

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

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December 15, 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Advent



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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PASTORAL MINISTRIES CONTACTS

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HOME/HOSPITAL VISITS: Contact Parish Office

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR: Teresa Saunders

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: TBA

HOSPITALITY/COFFEE

CHURCH

SUNDAY COORDINATOR: Kerri Svendsen

ENVIRONMENT: Phyllis Sarrazin

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Eugenio Calisto

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GRAND KNIGHT: (250)-640-4533

SOUP KITCHEN: Sr. Michaela

K of C Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

Shout aloud and sing for joy: great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 12

3rd Sunday of Advent—December 15, 2024

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sun	Dec 15	9AM	RIP of Bernadete Gardner
		11AM	For the intentions of Marie Westgeest
		7PM	For the people of IC
Mon	Dec 16	9AM	RIP of Joao Santos & Conceicao Ministro
Tues	Dec 17	9AM	The intentions of the Johnson Family
Wed	Dec 18	9AM	RIP of Roy Fuller
Thu	Dec 19	9AM	Intentions of Darcy McKeown
Fri	Dec 20	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.

Mark your calendar! UPCOMING EVENTS

- **K of C Pancake Breakfast –today, 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.**
- **Advent Coffeehouse- 9th Annual Fundraiser. This years' proceeds to St. Vincent DePaul – December 15, Doors open at 6 PM and evening begins at 6:30 PM. – see poster in foyer with more details**
- **Reconciliation at IC December 19, 2024, at 7:00 PM**
- **Family Movie Night in the Church Hall December 20, 2024, at 6PM to 8PM -see poster in foyer for more details**
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word –December 22 at the 11AM Mass ONLY. Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.**
- **Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel-- 2nd Wednesday of the month which is January 8, 2025 8AM to 8PM.**
- **K of C Monthly Meeting – Next meeting will be Thursday, January 9, 2024 –every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM**
- **RCIA – Tuesday, January 14, 2025 7:00 PM in the meeting room.**

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**Immaculate Conception
Incredible Community**

Thank you for a wonderful Feast Day

A **VERY BIG THANK** you to the organizers, helpers, (set-up, clean-up and take-down) performers and attendees who made our Feast Day potluck dinner such a successful celebration.

If anyone took photos during the celebration and would like to share, please send the photos in jpeg format to the parish office at icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca

Evidence of our Incredible Community here at IC.

Reconciliation Times in the City

- **Dec 17, 2024, at 6:30PM at Christ Our Saviour**
- **Dec 19, 2024, 7:00 PM at Immaculate Conception**

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 to let us 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.

Donations from the week of December 8, 2024	
Envelopes General	2640.00
Loose Change	461.35
EFTs	205.00
Total	3306.35
Holy Childhood	23.70
Building/Grounds Collection	125.00
Soup Kitchen	70.00
D & P	5.00

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD BANK

The focus in DECEMBER will be DRINKS (*coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice etc.*) and school lunch snacks, but ALL non-perishable food items will continue to be accepted.

THERE IS A BOX IN THE FOYER FOR YOUR DONATIONS.

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. (Dec 15, Jan 12)

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.

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.

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> -- See insert from last week for more information

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops 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/>

CHRISTMAS SEASON PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed from December 23, 2024 to January 2, 2025 inclusive.

SEATING FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Due to the number of people who attend Christmas Eve Masses, please note that parishioners will **ONLY** be able to "hold" a seat for friends and family until 15 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass.

OVERFLOW SEATING WILL BE IN THE PARISH HALL

"Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near."

-Philippians 4:4-5



The 3rd Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass.

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

Our Parish Goal:

\$28,357

Our Project Goal:

\$ 6,000

Total Goal:

\$34,357

Total Pledges Received to date:

\$ 22,580

79% 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.

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for the week of December 11 2024



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