IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH Diocese of Prince George

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March 3, 2024-3rd Sunday of Lent



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

Daily

MASS TIMES:

SACRAMENTS:

Baptism Reconciliation Marriage

Sunday 9:00AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM **Contact Parish Office** Before Mass, or by appointment Contact Parish Office at least

six months in advance

Monday - Friday 9:00AM

BISHOP ~ DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE PASTOR~IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH ASSISTANT PRIEST **ADMINISTRATIVE AND PASTORAL ASSISTANT** PRINCIPAL~IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL Most Rev. Stephen Jensen Rev. John Garden Rev. Matthew Bellerive Mrs. Martha Primus Mrs. Kathleen Barth Email: icsoffice@cispg.ca

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PASTORAL MINISTRIES CONTACTS

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR: Jennifer Wilczek PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR: Daniel Burri HOSPITALITY/COFFEE Daniel Burri SUNDAY: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Fern Cote GRAND KNIGHT:

K of C Meetings 2^{nd} Thursday of the month

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITS: Contact Parish Office CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: TBA CHURCH ENVIRONMENT: Phyllis Sarrazin SOCIAL ACTION & SOUP KITCHEN: Sr. Michaela VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."



OF THE WEEK			
Sun	Mar 3	9AM	For the People of IC
		11AM	For the intentions of the Domano Sisters
		7PM	RIP of Richard Dassylva
		FR J	RIP of Judy Somerville
Mon	Mar 4	9AM	For the intentions of Edite Rocha and Barbara Pawlowska
Tue	Mar 5	9AM	RIP of Loma Josefchuk
		FRJ -	RIP of Lorrafne Cherrille
Wed	Mar 6	9AM	RIP of Joseph Josefchuk
Thu	Mar 7	9AM	Intentions of Henrietta Vered
		FRJ	Intentions of Henrietta Vered
Fri	Mar 8	9AM	RIP of Ray Tkachuk
		FRJ	Intentions of the Honeyman, Delado, Francis and Rebillard Families

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 request, please call the parish office by Wednesday of each week so that the intention can be published in the bulletin.

Reflection for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year B

Reflecting on the themes of the 3rd Sunday in Lent,

- Journey through Lent -CCCB Reflection
- https://youtu.be/QDZ1jv-t3mk •

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The focus in MARCH will be DISH SOAP, HAND SOAP, and SCHOOL SNACKS but ALL non-perishable food items will continue to be accepted.

There is a box in the foyer for your donations.

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): combs, all dental hygiene items (floss, brushes and paste), hand soap, shampoo, deodorant, nail clippers, lip balm, hand sanitizers, Kleenex pouches, hand lotion, feminine hygiene products, disposable razor etc.

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• Stations of the Cross 7PM – Every Friday, during Lent. Each Friday Fr Matthew will be giving a brief talk about the Way of the Cross as found in Scripture before praying the Stations.

- RCIA Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 7PM at St. Mary's
- Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
- K of C Monthly Meeting (every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM) - Next meeting will be Thursday, March 14, 2024
- K of C Pancake Breakfast March 17, 2024 after the 9AM and 11AM Masses
- Chrism Mass March 20. 2024 at Sacred Heart Cathedral 7:00PM
- Invitation to Youth Camp April 5-7, 2024 for more information go to <u>Youth Camp forms link</u> at our website https://www.icparish.ca/bulletin
- First Communion Sat. May 4, 2024 at 2PM at IC
- Sun. May 19 @2P at Sacred • Confirmation Heart. This will be a city-wide celebration.

Children's Liturgy of the Word



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We are very excited to announce that we will begin Children's Liturgy of the Word on March 10, 2024. It will be held every Second and Fourth Sunday of each month at the 11:00AM Mass. Thank you to Eunice

has volunteered to facilitate and lead this very valuable program for children ages three to six.

To make this an ongoing program, we need more adults volunteers. Each session requires two adults to be present at all times. If you are interested in helping, please contact Eunice at 250-612-8849 or email eunicejacinta@gmail.com

If you are a student grade five or older who would like to help, please contact the parish office.

What is Children's Liturgy of the Word?

It is not "Sunday school" or a "catechism class", it is breaking open the Word of God of the Sunday Liturgy for the young.

> IC= **Immaculate Conception Incredible Community**

Share Lent 2024- Development & Peace



Create Hope – Reaping our Rights

This year's focus during Lent draws our attention to small-scale farmers who feed humankind while caring for the earth, our Common Home.

We are asked to reflect on how farmland has been contaminated due to irresponsible oil and gas extraction.

. The following are two quotations from .

farmers in Nigeria:

"In the past, farming was easy. My mother used to have good harvests of cassava and cocoyam (edible roots) and plantain (like bananas). Now on our farm, the cassava is dying. When we uproot it, we notice a sheen of oil. We face health challenges; houses filled with cracks from extractive activities; and poor water system, among many other challenges."

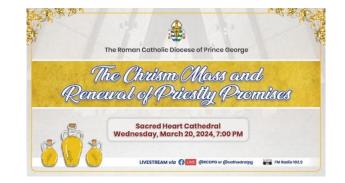
"Our cassava has been planted for over a year, but there has been no yield, and now the roots have decayed in the soil. When the river overflows due to poor drainage, it affects the farm. When the water subsides, the oil remains on the farmland. I had the hope of making a profit from the farm, but it was to no avail. Our water system has gone. I wonder what will happen for future generations."

On March 17, Solidarity Sunday, Catholics throughout Canada are asked to make a financial donation to Share Lent. The monies raised will help small-scale farmers in the Global South to address some of the issues they face due to irresponsible mining practices and will offer training of next-generation farmers. Also, your prayers support those who challenge governments to improve the laws surrounding mining and extraction practices in the global south.

Lenten Reconciliation Times in city Parishes

- March 12 (Tuesday): following the 5:30 evening Mass Christ Our Saviour Parish
- March 13 (Wednesday): 7:00 8:00PM St. Mary's Parish
- March 21 (Thursday): 7:00 8:00PM Immaculate Conception Parish
- March 25, 26, 27 6:00 to 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart- beginning with a spiritual reflection.

Diocesan Wednesday Weekly for February 28, 2024



The Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours

After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, this is Church's primary liturgical prayer. It is the official public prayer of the Church which takes place at regular hours throughout the course of the day. The purpose of the Divine Office is to sanctify the entire day by offering it to the glory of God.

If you would like to read more about the Liturgy of the Hours, please check out this introduction to the prayer at <u>Good Catholic.com</u>

To give it a try yourself (begin with just one or two "hours" of the day if this is new to you),

Go to this link at <u>Google Play</u> you will find the iBreviary and DivineOffice apps. These are great places to start.

OR Apple Store: iBreviary or Divine Office

NB: Do not purchase a physical breviary, as there is a new translation set to be released in 2025 or 2026.

IC FINANCE UPDATES

If you do not currently have envelopes and would like to use them, please email or call the parish office.

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 <u>icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca</u> for a direct deposit. Click here for instructions on how to e-transfer.



