

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

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February 11, 2024-6th Sunday of Ordinary Time
World day of the Sick



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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PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR: Daniel Burri

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: TBA

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

"If you choose, you can make me clean." (...) "I do choose. Be made clean."

Mark 1. 40-45



MASS INTENTIONS

OF THE WEEK

Sun	Feb 11	9AM	For the People of IC
		11AM	
		7PM	RIP of Ed Dias
		FR.J	RIP of Emile Gravel and for Intentions of Guylaine Gravel
Mon	Feb 12	9AM	RIP of Eugenio Calisto Sr. FR. J – RIP of Douglas Marks
Tue	Feb 13	9AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed	Feb 14	9AM	9AM – RIP of Gerry Gillis
Thu	Feb 15	9AM	
Fri	Feb 16	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.

Fr. John is also accepting Mass intentions while in Rome. There will be two Mass intentions for each day, in here and one in ROME.

If you have a Mass intention request, please call the parish office by Wednesday of each week so that the intention can be published in the bulletin.

Ash Wednesday-February 14, 2024



Mass times:

- 9AM with IC School
- 7PM in the evening

On this first day of Lent, we receive ashes on our foreheads in the form of a cross, with the words *“Repent and believe in the gospel”*. The cross of ashes is a sign of our faith and a reminder of repentance for our sins.

With these ashes, we recall our origins from the earth, as well as how our bodies shall return one day to the same form (as indicated by the dictum *“Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return”*).

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are universal days of Fasting and Abstinence in the Church. Fasting, for all those who are 18 to 59 years of age, and in reasonable health, and abstinence from meat for those 14 and older. Parents and educators are the greatest influence in modelling these practices to children to help them understand their importance.

Fasting is one of the three pillars of Lent, along with prayer and almsgiving. It is a practice of self-discipline with a focus on penance intended to strengthen our faith and serve as a witness of our faith. It allows us to share in the suffering of those who are hungry.



- **Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel – Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM**
- **RCIA Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 7PM at Immaculate Conception**
- **Stations of the Cross - Beginning of Friday, February 16, 2024 at 7:00PM. Each Friday Fr Matthew will be giving a brief talk about the Way of the Cross as found in Scripture before praying the Stations.**
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast –February 18, 2024 after the 9AM and 11AM Masses**
- **K of C Monthly Meeting (every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM) – Next meeting will be Thursday, March 14, 2024**
- **Men's Spiritual Exercises Retreat--Date: Mar 1-3, 2024. Please see poster for details on bulletin board. For more information or to register, contact Norman Hebert @778-890-0540 or email norman.hebert@protonmail.com**

Sacramental Preparation



We will begin preparation for the Sacraments of First Communion for those children in grade 2 or 7 years of age or older and for Confirmation, in grade 6 or 11 years or older.



The preparation sessions will be on Wednesdays from 3:30PM to 5PM on the following dates in the church meeting room.

First Communion	Confirmation
• Session 1 – Feb 28	• Session 1 – Mar 6
• Session 2 – Mar 13	• Session 2 – Mar 20
• Session 3 - Apr 3	• Session 3 - Apr 10
• Session 4 - Apr 17	• Session 4 - Apr 24
• Session 5 -May 1	• Session 5 - May 8

The dates for the Sacraments are:

- First Communion Sat. May 4, 2024 at 2PM at IC
- Confirmation Sun. May 19 @2P at Sacred Heart this will be a city-wide celebration.

Proof of baptism is required.

The Registration Form is available in the foyer or [online](#). **Please fill in and submit to the parish office on or before February 21, 2024 with proof of baptism.**

FR. JOHN GARDEN'S UPDATE

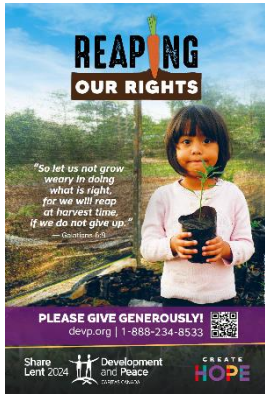
[Fr. John's Newsletter #2 on our website](#)

[Check out his Italian Cooking class.](#) 😊

LOVE AND SACRIFICE

Sacrifice and love fall on the same day this year, as the season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14 with Valentine's Day starting the solemn six-week period of fasting and penance. Valentine's Day, named after a 3rd century martyr, is all about romance with its emphasis on cards, candy and flowers. Whereas Ash Wednesday takes a more somber tone as the start of 40 days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. For those who observe the Lenten season, you may want to celebrate the day of love on Shrove Tuesday. [Or check out these suggestions.](#)

Both days are steeped in tradition, and although Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day might seem like a clash or create a conflict, when you reflect on the significance of these two days, they have a lot more in common, both Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day are about the human need for love and acceptance.



Share Lent

This year's Share Lent theme, "Create Hope: Reaping our Rights", calls us to stand with small-scale farmers and peasant communities who feed the world while caring for the earth.

The Lenten campaign will focus on people's defence of their rural land in Honduras, Nigeria and Indonesia. Learn more by reading

the [Mini-magazine](#) and see other resources available at devp.org/lent/resources.

IC FINANCE UPDATES

Please check to see if you have donation envelopes in the foyer. If you do not currently have envelopes and would like to use them, please email or call the parish office.

For the current users PAD there are Special Collection envelopes in the foyer.

If you would like to donate by PAD you will find the application [here](#).

Or if you would like to donate by EFT, we are registered through icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca for a direct deposit. [Click here for instructions on how to e-transfer.](#)

2023 TAX RECEIPTS READY FOR PICKUP...

Please pickup your tax receipt for 2023 year in the church foyer. The more people who pickup their receipt, the fewer that will have to be mailed. All receipts not claimed by Feb 18, 2024, they will be mailed to the address provided. There is only **one receipt** in your envelope, if you require a second copy, please send your request by email to the parish office.

Thank you for your donations to the parish!

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS

The third week of every month, a group of 12 to 15 parishioners make soup and sandwiches which are distributed from the St. Vincent de Paul facility on 2nd Avenue. There is a need for donations of baked goods which are also served. Please bring cookies, squares, dessert loaves etc. (bagged for individual distribution) to the Church on the Sunday prior. (February 18, March 17).

Any 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.

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OUR PARISH GOAL: \$ 25,623

OUR PROJECT GOAL: \$ 7,500

TOTAL PARISH GOAL \$ 33,123

**TOTAL PLEDGES RECEIVED AS OF
JAN 24, 2024**

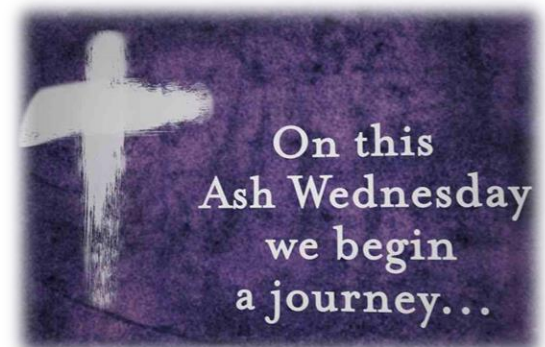
\$28,305 OR 85.45% OF OUR GOAL

Tax receipts for the Appeal will be sent out over the next week, and will include donations between Jan 1, to Dec 31, 2023.

PRINCE GEORGE SHARE HOPE – WELCOMING 2 MORE FAMILIES

Share Hope no longer has anyone to maintain a warehouse for furniture or housing needs. Share Hope welcoming two new families in Prince George and need **furnishings and ALL household necessities** to set up home for these families. If you can help out, please call or text **Eva** at 778-349-7001.

[Diocesan Wednesday Weekly
for February 7, 2024](#)





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