

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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**December 7, 2025**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> 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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K of C Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the  
month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Ken Anderson

Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

Matthew 3.1-12

# Second Sunday of Advent—December 7, 2025

## 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 preparation 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.



## 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

## Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sun	Dec 7	9AM	For the people of IC
		11AM	
		7PM	
Mon	Dec 8	9AM	For the people of IC
Tues	Dec 9	9AM	RIP of Duncan Harper
Wed	Dec 10	9AM	RIP of Alfonse & Paula Zobl
Thu	Dec 11	9AM	
Fri	Dec 12	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.

## 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.

## 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](#)

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TO  
Advent

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## Mark your calendar! UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Immaculate Conception Feast Day – December 8, 2025.** Mass at 9:00AM Potluck Dinner 5:30PM. See poster in foyer.
- **Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel** Wed., Dec. 10, 2025 8:00AM to 8:00PM.
- **RCIA– Thu, Dec. 11, at 7:00PM in the Meeting Room**
- **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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.**
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast Sun., Dec 21, 2025 after the 9:00AM and 11:00AM Mass.** There will be a special guest
- **IC School Christmas Concert in the Hall – December 16 12:30AM and 7PM**

## ATTENTION ALL BAKERS

About 12 to 15 parishioners gather monthly to make soup and sandwiches to be distributed to the St. Vincent de Paul facility on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Your donations of baked goods are gratefully accepted to be distributed with the soup and sandwiches. Please bring baked goods (bagged for individual distribution) to the Church on the Sunday prior. (Dec 14, Jan 11, 2026)

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

### GATHERED IN FAITH, LIVING THE JUBILEE OF HOPE

★ 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**

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca) for assistance.

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

<b>Our Diocesan Goal:</b>	<b>\$30,397</b>
<b>Parish Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 5,600</b>
<b>Combined:</b>	<b>\$35,997 TOTAL PLEDGED</b>
<b>TO DATE:</b>	<b>\$19,530 or 64% of Diocesan Goal</b>

**Diocesan Wednesday Weekly  
for December 3, 2025 -  
<https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/>**

## CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS TIMES

**Wed., Dec. 24, 2025-Christmas Eve**

**5:00PM\* & 8:00PM**

\* Overflow seating—Parish Hall

**Thu., Dec. 25, 2025 - Christmas Day**

**10:00AM ONLY**

**Fri., Dec. 26, 2025 9:00AM**

**Sat., Dec. 27, 2025 No Mass**

**Sun., Dec. 28, 2026**

**9:00AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM**

**Mon., Dec. 29, to Wed. Dec. 31, 2025 9:00AM**

**Thu., Jan. 1, 2026 - Mary the Mother of God**

**10:00AM ONLY**

**Fri., Jan. 2, 2026 9:00AM**

**Sat., Jan. 3, 2026 No Mass**

**Sun., Jan. 4, 2026 - Epiphany of the Lord**

**9:00AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM**

**Mon., Jan. 5 to Fri. Jan. 9, 2026 9:00AM**

**Sun., Jan. 11, 2026 - Baptism of the Lord**

**9:00AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM**





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