

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Diocese of Prince George

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### June 30, 2024 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time



#### 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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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

*"Our Saviour Jesus Christ has abolished death and has brought us life through the Gospel."* 2 Timothy 1.10

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## MASS Intentions

Sun	Jun 30	9AM	RIP of Les Martin
		11AM	RIP of Jack and Laura Dawson
		7PM	For the People of IC
Mon	Jul 1	9AM	For the Holy souls in purgatory
Tue	Jul 2	9AM	RIP of Charles Ponce
Wed	Jul 3	Jul 1	Intentions of Pat and Elaine Hauck
Thu	Jul 4	9AM	Intentions of Pat and Elaine Hauck
Fri	Jul 5	9AM	Intentions of Pat and Elaine Hauck

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

[Link to Daily Readings](#)

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## Important Dates and INFORMATION

- **K of C Monthly Meeting** (every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM)
- **Children's Liturgy** – Will resume in September. Dates to be announced.
- **Rose Prince Pilgrimage** – July 5 to 7 see bulletin and foyer poster for further details
- **Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel** – Tuesday, July 9, 2024 and August 13, 2024, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- **K of C Pancake Breakfasts** will resume in September 2024.

### Fall Parish Survey Results

Please see the attached condensed summary of the survey completed in the Fall of 2023.

## SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

10:00AM AND 7:00PM

BEGINNING

JULY 7 TO AUGUST 25, 2024

INCLUSIVE

### PARKING LOT PLANT CARE



**WE NEED your help** to care for the flowers in our parking lot. There is a sign-up sheet in weekly increments on the table in the foyer for those who can help water, weed, and care for the planters, and the flower beds in front the church. Ideally, it takes two people to do the job, but can be done by one. If it is hot, the planters will need to be watered daily, if there is no extreme heat, then 2 or 3 times a week for everything. The hoses we have are light weight and very easy to manage. Thank you for your consideration.

## PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

BEGINNING JULY 2 TO AUGUST 9 INCLUSIVE

OFFICE HOURS WILL BE:

**TUESDAYS – 8:30 AM TO 1:00 PM**

**FRIDAYS – 8:30 AM TO 1:00 PM**

THANK YOU TO ANITA SANTOS WHO HAS AGREED TO COVER SOME OFFICE DUTIES.

SHE WILL BE HANDLING MASS INTENTIONS, RELAYING PHONE AND EMAIL MESSAGES, AND OTHER OFFICE DUTIES.

### A prayer for Canada Day

(taken from Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family, CCCB)

*Lord, Jesus Christ,  
look on the people of our land  
and bless us all.*

*Help us to be brothers and  
sisters to all the world  
and to work for peace and love.*

*Be with us, Jesus, and bless Canada,  
for you are our Lord and Saviour for ever.  
Amen.*



**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE  
NO BULLETIN FOR THE MONTHS OF  
JULY AND AUGUST**

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### HOME/HOSPITAL VISITS

If you or someone you know are confined to home, are unable to come to Church and would like a pastoral visit, please call or email the parish office and let us know.

Also, when being admitted to the hospital let the registration clerk know that you wish to be visited as the Privacy Act limits the information that hospitals can release, and we have no other way of knowing you are in hospital.

### St. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD BANK

The focus in JUNE will be DRINKS (coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice etc.) and SCHOOL SNACKS, but ALL non-perishable food items will continue to be accepted.

THERE IS A BOX IN THE FOYER FOR YOUR DONATIONS.

### ROSE PRINCE PILGRIMAGE – JULY 5-7, 2024



**Location:** TSE YAZ BUNKET (former Lejac residential school site)

This year's guest speaker is Roy Nooski, Elder of Nadleh Whut'en.

No registration is required. RV parking and spots for tenting are available. Confessions will be available Saturday afternoon and priests of Prince George are

invited to make themselves available for confession as well.

Please see the poster in foyer for the pilgrimage schedule.

### RIGHT TO LIFE SOCIETY PRAYER VIGIL

Prayer Vigil will be held on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, on the footpath at the intersection of Ferry Avenue and Hwy 16W from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm. Please join us in paying witness to the sacredness of all human lives, lives that we are called to respect and protect.

### A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Programme of Life

A recent four-part webinar series reflecting on the "Our Father" has been recorded and made publicly available by the CCCB. A reflection guide and the recorded sessions can be found here for individual or group use: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/a-great-symphony-of-prayer-the-our-father-as-a-programme-of-life/>.

The series covered the following four topics:

- "Why did Jesus address God as Father?"
- "Seeking God's Kingdom and Knowing God's Will"
- "Daily Bread and the Gift of Forgiveness"
- "Managing Trials and Resisting Evil"

### CCCB Releases User Guide to lead reflection on the Pastoral Letter to Young People

Following the publication of the CCCB *Pastoral Letter to Young People* on 12 October 2022, the Permanent Council, at its March 2024 meeting, approved the publication of a User's Guide to help facilitate reflection on the former (see attached in PDF).

Inspired by Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Exhortation to Young People, *Christus vivit*, the CCCB's *Pastoral Letter to Young People* invites young Catholics in Canada to live their faith in an extraordinary way, encouraging them to strive toward holiness, and assuring them of the steadfast support and accompaniment of their Bishops along their individual journeys of faith.

The new User Guide, along with the Pastoral Letter itself, as well as a video and social media tool kit, are all available in English and French on the CCCB website.

in English: [Pastoral Letter to Young People - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(ccb.ca\)](https://www.cccb.ca/our-father-as-a-programme-of-life)

### PASTORAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM

This very valuable and free **Pastoral Care Outreach Training online series** is being offered by the Diocese of Victoria will begin this fall.



The nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, starting on September 28, 2024, except for Thanksgiving (October 12) to conclude November 30 Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or smartphone with speakers, microphone and webcam, and a reliable Internet connection. Please register through your local parish by September 10, 2024. Please see further details on parish bulletin board.

**DIOCESAN WEDNESDAY WEEKLY  
THE WEEK OF JUNE 26, 2024**

**Summary Report: 2023 Fall Survey**  
**Immaculate Conception Parish-School Community**  
**Submitted by the Parish Pastoral Council of 2023-2024**



In the Fall of 2023, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) invited your participation in a survey about various aspects of our parish-school community life. We thank those who took the time to respond for your responses have helped the PPC discern better the strengths, hopes, and needs of the parishioners we serve. Your answers have already provided (and will continue to provide) the PPC with ideas for goal setting as we move into the future. The PPC wanted to make sure that we reported back to you before the summer break. The following is a summary report of the survey results:

141 people completed in the survey.

- 43% were over 65
- 20% were between the ages of 25 and 44
- 17% were between 45 and 64
- 16% were under 18
- 2% were between 19 and 25

Overall responses to the questions were very positive. 73 to 79% of the respondents answered “Good” to “Very Good” with the following feedback:

- We have a parish-school community where people feel that they are welcomed and that they belong; there is a sense that members of our community care for one another.
- We provide social events that allow parishioners to get to know one another and for families to gather.
- We provide good outreach service to St. Vincent de Paul (i.e., ‘soup kitchen’ volunteers) and Shepherd’s Corner, as well as other areas of outreach, such as home visits, hospital visits, etc.
- We celebrate our liturgies (particularly Holy Eucharist/Mass) well, and offer an opportunity for active participation in our liturgies.
- We make children, youth and young adults feel welcome and included in liturgies (e.g., we have implemented Children’s Liturgy of the Word at Sunday Masses)
- We help connect faith to work and family life.
- We support the development of a rich prayer life.

In addition to the questions that required a “Very Good”, “Good”, “Satisfactory”, “Needs Improvement”, and “Don’t Know” answers, the open-ended questions provided a wide range of opinion about what we can be doing better. Five key themes were identified as needing *more focus* in our parish:

- Children and Youth (e.g., youth group; etc)
- Faith Formation and Enrichment (e.g., bible study; etc)
- Parish Events (e.g., socials; enhancing hospitality and welcome; etc)
- Music Ministry (e.g., more “upbeat” hymns)
- Service & Outreach (e.g., meals brought to the home-bound?; etc)

Many things are possible. However, we also need your support to achieve our goals. We know that our **IC** community (our ‘**incredible community**’) can do GREAT things by God’s grace and through our collective efforts! Therefore, we ask that you consider your own gifts and talents and how you can help us grow in the areas noted above. The **September Sign-up Sundays** will offer us all an opportunity to do our part in enhancing the life of our incredible community!

May God bless our efforts and may the intercession of our Blessed Mother (our patroness, the Immaculate Conception) assist us in our desire to be active and joyful disciples of the Lord!



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