

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

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1st Sunday of Advent

December 3, 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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HOSPITALITY/COFFEE Daniel Burri

CHURCH

SUNDAY:

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

“Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.”

Mark 13.333-37

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 highlight 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.

PLEASE PICK UP 2024 CHURCH ENVELOPES IN THE FOYER.
IF YOU NEED ENVELOPES, PLEASE LET THE PARISH OFFICE KNOW

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Sun	Dec 3	9AM	For the intentions of Albert and Kay Glazer
		11AM	For the people of IC
		7PM	RIP of Alberto Correia
Mon	Dec 4	9AM	RIP of Derek Honeyman on the 10 th Anniversary of death
Tues	Dec 5	9AM	RIP of Fr. Nicholas Forde
Wed	Dec 6	9AM	RIP of Duncan Harper
Thu	Dec 7	9AM	
Fri	Dec 8	9AM	For the intentions of the Domano Sisters
		5PM	For the Parishioners of IC

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.

PARISH SURVEY

The Pastoral Council has composed a survey to receive feedback from you, the parishioners. The purpose of this survey is to learn how the Pastoral Team and Councils can best serve the needs of parishioners at IC, and to help find ways to be supportive, to build community, and to nurture the spiritual and faith journeys of **all** parishioners.

The survey is anonymous and will only take 5 – 10 minutes to complete. There are several ways that you can complete the survey.

If you would like to remain **anonymous**, please complete the survey via **ONE** of the following options.

1. Via this link at Survey Monkey:
<https://ca.research.net/r/ICParishLifeSurveyFall2023>
2. Hardcopy –provided on a table in the hall and foyer after Mass.
3. Fill in the fillable form from your emailed bulletin, print and return to the basket in the foyer.

If **anonymity** is not of concern, you can fill in the fillable form sent with the bulletin via email or on our website and email to icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca

We thank you in advance for your prayerful responses to the survey and your participation.

The survey is due by December 8, 2023



- Seniors' Christmas Luncheon today, December 3, 2023 after the 11AM Mass in the Church Hall.
- RCIA Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 7PM at Immaculate Conception Church
- Immaculate Conception Parish Feast Day – December 8, 2023--Mass at 5:00PM and potluck to follow – further details to come.
- Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel – Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- K of C Monthly Meeting (every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM) – Next meeting will be Thursday, December 14, 2023
- K of C Pancake Breakfast –December 17 after the 9AM and 11AM Masses
- Family Movie Night – December 21, 2023 from 6:00PM to 9:00PM- more details to come. See poster in foyer on bulletin boards.
- Advent Series reflecting on the “O Antiphons” by Fr. Matthew; Monday December 18, to 22. 5:30 to 6:00PM.
- Advent Reconciliation:
 - Immaculate Conception Dec 5, 7PM
 - St. Mary's Dec 6, 7PM
 - Christ Our Saviour Dec 19, 6PM

Christmas Mass Schedule

Anticipation of 4th Sun of Advent – Sat. Dec 23, 5:00 PM

4th Sunday of Advent – Sun. Dec 24, 9:00AM **only**

Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24

Children's Mass 5:00PM

Christmas Eve 8:00PM

Christmas Day- Monday, December 25 10:00AM **only**



To help us prayerfully prepare for Christmas, Fr. Matthew will be conducting a series of evening prayer services in the final week of Advent. It is in these days that the official Evening Prayer of the Church uses the "O Antiphons" which we know well from the hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

Starting at 5:30PM, and finishing by 6:00PM, a brief reflection will be given on the O Antiphon of the day, an explanation of Evening Prayer, then pray Evening Prayer with those in attendance.

So, come all ye faithful, to Immaculate Conception Church, Monday, December 18, through Friday, December 22 - each weeknight of the 3rd week of Advent - for 30 minutes of reflection and prayer as we journey through the last week of preparation for Christmas!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN FEAST DAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

Our feast day will be celebrated in a different way this year.

As Mary is the Mother of all nations, we would like to invite our parishioners, if they choose, to dress in the attire of their native land.

As part of the evening, we would also like to have some entertainment. We invite those who would like, to sing a Marian song in their native tongue; those interested, please contact Sr. Michaela.

The evening will be as follows:

- Doors will open at 4:00PM
- Mass will start at 5:00PM
- Potluck Supper to follow our Mass
- Music program after supper

We **ask ALL to bring a main dish** – (enough to feed your family), that can be shared.

For those whose last name starts with:

- **A to H:** bring a main dish & vegetable or salad
- **I to O:** bring a main dish & rice, potatoes, or pasta
- **P to Z:** bring a main dish **and** a dessert.

Thank you and we look forward to our Parish Celebration!!!

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NOVEMBER 29, 2023

\$20,995 OR 63.38% OF OUR GOAL

Diocesan Wednesday Weekly for November 29, 2023

ADVENT FAMILY RESOURCES

HOW
TO
Advent

- [Ideas from Ascension Press](#)
- [A Catholic Mom's Life](#)
- [Fr. Mike Schmitz- The True Meaning of Advent](#)
- [Bishop Barron – An Advent Challenge](#)
- [CCCB Journey Through Advent](#)



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