

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

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January 5, 2025 – Epiphany of the Lord



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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FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR: Jennifer Wilczek

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PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR: Teresa Saunders

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HOSPITALITY/COFFEE

CHURCH

SUNDAY COORDINATOR: Kerri Svendsen

ENVIRONMENT: Phyllis Sarrazin

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Eugenio Calisto

SOCIAL ACTION &

GRAND KNIGHT: (250)-640-4533

SOUP KITCHEN: Sr. Michaela

K of C Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

Lord every nation on earth will adore you.

Psalm 72

MASS INTENTIONS



DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sun	Jan 5	9AM	RIP of Peter Don Nguyen
		11AM	Intentions of Darcy McKeown for healing
		7PM	For the Parishioners of IC
Mon	Jan 6	9AM	RIP of Laurina De Jesus
Tues	Jan 7	9AM	Intentions of Darcy McKeown for healing
Wed	Jan 8	9AM	RIP of Richard Thompson
Thu	Jan 9	9AM	RIP of Peter Don Nguyen
Fri	Jan 10	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.

Mark Your CALENDAR



- **Children’s Liturgy of the Word – January 12 & 26, 2025 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, 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.**

Thank you From Martha

I just want to thank everyone who gave me cards, gift cards, and gifts. I truly appreciate all of you and I am honoured to serve in this incredible community.

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.

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/segni-del-giubileo.html>

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. (Jan 12, Feb 16)

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.



No Diocesan Wednesday Weekly
this week.

Our Parish Goal: \$28,357

Our Project Goal: \$ 6,000

Total Goal: \$34,357

Total Pledges Received to date:

\$ 23,380.00

82% 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.



Epiphany

Today's Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord is a feast that celebrates communication. The Gospel we read today portrays Jesus—the Word Made Flesh—revealed to the nations as the wise men arrive to pay him homage. Whatever the historical facts behind the story, the message of faith is that God is reaching out to us, communicating to us the Word Made Flesh. That's communication that has transformed human history.

God's revelation in Jesus has a power surpassing all our modern technological "miracles" because it speaks to our hearts. Are we listening? Are we open to the Word?

Let's become modern channels of God's communication to the world in this New Year using our gifts—whatever they may be—to pass on the message of the Good News, that Love is born in our midst.

THANK YOU!!

Over the past number of weeks, much effort and enthusiasm has gone into planning and celebrating the days of Advent and Christmas. With the Christmas Season ending next Sunday (Jan.12th) with the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all who have made these days occasions of prayer and celebration:

- a) Fr. Matthew: for his faithful assistance in celebrating our Advent and Christmas Masses, and the varied other ways in which he faithfully offers ministry in our parish-school community
- b) Martha Primus: for the incredible way that she fulfills her roles as Administrative and Pastoral Assistant (including the coordination of, and working with, our Art & Environment volunteers who so beautifully decorated the church, foyer, and hall)
- c) Sr. Michaela: for her faithful service as Ministry Assistant, which includes the coordination and training of our wonderful Altar Servers; a BIG THANK YOU to all of our children who dedicate themselves to this very important service
- d) Jim Phillippe: our dedicated custodian, and long-time parishioner, who keeps our church and facilities clean and ready for use
- e) Kathleen Barth (School Principal) and the Staff of our parish school: their dedication to the wholistic and spiritual development of the children of our school is a cherished witness to the gospel of Christ
- f) our EMHCs, Lectors, Music Ministers, and Coffee Sunday Hospitality Coordinators: for their much-needed and generous assistance in helping us pray with reverence, and socialize with joy
- g) Eugenio Calisto (Grand Knight) and our Knights of Columbus Members: who organized treats for the children of the parish (as well as a visit from Santa), who kindly directed parking and provided ushering at our Christmas Masses, and who offered faithful service at our Masses
- h) Jean Hopley: for faithfully overseeing the ministries at our 7:00 PM Mass.

AND

- i) last, but not least, **ALL of YOU** – the great Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish: for your generous participation in prayer, stewardship, and our community events!

May our gracious God bless you ALL abundantly in this New Year of 2025!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. John



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