

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Diocese of Prince George

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December 22, 2024 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 24 & 25, 2025 the Nativity of the Lord – Christmas



### 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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K of C Meetings	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month	VOCATIONS:	Fr. Terry Brock

**Good news and great joy to all the world!**

Luke 2.10



# MASS INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sun	Dec 22	9AM	For the Parishioners of IC
		11AM	RIP of Thomas Gardner
		7PM	Rip of Richard Dassylva 1st Anniversary of death
Mon	Dec 23	9AM	Intentions of Darcy McKeown
Tues	Dec 24	9AM	Intentions of Darcy McKeown
		5PM	RIP of Don and Sylvia Hoffman
		8PM	For the Intentions of the Westle Family
Wed	Dec 25	10AM	For the Parishioners of IC
Thu	Dec 26	9AM	RIP of Carl Hendrickson
Fri	Dec 27	9AM	Intentions of Darcy McKeown
Sat	Dec 28	11AM	For the deceased members of the Garden Family
Sun	Dec 29	9AM	Intentions of Darcy McKeown for healing
		11AM	For the Parishioners of IC
		7PM	RIP of Don Nguyen
Mon	Dec 30	9AM	For the Intentions of David Konkal
Tues	Dec 31	9AM	RIP of Carl and Bertha Hendrickson
Wed	Jan 1, 2025	9AM	For the Parishioners of IC
Thu	Jan 2, 2025	9AM	RIP of Don Nguyen
Fri	Jan 3, 2025	9AM	Intentions of Darcy McKeown for healing

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.

## Christmas Season Parish Office Hours and Bulletin Distribution

The parish office will be closed from December 23, 2024 to January 2, 2025 inclusive. There will be no bulletin on December 29, 2024.



## Mark Your CALENDAR

- Children’s Liturgy of the Word –Today, December 22 at the 11AM Mass ONLY. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.
- Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel-- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month which is January 8, 2025 8AM to 8PM.
- K of C Monthly Meeting – Next meeting will be Thursday, January 9, 2025 –every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM
- RCIA – Tuesday, January 14, 2025 7:00 PM in the meeting room.
- K of C Pancake Breakfast –Sunday, January 19, 2025 after the 9AM and 11AM Mass – every third Sunday of the month.

## Book Study on Hope

What is hope?

Why does the Jubilee of 2025 have as its theme “Pilgrims of Hope”?

To explore answers to these questions, join Fr. Matthew as he leads a seven-week book study in the new year.

There will be an option of **two discussion sessions** each week:

- Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00pm  
Monday sessions will be on: January 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 24; March 3, 2025

OR

- Thursday mornings from 9:45 to 10:45am.  
Thursday sessions will be on: January 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 27; March 6, 2025

There will be **no sessions the week of Family Day, February 17, 2025.**

We will be reading and discussing writings on hope from Pope Francis and Pope Benedict.

A copy of each document will be given to study participants.

To find out more about the Year of Jubilee go to <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/segna-del-giubileo.html>



## 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**

## Highlights Parish Pastoral Council Meeting of December 11, 2024

Please find full minutes posted on the Bulletin Board in the entrance way.

### FAITH FORMATION FOR PPC MEMBERS

A valuable discussion of Chapters 2 and 3 of *Divine Renovation* by Fr. James Mallon took place. The discussion revealed a sense of excitement and direction of who we are as the People of God as church.

### JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

In conjunction with the Jubilee Year of Hope, Fr. Matthew will offer a book study on “Hope” see announcement of *Book Study on Hope*.

### NEW STOVE

In early 2025, a new stove will be replaced in the parish hall kitchen. The current one which is coming (has come!!) to the end of its life expectancy.

## 2025 Donation Envelopes

If you have not picked up your parish envelopes, please call the parish office.

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. Thankyou.

**Our Parish Goal:** \$28,357

**Our Project Goal:** \$ 6,000

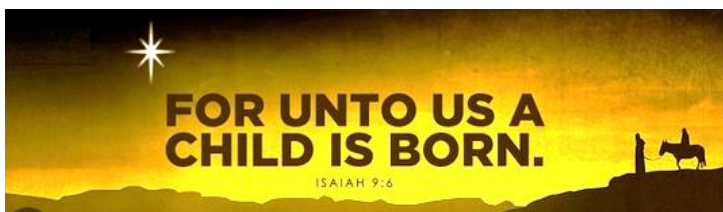
**Total Goal:** \$34,357

**Total Pledges Received to date:**  
\$ 23,080.00  
**81% 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.

[Diocesan Wednesday Weekly for the week of December 18, 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
~Thu. Jan. 2 & Fri. Jan 3, 2025	9:00AM
~Sun, Jan. 5, 2025 - Epiphany of the Lord	9:00AM,11:00AM & 7:00PM



Dear Parishioners,

The gospel of St. John proclaimed on Christmas Day invites us to reflect on words of joy, wonder, and mystery: “...**the Word became flesh and lived among us...**” (Jn.1:14).

Indeed, what a mystery! For our faith teaches us that the Second

Person of the Holy Trinity, who was the Divine and Eternal Word, existed from eternity with the Father and the Holy Spirit as a Divine Communion of Persons – all of whom shared the same divine essence in spiritual form.

But, as part of the plan of salvation, the Divine and Eternal Word was sent by the Father, in the divine communion of their Spirit, to enter our experience of human time, and to become “flesh” (to take on our human skin) and live among us in solidarity as our Saviour. Eternity entered time; Eternal Spirit became united with our human journey. Heaven and earth were united in a bond, a communion, that could only come through the Son of God – for He alone is both divine and human!

This Son of God, who came to us in the form of the Christ-Child born in a manger, invites us into Divine Communion with Him, and the Father, in their Spirit. In addition, He calls on us to create communion with each other!

As we approach the Christmas Season and look, with anticipation, to the New Year of 2025, I want, on behalf of the Pastoral Team (Fr. Matthew, Martha, and Sr. Michaela) to express my deepest gratitude to all of you for the ways in which you foster communion in our incredible community of IC Parish! Your generous offering of prayer, time, talent, and treasure helps spread the Light of Christ that first shone from the manger in Bethlehem!

May the Christ-Child bless our faith community, bless you personally, and bless those you love with an abundance of hope and joy! Peace + Fr. John

**And a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**  
from Martha, Sr. Michaela, Fr. Matthew, and Fr. John!



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