

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

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29th Sunday of Ordinary Time—October 22, 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.

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| 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 |

BISHOP -DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE

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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 2nd Thursday of the month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

*Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's,
and to God the things that are God's.*

Matthew 22.15-21



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| Sun | Oct 22 | 9AM | For the people of IC |
| | | 11AM | RIP of Joan Benoit on the 1st anniversary of death |
| | | 7PM | Intentions of Cameron Dynes |
| Mon | Oct 23 | 9AM | For the Holy souls in purgatory |
| Tues | Oct 24 | 9AM | For the intentions of Karl Zobl on his BD |
| Wed | Oct 25 | 9AM | Intentions of Bridie Kenny |
| Thu | Oct 26 | 9AM | For a special intention |
| Fri | Oct 27 | 9AM | RIP of Larry and Julie Kearns |

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.

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FOR

MEETING OF OCTOBER 11, 2023

For a copy of complete minutes see Bulletin Board.

PICTURE DISPLAY: For parishioners to identify members of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council, a photo display (a work in progress) will be posted in the entrance way.

PARISH SURVEY: A Parish Survey is being created. When completed, this will help PPC to prioritize needs in the parish.

FAMILY FOCUSED ACTIVITIES: It is hoped to have more events that focus on families. Details will be announced as available. Any ideas? Contact Sr. Michaela or Lisa O'Neill.

CORRESPONDANCE: A thank-you note from Claire Petrucci for the Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Sergio. Card is posted on the bulletin board.

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

Our next **session on Thursday, October 26, 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

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Monday, October 16, seven parishioners participated in a training session for visiting those who are unable, due to sickness or other reasons, to come to Mass. They can visit those in the hospital and in hospice as well.

If you or someone you know is unable to come to Mass, please call or email the parish office.

If you or a loved one are being admitted to the hospital let the registration clerk at the hospital know that you wish to be visited, as the Privacy Act limits the information that hospitals can release and there is no other way of knowing you are in hospital.



- **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**
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast –November 19 after the 9AM and 11AM Mass**
- **RCIA Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 7PM in the IC Parish Meeting Room**

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).

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 3pm at the PG Cemetery.**

SVDP THANK YOU.

On behalf of all we are privileged to serve, thank you, for the incredible Thanksgiving Food Drive from IC Parish/school Community. It is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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You can also use the QR Code in the image above.

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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 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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The next update on numbers for the Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeal will be on October 25, 2023.

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| OUR PARISH GOAL: | \$ 25,623 |
| OUR PROJECT GOAL: | \$ 7,500 |
| TOTAL PARISH GOAL | \$ 33,123 |

TOTAL PLEDGES RECEIVED TO AS OF OCT 11, 2023:
\$ 9,650.00
OR 29.3% OF OUR GOAL

Diocesan Wednesday Weekly will be October 18, 2023



Jesus "acknowledges that the tribute to Caesar must be paid," Pope Francis said, "because the image on the coin is his; but above all he recalls that each person carries within him another image -- we carry it in our heart, in our soul -- that of God, and therefore it is to him, and to him alone, that each person owes his or her existence, his or her life."



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