sun	Dec 10	9AM	
		11AM	RIP of Paula Zobl
		7PM	For the Parishioners of IC
Mon	Dec 11	9AM	Intentions of Kate Webster for healing
Tues	Dec 12	9AM	
Wed	Dec 13	9AM	
Thu	Dec 14	9AM	
Fri	Dec 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.



- **Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel** – Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- **RCIA Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 7PM** at Immaculate Conception Church
- **K of C Monthly Meeting (every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM)** – Next meeting will be **Thursday, December 14, 2023**
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast** –December 17 after the 9AM and 11AM Masses
- **Family Movie Night** – **December 21, 2023** from 6:00PM to 9:00PM- more details to come. See poster in foyer on bulletin boards.

Attention Movie goers - All can enter a draw for a night to the movie theatre for the whole family- sponsored by **Lisa O'Neill - Team Powerhouse Realty**

- **Advent Series reflecting on the "O Antiphons" by Fr. Matthew; Monday December 18, to 22. 5:30 to 6:00PM.**
- **Advent Reconciliation:**
 - **Christ Our Saviour Dec 19, 6:00PM**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Anticipation of 4th Sun of Advent – Sat. Dec 23, 5:00 PM

4th Sunday of Advent – Sun. Dec 24, 9:00AM **only**

Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24

Children's Mass 5:00PM

Christmas Eve 8:00PM

Christmas Day- Monday, December 25 10:00AM only

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Incredible Community**

2024 CHURCH ENVELOPES

Please pick up your envelopes in the church foyer. Call or email the parish office if you do not currently have envelopes and would like to use them, or for the Special Collection envelope packages for those who are considering EFT and PAD.

For the current users PAD there are Special Collection envelopes in the foyer.

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.](#)



THANK
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YOU!

A BIG thank you TO the IC School Staff who hosted the lovely Seniors' Lunch last Sunday, December 3. The soup was delicious! Thank you also to those who contributed sandwiches and goodies and to the choir who did a great job singing. A wonderful community building event.

The Giving Tree Committee would like to thank all the donors and sponsors for their generosity.

This year's Giving Tree was auctioned off for \$3,500.00. All proceeds went to The Spirit of the Northern Health Foundation.

Also, a big thank you for the very generous donations from the city Catholic schools and IC Friends who donated toward the gifts for all agencies we donate to.

ADVENT RESOURCES

- [Bishop Barron – Three Comings of Christ Prepare us for Advent](#)
- [CCCB Journey Through Advent](#)
- [Advent in Two Minutes](#)
- [A Catholic Mom's Life](#)

HOW
TO
Advent



To help us prayerfully prepare for Christmas, Fr. Matthew will be conducting a series of evening prayer services in the final week of Advent. It is in these days that the official Evening Prayer of the Church uses the "O Antiphons" which we know well from the hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

Starting at 5:30PM, and finishing by 6:00PM, a brief reflection will be given on the O Antiphon of the day, an explanation of Evening Prayer, then pray Evening Prayer with those in attendance.

So, come all ye faithful, to Immaculate Conception Church, Monday, December 18, through Friday, December 22 - each weeknight of the 3rd week of Advent - for 30 minutes of reflection and prayer as we journey through the last week of preparation for Christmas!

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS

The third week of every month, a group of 12 to 15 parishioners make soup and sandwiches which are distributed from the St. Vincent de Paul facility on 2nd Avenue. There is a need for donations of baked goods which will also be served. Please bring cookies, squares, dessert loaves etc. (bagged for individual distribution) to the Church on the Sunday prior. (December 17 Christmas baking would be appreciated!)

Any monetary donations which will help to defray the cost of the sandwiches will be gratefully appreciated. Place donations in an envelope marked "SOUP KITCHEN" and place the envelope in the collection basket. Thank you.

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

Located on 2nd Avenue. Shepherd's Corner is a diocesan outreach that ministers to street people. We are supporting the work of this outreach by collecting hygiene items. Suggestions include (small sizes): toothbrushes and toothpaste, dental floss, combs, hand soap, shampoo, deodorant, nail clippers, lip balm, hand sanitizers, Kleenex pouches, hand lotion, feminine hygiene products, disposable razors.....

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