

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

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September 8, 2024 – 23rd 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

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: Teresa Saunders	CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: TBA
HOSPITALITY/COFFEE SUNDAY: Daniel Burri	CHURCH ENVIRONMENT: Phyllis Sarrazin
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Eugenio Calisto	SOCIAL ACTION & SOUP KITCHEN: Sr. Michaela
GRAND KNIGHT: (250)-640-4533	VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock
K of C Meetings 2 nd Thursday of the month	

“Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”

Mark 7.34



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	Sep 8	9AM	For the People of IC
		11AM	For the intentions of Isla Sitar
		7PM	RIP of Bernie and Michael Huzar
Mon	Sep 9	9AM	
Tues	Sep 10	9AM	
Wed	Sep 11	9AM	For a special intention
Thu	Sep 12	9AM	
Fri	Sep 13	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. 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.

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. **To inquire about or register for RCIA please contact Martha 250-964-4898 or email the parish office at icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca on or before September 26, 2024. Sessions will begin Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 7PM.**

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 or call 250-964-4898. Programs will be offered in the spring, but we need to know soon in order to arrange resources.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL



Welcome to the 2024-25 school year.

There are accessible parking stalls for the parents of students of our school community with accessibility needs. Please keep those available Monday to Friday during school hours.

A reminder that the speed zone for schools is in effect!



- **Monthly Adoration at Doman Chapel**
PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DAY
2nd Wednesday of every month, beginning September 11, 2024, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- **K of C Monthly Meeting** – Next meeting will be **Thursday, September 12, 2024** –every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM
- **Opening School Mass for 2024-24 year; September 13, 2024 at 9AM**
- **Children’s Liturgy of the Word** – Starting on the **Sunday, September 22nd** at the 11AM Mass only. And every 2nd and the 4th Sunday of the month.
- **Annual Appeal Kick-off Weekend** – September 15th
Our Diocesan Goal is \$28,357, Parish Goal \$6,000 Combined = \$34,357
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast** - Sunday, September 15 after the 9AM and 11AM Mass
- **Ministry Sign-up Sundays** -September 15 & 22
- **Giving Tree:** Blanket sponsorship; **small (\$30.00)** and **large (\$40.00)**. There will be a committee member in the hall after Mass on Sunday, September 15 & 22 at 9 & 11AM.
- St. Mary's is hosting **Alpha Youth Series** starting on Wednesday, September 18th from 6:30-8:30pm for all youth in grades 7-12 in the School Gym
- **Stewardship Sunday** – September 22nd at all Masses
- **Commissioning of IC School Teachers** September 29 @ 11AM Mass
- **Ministry Workshop for NEW Liturgical Ministers** Tuesday, October 8, 2024 @ 7:00PM
- **Review of Liturgical Ministries for current ministers**— Tuesday, October 15, 2024 @ 7:00PM
- **RCIA commencement** – Thursday, October

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[Diocesan Wednesday Weekly](#)
[for September 4, 2024](#)

PARISH MINISTRIES

There are many ways to share your time and talents at Immaculate Conception, both in the parish and school. We invite you to consider the following as an opportunity to serve. Please see bulletin board for description of each of the following. Or check our website at <https://www.icparish.ca/>

- Altar Linen Care
- Altar Server (grade 4 and up)
- Church Environment and Art
- Children's Liturgy **seeking helpers for the team**
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Grounds and Building Maintenance Assistance
- Hospitality
- Host for Sunday Coffee
- Lector
- Music ministry
- RCIA Team, and Faith Formation
- Visiting the Sick and Homebound

All of these are important to the life of the church and school community. Be assured that **formation, training and support will be offered.**

We encourage all, including our young people, to consider this invitation.

Sign-up Sunday will be **on September 15 & 22, 2024** after each Mass. If you are already a part of any of these ministries and would like to continue, please sign-up and provide your contact information. If you are not at Mass on Sign-up Sunday please contact the parish office at icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca

PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

1. Are you new to our parish? If so, **welcome!** Please take a registration form from the foyer OR check out our webpage at www.icparish.ca for a fillable form. Please submit via email icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca or drop off at the parish office.
2. Has your contact information changed? Please contact the parish office at 250 964 4898 or send an email with your changes.
3. Would you like to make your donation by envelope, please email or call the parish office.

A reminder to make all cheques payable to RCEC Immaculate Conception Parish or RCEC-IC

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT

Pre-authorized debit helps to simplify your contributions on a bi-weekly or monthly basis. If you are interested, please go to our website at <https://www.icparish.ca/> or pick up a pre-authorized form from the church foyer and hand it in to the parish office with a **void cheque** icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca

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 will also be served. Please bring cookies, squares, dessert loaves etc. (bagged for individual distribution) to the Church on the Sunday prior. (Sept. 15, Oct 13.) 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.

PASTORAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM



This very valuable and free **Pastoral Care Outreach Training online series** is being offered by the Diocese of Victoria. The nine sessions will be held via

Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, starting on Sept 28, 2024, except for Thanksgiving (Oct 12) to conclude Nov 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 15, 2024.

For further information see our parish bulletin board for a description of the program.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS FOR:

- Sacred Heart Senior Citizens' Society (1:30 pm)
- FGM Housing Cooperative (immediately following above)

When: Sun., Sep. 15, 2024—1:30 PM

Where: Fort George Manor 1870 Gorse Street

For more information call Claudette Currie, Vice President of SHSC Society at 963-9918 or email to fortgeorgemanor@gmail.com

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Gospel of Mark 7:34

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