IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH Diocese of Prince George

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January 14, 2024-2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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PASTOR ~ IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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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 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

"Come and See!"



OF THE WEEK-

| | | 9AM | RIP of Roy Fuller |
|-----|--------|------|----------------------|
| Sun | Jan 14 | 11AM | For the People of IC |
| | | 7PM | RIP of Ed Dias |
| Mon | Jan 15 | 9AM | |
| Tue | Jan 16 | 9AM | RIP of Roy Fuller |
| Wed | Jan 17 | 9AM | |
| Thu | Jan 18 | 9AM | RIP of Roy Fuller |
| Fri | Jan 19 | 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.

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.



- RCIA Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 7PM at St. Mary's Church
- K of C Pancake Breakfast –January 21, 2024 after the 9AM and 11AM Masses
- K of C Monthly Meeting (every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM) Next meeting will be Thursday, February 8, 2024
- Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 8:00 AM 8:00 PM

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

Located on 2nd Ave. Prince George, 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, combs, toothpaste, dental floss, 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.

St. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD BANK

The focus in JANUARY will be DRINKS (coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice etc.), and SCHOOL LUNCH SNACKS, but ALL non-perishable food items will continue to be accepted.

There is a box in the foyer for your donations.

Immaculate Conception School PSG

A BIG Thank-you.

To all the individuals that purchased shopping cards throughout the last year.

To all the local businesses that supported the program including:

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Together in 2023 we sold **\$65,155.00** in Gift Cards and Raised **\$2,412.20** for the Immaculate Conception
School and Parish

Total fundraised to date available through the shopping card program is \$16,652.83 to be used for future School and Parish initiatives through the PSG administration.

A heartfelt thank-you from Sarah Roberge and the ICS Parent Support Group.

*Consider ordering in November next year to ensure December availability

*Program runs year-round — great teacher gifts!
*Cash/Cheque preferred due to debit/credit fees

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Immaculate Conception Incredible Community



<u>Diocesan Wednesday Weekly</u> <u>for January 10, 2024</u>

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 envelops in the foyer.

If you would like to donate by PAD you will find the application <u>here</u>.

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.

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.

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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 \$27,665 OR 83.52% OF OUR GOAL

Our last update was in December. The Diocese has reached just over 83% of its goal – up from 78% in December – with 82% already received. Also, gone from just under \$26,000 to more than \$32,000 in our Healing and Reconciliation appeal with all pledged funds received. Thank you to everyone who helped us get this far. We still have about \$50,000 to go to ensure that we can meet the needs of our smaller parishes, missions, and ministries throughout the diocese.

What is Ordinary Time

The season of the Church year when Catholics are encouraged to grow and mature in daily expression of their faith outside the great seasons of celebration of Christmas and Easter and the great periods of penance of Advent and Lent.

Ordinary Time is a time to deepen one's prayer life, read the Scriptures, unite more deeply with the Lord in the Eucharist, and to grow deeper in our faith.

Ordinary Time is a period when we strive to become the extraordinary messengers of the Gospel that we have been commissioned to be through our baptism.

It's tempting to think that **Ordinary Time** got its name because it is, ordinary, or non-exceptional, but that's not really the case. **Ordinary Time** means ordered, or numbered, time and is derived from ordinal numbers (first, second, third, etc.) as opposed to cardinal numbers (one, two, three).

There's Always Something to Celebrate

Even though Ordinary Time doesn't build to a single great feast like Advent to Christmas or Lent to Easter, it is not without its high points. The Assumption of Mary (Aug. 15), All Saints (Nov. 1), and Christ the King (Nov. 22) are just a few of the important celebrations that fall during these 32 or 33 weeks.

No First Sunday of Ordinary Time?

If you go to Mass on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is celebrated after Epiphany, you may be startled to see the next Sunday is the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time.

What happened to the First Sunday? It's a little confusing. The Mass for the Baptism of the Lord is the very last celebration of the Christmas season. Therefore, the first part of that celebration is Christmas and the second part is Ordinary Time. The next day, is first day of Ordinary Time. Therefore, the next Sunday has to be the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.



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