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Diocese of Prince George

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January 7, 2024-Epiphany of the Lord

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/HOSPITAL 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

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Psalms 72

January 7, 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord



Sun	Jan 7	9AM	RIP of Roy Fuller
		11AM	For the intentions of the Van Hage Family
		7PM	For the Parishioners of IC
Mon	Jan 8	9AM	RIP of Roy Fuller
Tue	Jan 9	9AM	(Fr. M) Holy Souls in Purgatory (Fr. J) RIP of Roy Fuller
Wed	Jan 10	9AM	(Fr. M) The intentions of Kristin Beelar for healing (Fr. J) For the intentions of Jenny Bachmann
Thu	Jan 11	9AM	(Fr. M) RIP of Sr. Fleurette Chalut and deceased family members (Fr. J) RIP of Marlene Pasula
Fri	Jan 12	9AM	For a Special Intention

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.

Fr. John is also accepting Mass intentions while in Rome. There will be two Mass intentions for each day, in here and one in ROME.

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.

HEARTFELT THANKS!

Dear IC Parish-School Family,

Fr. Matthew and I would like to express our deepest gratitude for the assistance and involvement of Martha, Sr. Michaela, Jim, and ALL of the wonderful parish volunteers who cleaned and decorated for Christmas, provided the various ministries for our parish and school Masses, and helped us celebrate so well as a community! Thanks, as well, to the students who contributed their artwork. May our Lord, through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, bless all of you in 2024!

Peace+

Fr. John



Also, a big thank you from all the IC Parish team, (Frs. John and Matthew Martha and Sr. Michaela), for all the gifts and cards received by many of you during the Christmas Season!

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Immaculate Conception
Incredible Community



- **Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel** – Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- **RCIA Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 7PM at St. Mary's Church**
- **K of C Monthly Meeting (every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM)** – Next meeting will be **Thursday, January 11, 2024**
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast –January 21, 2024 after the 9AM and 11AM Masses**

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. (January 14, February 18).

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.....

THERE IS A BOX IN THE FOYER FOR YOUR DONATIONS.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITS

If you or someone you know are confined to home and are unable to come to Church please call or email the parish office and 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.

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OUR PARISH GOAL:	\$ 25,623
OUR PROJECT GOAL:	\$ 7,500
TOTAL PARISH GOAL	\$ 33,123
TOTAL PLEDGES RECEIVED AS OF DECEMBER 13, 2023	
\$25,820 OR 77.95% OF OUR GOAL	

DIOCESE OF VICTORIA PASTORAL CARE TRAINING SESSIONS – WINTER 2024

The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be offered online again this winter. Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, starting on January 20 and running until March 23, 2024 (with no session on March 9 for Spring Break). Participants who attend all sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or Smart Phone with speakers, microphone and webcam, a reliable Internet connection, and access to Zoom. Please register through your local parish by January 12. For further information, please email moiraking@shaw.ca.

Save the Date: Men's Spiritual Exercises Retreat

Date: Mar 1-3, 2024

There will be more details provided in the coming weeks.

For more information, contact Norman Hebert
norman.hebert@protonmail.com
778-890-0540

Diocesan Wednesday Weekly for January 3, 2024

Statement of CCCB on Vatican's Document Addressing Pastoral Blessings

On Tuesday, December 19, 2023, the CCCB released a statement regarding the recent publishing of *Fiducia Supplicans* from the Vatican. In the statement, Bishop William McGrattan, president of the CCCB, says: "While explicitly affirming the Church's traditional understanding of marriage, *Fiducia Supplicans* allows pastors to bless people who freely request a blessing, seeking divine help to live in fidelity to God's will. The Declaration makes clear that such blessings must be directed to the persons themselves rather than their situation and that they must be spontaneously requested and are not ritual or liturgical actions."

For the full statement, please visit the CCCB website here:
<https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/statement-of-cccb-on-vaticans-document-addressing-pastoral-blessings/>

2024 Church envelopes

There are still some envelopes in the church foyer. Please pick them up.

Please contact the parish office via email or call if you do not currently have envelopes and would like to use them. There are Special Collection envelope packages for those who are currently using or 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.](#)



I once thought I was going to have to move away from family and friends and everyone I knew just weeks before Christmas. It was a startling thought, and I wasn't sure how I felt about it. But I believed that God would be with me, and that Christmas would still happen that year, that what mattered wasn't all the customs and decorations and family gatherings, but the intimate presence of a God who became one of us. We've become a very mobile culture, often moving several times during a career. It can be daunting to leave one place for another, to make new friends and build new routines and traditions. But it offers tremendous opportunities to share our gifts in ever-widening circles. As the Christmas season draws to a close, we reflect not so much on the birth of Jesus as on the impact that birth had on all those who heard of it—the shepherds, the magi, the villagers, **and us**. We get so busy at this time of year with all the activity that sometimes we forget that this baby whose birth we celebrate was in fact the divine in our midst. The Feast of Epiphany makes clear that by taking on our human reality, God shows us how to move beyond our ordinary routines into lives that can make a difference in our world. The coming of the Magi to visit the Holy Family was a sign that Christ had come not only for the people of Bethlehem and Jerusalem but for all people in all times and places. It is a reminder that we're called to be ever more inclusive, to be open to questions from all those who seek the love and the mercy and the peace of God.

From the book [*The Peace of Christmas: Quiet Reflections from Pope Francis*](#) by Diane M. Houdek



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