

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

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November 30, 2025
1st Sunday of Advent



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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FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR: Jennifer Wilczek

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HOSPITALITY/COFFEE SUNDAY
COORDINATOR:

Kerri Svendsen

CHURCH
ENVIRONMENT: Martha & Team

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #8318

GRAND KNIGHT:

Eugenio Calisto
(250)-640-4533

SOCIAL ACTION &
SOUP KITCHEN: Sr. Michaela

K of C Meetings

2nd Thursday of the
month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Ken Anderson

Therefore, you must be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Matthew 24.44

First Sunday of Advent—November 30, 2025

THE SEASON OF ADVENT



Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year. While it expresses the deep longing of all humanity for God, it celebrates the three-fold coming of the Lord: remembering the events that surrounded the

Lord's coming long ago,

celebrating his coming among us today, and looking forward to his final coming in glory.

Its four Sundays emphasize our desire and longing for peace, justice and unity. Advent begins the Sunday falling on or closest to the 30th of November and ends Christmas Eve.

The first part of Advent looks forward to the *parousia*, the Lord's glorious return at the end of time and reflects on his presence among us today.

The second part of Advent – from December 17th to 24th – is a direct preparation for Christmas, the yearly commemoration of Jesus' coming among us in human flesh. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation

ASPECTS OF ADVENT

Colour: Violet is used for the priest's vestments and for altar clothes. Rather than penance the use of violet in Advent reflects longing and anticipation. Rose vestments may be used on the third Sunday (*Gaudete Sunday* or *Rejoice Sunday*) to signal the mid-point of the season.

Liturgy: *The Glory to God* is not sung to make clear that the Advent Season is one of anticipation and preparation for the full joy and glory of Christmas.

Flowers too may be used, but in moderation to leave a sense of abundance for the celebration of the Nativity.

Advent Wreath: Although originally used in home prayer, the wreath has found a place in the Advent décor of churches. Its evergreen circle and four candles symbolize: the eternal love of God; Christ, who is our Light; and the weekly passage of the Advent Season. It is often blessed on the First Sunday of Advent.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Sun	Nov 30	9AM	RIP of Jorge Rocha
		11AM	Intentions of Doris DaSilva
		7PM	For the People of IC
Mon	Dec 1	9AM	RIP of Jomon Jacob on the 6 th anniversary of death
Tues	Dec 2	9AM	
Wed	Dec 3	9AM	RIP of Gerry Chadderton
Thu	Dec 4	9AM	RIP of Derek Honeyman 12 th anniversary of death
Fri	Dec 5	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.

You are invited to celebrate our Parish Feast Day

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 8, 2025

Potluck Supper at 5:30PM

There will be special entertainment.



Mary is the Mother of all nations, hence we invite our parishioners, to dress in the attire of their native land.

The parish will provide beverages. Please bring a main dish to be shared. (Enough to feed your family)

For those whose last name starts:
A to H; bring a main dish & a dessert
I to O; bring a main dish & vegetable or salad
P to Z; bring a main dish & rice, potatoes, or pasta

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Reconciliation Times in the City

- Dec 10, 2025, at 7:00PM at St. Mary's Parish
- Dec 16, 2025, at 7:15PM at Christ Our Saviour
- Dec 18, 2025, 6:30PM at Immaculate Conception
- Sacred Heart Cathedral Time TBA

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FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT RESOURCES

- Liturgical Year – Catholic Central
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFh2vemurik>
- Journey through Advent series—CCCB
<https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/journey-through-advent-video-series-to-introduce-and-reflect-on-the-season/>
- The Days of Advent--
<https://watch.formed.org/brother-francis-the-days-of-advent>

Mark your calendar! UPCOMING EVENTS

- **RCIA– Thu, Dec 4 at 7:00PM in the Meeting Room**
- **2025 Jubilee Presentations at St. Mary's. Next session is Dec 5, at 6:00 PM.** Fr. Matthew Bellerive
<https://www.youtube.com/@saintmarysprincegeorge5396> this is the last presentation of the series.
- **Immaculate Conception Feast Day – December 8, 2025. Mass at 9:00AM Potluck Dinner 5:30PM details to follow.**
- **Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel Wed., Dec. 10, 2025 8:00AM to 8:00PM.**
- **K of C Monthly Meeting – Thu., Dec 11, 2025 @ 7:00PM. Parish Hall**
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word –Sun, Dec 14 & 28, 2025 and every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.**
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast Sun., Dec 21, 2025 after the 9:00AM and 11:00AM Mass. With a special guest.**
- **IC School Christmas Concert in the Hall – December 16 12:30AM and 7PM**

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS #8318 "GIVING TREE"

A very big thank you to all who made the "Giving Tree" project for the 2025 *Festival of Trees* a huge success. Thank you for the monetary donations, the support, the contributions of supplies and time and talents, all are greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to:

- K of C Council # 8318 for the sponsorship
- Parishioners for sponsorship of the blankets and monetary donations
- Volunteers who made the blankets
- IC school students and staff for the items for two of the agencies
- The Giving Tree Committee for their 35+ hours of work and preparation of the agency baskets and the decorating of the tree.

Thank you. "... hearts grew three sizes that day"

**Diocesan Wednesday Weekly
for November 26, 2025**

2026 DONATION ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available in the foyer. They are in alphabetical order by last name. If you have been e-transferring more frequently (rarely or not using an envelope), used an envelope once or twice, or did not pick up 2025 envelopes; you will not have a box assigned to you. But if you wish to have one, please send an email to the parish requesting a box. Please do not use old envelope numbers as numbers have been reassigned each year as we are using less envelopes.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL



Thank you for your contribution to the Appeal. Donations can still be made with the use of Interac e-Transfer
appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca or CanadaHelps at

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/12061> If you'd like to make other arrangements, please email appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca for assistance.

Please pray for the many needs we have throughout the diocese.

Our Diocesan Goal:	\$30,397
Parish Goal:	\$ 5,600
Combined:	\$35,997

TOTAL PLEDGED TO DATE: \$19,385 or 63.7% of Diocesan Goal

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✦ Christ Our Saviour Advent Mission 2025 ✦

SCHEDULE

5:30pm – Holy Mass
6:25pm – Keynote Talk
7:00pm – Break and Discussion

SPEAKERS

Thursday: Fr. Miguel Rabino
Friday: Sr. Amata Christi Dugdale, OP

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

**THURS. DEC 11 & FRI. DEC 12
5:30-8PM**



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