

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Diocese of Prince George

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**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time—October 15, 2023**



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

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

**Invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.**

Matthew 22.1-14



Sun	Oct 15	9AM	RIP of Phil Thalman
		11AM	For the People of IC
		7PM	For the intentions of Ron Kelly on his BD
Mon	Oct 16	9AM	RIP of Lillian Fowlie
Tues	Oct 17	9AM	RIP of Zbigniew Najsznerski on the 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of death
Wed	Oct 18	9AM	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thu	Oct 19	9AM	RIP of Hubert Zobl
Fri	Oct 20	9AM	RIP of Ursula Najsznerska

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.

### SICK AND HOMEBOUND

If you know of anyone who is unable to come to Mass and would appreciate a home visit, please call or email the parish office.

### TRAINING FOR VISITING THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Thank you to those parishioners who have responded with interest in visiting the sick and the homebound. Your generosity in serving in this capacity will be greatly appreciated by those members of our faith family unable to join us at I.C.

There will be a workshop/training session for all new AND all current Ministers of Care on Monday October 16, 2023 at 7.00pm.

If you are unable to attend, please call Beth Hodgson (250 564 9798) and we will make sure to connect with you.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

We would like to begin the ministry of Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 11:00 AM Mass. We have 2 adults and a number of youth who have volunteered; we need a few more adults to begin. This is an opportunity for the Sunday Gospel and readings to be proclaimed at a level the children can understand to experience God's love for them. The Liturgy of the Word is enriched with discussion, activities, prayers, and songs. Training, resources, and support are provided for those who provide this ministry. Please contact the Parish Office: 250-964-4898 or email [icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca)

### RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you, or anyone you know interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA is a journey of faith for unbaptised Adults, Baptised Adults from another Christian Faiths, and Baptised Adults from the Roman Catholic Faith who have not received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. If you are interested in RCIA please contact Martha 250-964-4898 or email the parish office at [icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca)

Our next **session on Thursday, October 19, at 7:00PM to 8:30PM in the Meeting Room at IC.** This is a collaborative program with St. Mary's Parish.

### CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN

Children who are not registered in a Catholic School and wish to receive the sacraments of First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation, are asked to email the parish office at [icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca)



- **K of C Pancake Breakfast –October 15 after the 9AM and 11AM Mass**
- **RCIA Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 7PM in the IC Parish Meeting Room**
- **Blessing of the graves Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 3pm at the PG Cemetery.**
- **K of C Monthly Meeting – Next meeting will be Thursday, November 9, 2023 –every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM**
- **Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel – Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM**

### THE COMMEMORATION OF THE ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)



## All Souls

You are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance located on the table in the foyer. At each of our Masses throughout the month of November, we will be praying for our deceased friends and family that are named in the book. **Blessing of the graves will be on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 3:00PM at the PG Cemetery. More information to follow.**

## HOW CAN YOU SHARE YOUR 'TREASURE'?

As a follow-up to our Stewardship Sunday presentation here are some of the ways you can share your treasure:

1. **Envelopes:** If you don't have an envelope and would like one, contact the parish office. A reminder to make all cheques payable to RCEC Immaculate Conception Parish or RCEC-IC
2. **Pre-Authorized Debit:** Consider having your offering come directly from your account to ours. This option is available on a bi-weekly or monthly basis. If you are interested, please pick up an application form from the church foyer or access it on our webpage at <https://www.icparish.ca/> and [fill in your PAD application](#).
3. **E-transfer:** This is at your fingertips you can make the offering online. Registered through [icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca) for a direct deposit.

A TAX RECEIPT WILL BE ISSUED FOR ALL DONATIONS.

THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO GET A TAX BREAK  
AND TO SHARE YOUR TREASURE.

THANK YOU for sharing your  
TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE

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## CALLED TOGETHER, GIVING, SHARING , SERVING



We are grateful to everyone for the tremendous support received since our last update. We have now reached 39% of the diocesan goal in pledges with almost 26% already received. In addition, our Healing and Reconciliation Appeal has raised almost \$8,000 with all the funds received.

A number of parishes made significant progress toward reaching their combined goal and other parishes are rapidly gaining ground as well.

OUR PARISH GOAL:	\$ 25,623
OUR PROJECT GOAL:	\$ 7,500
TOTAL PARISH GOAL	\$ 33,123
TOTAL PLEDGES RECEIVED TO DATE: \$ 9,650.0	
OR 29.3% OF OUR GOAL	

**Diocesan Wednesday Weekly  
will be October 11, 2023**

## EVENING PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

On October 12th, Bishop Jensen shared with the priests of the diocese a letter from Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, and president of the Assembly of

Catholic Ordinaries of the Holy Land. In Cardinal Pizzaballa's letter, he speaks of the reality of the "destruction", "death", "sorrow" and "political and military crisis" that is occurring in the Holy Land and he asks, on behalf of the bishops of the Holy Land, that all parishes and religious communities "hold a day of fasting, abstinence, and prayer" so that the world may "deliver to God the Father our thirst for peace, justice and reconciliation." In keeping with this request, parishioners of the Prince George city parishes are invited to gather at **Sacred Heart Cathedral at 5:30 p.m., Friday, October 20th**, for Evening Prayer (which will include Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration, and the recitation of the Holy Rosary). Parishioners who are able are also invited to dedicate that day to fasting and abstinence.

## LIVING AS CATHOLICS IN CHALLENGING TIMES

The Diocese of Prince George invites you to **Dr. Ralph Martin's public presentation on October 17, 2023, 7:00 PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre**. His focus is "Living as Catholics in Challenging Times" his perspective on the clash between culture and Church, and insights in response to this clash.

The presentation will also be made available **LIVESTREAM via ZOOM** for those who cannot come to the Pastoral Centre. Please see poster in foyer for more details.

Internationally regarded, Ralph Martin is the president of Renewal Ministries and a professor of theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. He holds a doctorate in theology from the Angelicum University in Rome.

*"Dr. Martin is squarely facing the serious crisis that is unfolding both in the Church and in the culture. He does so in an honest but fair manner and offers solutions that, if implemented, would do a great deal to restore health and strength to the Church."* Cardinal Gerhard Muller.

If you are unable to use the QR code on the poster to sign-up, here is the link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/living-as-catholics-in-challenging-times-tickets-725492546737?aff=oddtcreator>

Alternatively, please email [reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca) or call the Diocesan office at 250-964-4424 to register.



## RIGHT TO LIFE SOCIETY OF PRINCE GEORGE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

You are invited to attend the AGM of the Right to Life Society of Prince George (formerly the Prince George Pro Life Society) on Tuesday, October 24, at 7:00 PM at the Overcoming Faith Christian Centre (4520 Wheeler Road).



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