

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

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March 17, 2024



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

BISHOP -DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE	Most Rev. Stephen Jensen	Email: sjensen@pgdiocese.bc.ca
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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 & SOUP KITCHEN: Sr. Michaela
GRAND KNIGHT: K of C Meetings 2 nd Thursday of the month	VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

"... unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."


MASS INTENTIONS
 OF THE WEEK

Sun	Mar 17	9AM	RIP of Bea Henrick
		11AM	RIP of Jack Dawson
		7PM	For the People of IC
		Fr. J	RIP of Denis O'Callaghan
Mon	Mar 18	9AM	Intentions of Richard Westle
Tue	Mar 19	9AM	RIP of Sophie Ewaniki
		Fr. J	Intentions of Mike Robinson
Wed	Mar 20	9AM	RIP of George Rivard
		Fr. J.	Intentions of Pat Hauck
Thu	Mar 21	9AM	RIP of Lawrence Barnes
Fri	Mar 22	9AM	RIP of Jim Holden

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.

**Reflection for the 5th Sunday of Lent Year B
 Solidarity Sunday**

- Homily Reflection for children - [Click here.](#)
- Jeff Cavins Reflection - [Click here](#)
- Solidarity Sunday Reflection - [Click here](#)
- Solidarity Sunday Campaign Video - [Click here](#)

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
 ATTENTION ALL BAKERS**

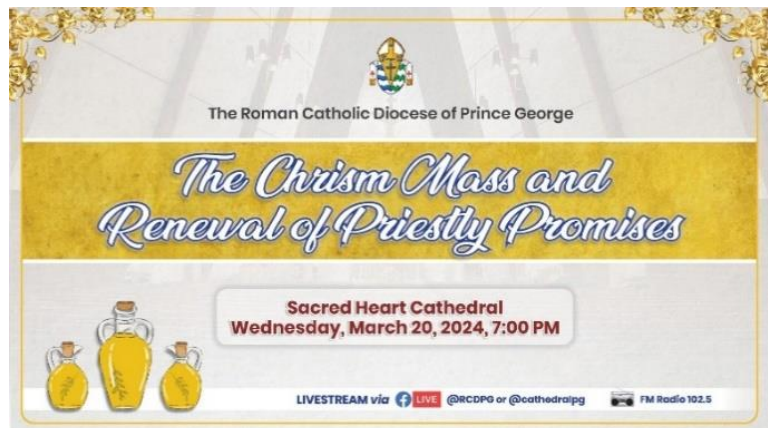
The third week of every month, a group of parishioners make soup and sandwiches which are distributed from the St. Vincent de Paul facility on 2nd Avenue. There is a need for donations of baked goods which will also be served. Please bring cookies, squares, dessert loaves etc. (bagged for individual distribution) to the Church on the Sunday prior. (March 17, April 14). Any monetary donations which will help to defray the cost of the sandwiches will be gratefully appreciated. Place donations in an envelope marked "SOUP KITCHEN" and place the envelope in the collection basket. Thank you.

Lenten Reconciliation Times in city Parishes

- March 21 (Thursday): 7:00 – 8:00PM
Immaculate Conception Parish
- March 25, 26, 27 6:00 to 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart- beginning with a spiritual reflection.

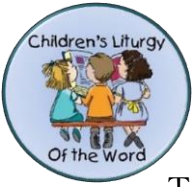


- **Stations of the Cross 7:00PM – Every Friday, during Lent. Each Friday Fr. Matthew will be giving a brief talk about the Way of the Cross as found in Scripture before praying the Stations.**
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast –March 17, 2024 Today, after the 9:00AM and 11:00AM Masses**
- **Chrim Mass – March 20, 2024 at Sacred Heart Cathedral 7:00PM. There will be a reception to follow, please bring goodies to share. Bring goodies to the lower church hall.**
- **RCIA Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 7:00PM at St. Mary's**
- **Blessing of Easter Food Baskets – March 30, 2024, Holy Saturday at 11:30AM**
- **K of C Monthly Meeting (every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM) – Next meeting will be Thursday, April 11, 2024**
- **Invitation to Youth Camp – April 5-7, 2024 for more information go to [Youth Camp forms link](#) at our website <https://www.icparish.ca/bulletin>**
- **Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel – Tuesday, April 10, 2024, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM**
- **Women's Silent Retreat April 26-28, 2024- More details to follow.**
- **First Communion --Sat. May 4, 2024 at 2:00PM at Immaculate Conception**
- **Confirmation--Sun. May 19, 2024, 2:00PM at Sacred Heart. This will be a city-wide celebration.**



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Children's Liturgy of the Word



Thank you to Eunice who has volunteered to lead this very valuable program for **children ages three to six**. The next date for Children's Liturgy will be Sunday, **March 24, 2024**, at the 11AM Mass

To make this an ongoing program, we need more adult volunteers. Each session requires two adults to be present at all times. If you are interested in helping, please contact Eunice at 250-612-8849 or email eunicejacinta@gmail.com

If you are a student grade five or older who would like to help, please contact the parish office.

What is Children's Liturgy of the Word?

It is not "Sunday school" or a "catechism class", it is **breaking open the Word of God of the Sunday Liturgy for the young**.

IC FINANCE UPDATES

If you do not currently have envelopes and would like to use them, please email or call the parish office.

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.](#)

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

The first collection was taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago. This is a yearly request by the Holy See to dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere.

For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring hardships, please give generously during Good Friday celebrations on March 29, 2024.

Diocesan Wednesday Weekly
for March 13, 2024

Triduum 2024 March 28-31, 2024

at Immaculate Conception Parish



Holy Thursday
7:00 PM
 (NO 9:00AM Mass)



Good Friday
 Veneration of the
 Cross 3:00 PM



Easter Vigil
 Saturday
 8:00 PM



Easter Sunday
9:00 & 11:00AM
 (NO 7:00PM Mass)



Share Lent 2024- Development & Peace

Each year, **on this the 5th Sunday of Lent**, Catholic Churches across Canada support the work of Development and Peace by celebrating Solidarity Sunday.

Jon Sobrino from San Salvador defines solidarity as ".....another name for the kind of love that moves hands, feet, hearts and material goods toward the pain, danger, misfortune and oppression of a people".

This year's Share Lent theme, **Creating Hope - Reaping our Rights**, has focussed attention on small-scale farmers in the global south who feed humankind while caring for the Earth, our Common Home. As we make our donations to Share Lent, we are contributing to **Creating Hope** for a better world. Our monies will be used to help those farmers in Nigeria, Indonesia and Bolivia whose land has been polluted with oil from large corporations that are using unethical mining practices. These farmers will benefit from your generosity by being assisted to understand their rights, being helped to analyse what is happening to them and by being guided to seek justice. If you forgot to bring your donation envelope this week, you may do so next Sunday, or you can go online to <https://devp.org/en/make-a-donation/>

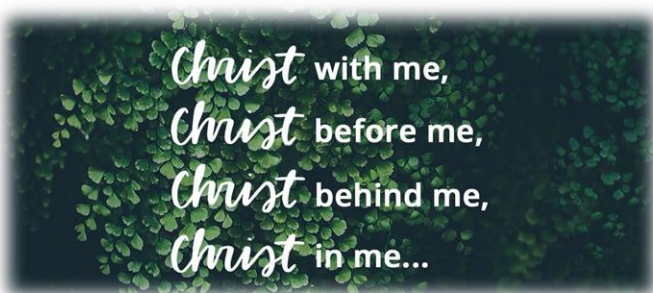
PLEASE BE GENEROUS.

Society of St Vincent de Paul – Clothing Donations Needed

St Vincent's Thrift Store (1645 3rd Avenue, Prince George, 250-562-5136,) requires clothing, all types. The store is open Mon. to Sat, see our Facebook page, St Vincent De Paul Society PG. All our proceeds go to feed and clothe the needy.

Additionally, we need volunteers to work alongside our staff, with flexible schedules—especially suitable for retirees, or young folk needing volunteer experience.

If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute by Interact e-transfer to terresainte@bellnet.ca or online at Commissariat.ca – receipts will be issued. Thank you for your support.





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