

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Diocese of Prince George

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December 1, 2024 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

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we reach out and welcome all,  
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Sunday 9:00AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM

SACRAMENTS: Baptism Contact Parish Office  
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“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. . . .”

Luke 21.25-28, 34-36

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent—December 1, 2024

## 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 emphasize our desire and longing for peace, justice and unity. Advent begins the Sunday falling on or closest to the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> – 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.

## JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has announced the online weekly video series for this year's Advent season, which will present reflections on the Gospel readings for each Sunday leading up to Christmas.

This year's English spiritual reflections are delivered by the Most Reverend Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto.

The video series can be found on the CCCB website here: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Sun	Dec 1	9AM	For a Special Intention
		11AM	For the People of IC
		7PM	RIP of Alberto Correia
Mon	Dec 2	9AM	RIP of Maria Jose and Luciano Tavares
Tues	Dec 3	9AM	RIP of John LaPlante
Wed	Dec 4	9AM	RIP of Merle Venus and Dennis Pichay
Thu	Dec 5	9AM	RIP of Derek Honeyman
Fri	Dec 6	9AM	RIP of Oderay Holness

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.

## SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



School Staff and Helpers are very happy to host the **Seniors Christmas Luncheon** on **December 8, 2024** after the **11:00AM Mass**.

The School Staff welcomes the assistance of bakers and sandwich makers of the parish. If you can assist, please email Tonya at [tkruger@cispg.ca](mailto:tkruger@cispg.ca)

Baking can be dropped off at the school on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>; sandwiches and baked items can be dropped off at the church hall before the 9 or 11 o'clock Masses, on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## Reconciliation Times in the City

- Dec 11, 2024, at 6:00PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral
- Dec 13, 2024, at 6:00PM at St. Mary's Parish
- Dec 17, 2024, at 6:30PM at Christ Our Saviour
- Dec 19, 2024, 7:00 PM at Immaculate Conception

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## Mark your calendar! UPCOMING EVENTS

- RCIA – Tuesday, December 3, 2024 7:00 PM in the meeting room.
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word – Sunday, December 22 at the 11AM Mass ONLY. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.
- Parish Feast Day Potluck Supper Celebration December 9, 2024 5:30 PM – see poster for details
- Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel-- Returns to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month which is December 11, 2024 8AM to 8PM.
- K of C Monthly Meeting – Next meeting will be Thursday, December 12, 2024 –every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM
- K of C Pancake Breakfast –Sunday, December 15, after the 9AM and 11AM Mass – every third Sunday of the month. Our school choir will be performing and there will be a special guest.
- Family Movie Night in the Church Hall December 20, 2024 at 6PM to 8PM -see poster in foyer for more details

### 2025 Donation Envelopes

Please pick up 2025 Church envelopes in the foyer. They are in alphabetical order by last name.

For those who donate with pre-authorized debits (PADs) or e-transfers (EFT) there are Special Collection envelope packages available. If you would like or need envelopes, please email the parish office know.

A package of envelopes costs \$7.00, consequently those who used five or less envelopes in 2024 have not been issued a package this year. Also, if you use EFT only, and **had an envelope number under #160**, please do not quote your number, as that number has been given to someone else who donates by cash or cheque. Thankyou.

### Diocesan Wednesday Weekly for the week of November 27, 2024

#### Immaculate Conception Parish Christmas Season Mass Times

~Tue., Dec. 24, 2024 - Christmas Eve	5:00PM & 8:00PM
~Wed., Dec. 25, 2024 - Christmas Day	10:00AM ONLY
~Thu., Dec. 26 & Fri., Dec. 27	9:00AM
~Sat., Dec 28, 2024- Feast of the Holy Innocents	11:00AM
~Sun., Dec. 29, 2024 -Feast of the Holy Family	9:00AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM
~Mon., Dec. 30 & Tue., Dec. 31, 2024	9:00AM
~Wed., Jan. 1, 2025 - Mary the Mother of God	9:00AM ONLY
~Sun., Jan. 5, 2025 - Epiphany of the Lord	9:00AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM

## You are invited to celebrate our Parish Feast Day The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Monday, December 9, 2024  
Potluck Supper at 5:30PM

There will be  
special entertainment.

*Mary is the Mother of  
all nations, and we  
would like to invite our  
parishioners,  
to dress in the attire  
of their native land.*

The parish will provide beverages.  
We ask ALL to bring a main dish that can be shared.  
(Enough to feed your family)

For those whose last name starts:  
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.

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Our Parish Goal:	\$ 28,357
Our Project Goal:	\$ 6,000
Total Goal:	\$34,357
Total Pledges Received to date:	\$ 21,380
	75% of our Goal

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Appeal to date. We ask for your continued participation both financially and in prayer.

### WHAT IS THE YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025?

In late December, the Church begins a **Christian Jubilee Year** to mark our pilgrimage through time to God’s eternal Kingdom.

Pope Boniface VIII instituted the first Jubilee Year in 1300 AD, and this special observance has been held regularly since then.



On Friday, December 6, at 6:00pm  
a talk will be given at St. Mary’s on  
“The Jubilee Year and Jubilee throughout History”

To learn more, click on the link or enter into your web browser to find out about the Year of Jubilee.  
<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/segni-del-giubileo.html>



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