# **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

# **Diocese of Prince George**

3285 Cathedral Avenue ~ Prince George, BC V2N 6R4 TELEPHONE: 250-964-4898 WEBSITE: www.icparish.ca February 23, 2025 – 7th 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 Sunday	Monday – Friday 9:00AM 9:00AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM
SACRAMENTS:	Baptism Reconciliation Marriage	Contact Parish Office Before Mass, or by appointment Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance

**BISHOP ~ DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE** 

PASTOR ~ IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH ASSISTANT PRIEST

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND PASTORAL ASSISTANT** BOOKKEEPER

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# PASTORAL MINISTRIES CONTACTS

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR:	Jennifer Wilczek
PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR:	Teresa Saunders
HOSPITALITY/COFFEE Sunday Coordinator:	Kerri Svendsen
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GRAND KNIGHT: K of C Meetings	Eugenio Calisto (250)-640-4533 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITS: Contact Parish Office CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: TBA CHURCH ENVIRONMENT: Martha & Team

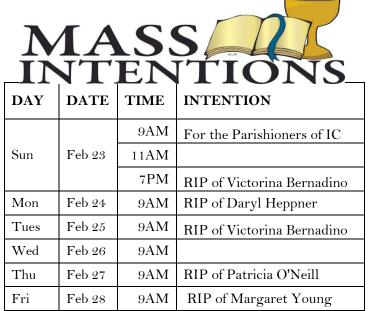
SOCIAL ACTION & SOUP KITCHEN: VOCATIONS:

Sr. Michaela Fr. Terry Brock

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you."

Luke 6. 27-38

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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 Tuesday, February 25, 2025 7:00 PM in the meeting room.
- Children's Liturgy of the Word –February 23 at the 11AM Mass ONLY. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.
- Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser deadline-February 28, 2025
- Ash Wednesday March 5, 2025
- Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel--2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month which is March 12, 2025, 8AM to 8PM.
- K of C Monthly Meeting Next meeting will be Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM
- K of C Pancake Breakfast –Sunday, March 16, 2025 after the 9AM and 11AM Mass – every third Sunday of the month.
- Book Study with Fr. Matthew Mondays @ 7:00PM on February 24; March 3, 2025; and Thursdays @9:45AM on February 27; March 6, 2025



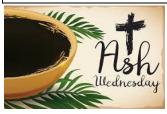
#### Prayer for the Holy Father

Almighty ever-living God, eternal health of believers, Who willed that our infirmities Be borne by your <u>Only-Begotten</u> Son for our salvation, Listen in kindness to our prayers

For your servant Francis, our Pope and Shepherd: Grant him, we implore you, your merciful help, So that he may be restored to your Church in good health, Ever ready to serve the flock you have entrusted to his care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you In the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

# Ash Wednesday-March 5, 2025

Please bring your palms from last year and place in the basket in the foyer by Sunday, March 2, 2025– These will be burned and used for the Ashes.



Mass times for Ash Wednesday:

- 9AM with IC School
- 7PM in the evening

### 2024 Tax Receipts

If you made donations to the parish in the 2024 year, and did not pick up your receipt, it has been mailed to the address provided in our parish database.

#### 2025 Jubilee Presentations St. Mary's

St. Mary's Parish in Prince George will be holding presentations followed by Holy Rosary and Confession, on the first Friday of each month during the Jubilee Year. Everyone is invited to attend these presentations. Next session is March 7, 2025, at 6:00PM

Presentations will also be livestreamed via St. Mary's YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/@saintmarysprincegeorg e5396

# IC School Gr 7 class Fund Raiser



The Grade 7 class is selling Krispy Kreme Original Glazed doughnuts as a fundraiser for their class. They will be taking **pre-orders until February 28, 2025**. 12 donuts for \$15. All orders can be paid either online at <u>icsaccounting@cispg.ca</u> (please indicate

Krispy Kreme order in comment section); or by cash or cheque at the school office.

#### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Highlights of February 12, 2025

### Please find full copy of the minutes posted on the Bulletin Board in foyer.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

PPC is in the process of arranging workshops for the parish at large. End of Life: Planned Giving and Cyber Security are being considered.

Dates will be announced once they are confirmed.

If you know of a topic for a future workshop/seminar that would be of interest to our parishioners, please speak to a PPC member. Thank you!

#### **COFFEE SUNDAY**

Many thanks to Kerri Svendsen for coordinating this ministry.

More volunteers are needed following both the 9am and 11am Masses as we aim to have a different "team" each Sunday of the month. If we don't have enough volunteers, we won't be able to offer this important community hospitality, which is appreciated by so many.

#### **Grief to Grace Retreat**



Through a 5-day program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured

neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness. The next program in Canada is May 20- 25 in Kelowna. For more information please email grieftogracekelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

# Diocesan Wednesday Weekly February 19, 2024

#### PRAYING FOR THE HEALTH AND RECOVERY OF POPE FRANCIS

#### Wednesday, February 19, 2025

As President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), I wish to assure the faithful of Canada that I am united with my brother Bishops in praying for the full recovery of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, as he continues to lead the Church with courage and a generosity of spirit.

I invite individuals, families, parishes, and all Catholic movements and associations in Canada to join their local Bishops in lifting up Pope Francis in their prayers and intentions.

May the Lord, through our Lady's powerful intercession, grant him renewed strength, health, and energy in his vocation to serve the Church as the Successor of Peter and the Vicar of Christ on earth.

Message by the Most Rev. William T. McGrattan

# Right to Life Society / 40 Days for Life

You are invited to attend the Right to Life Society's 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month Prayer Vigil on Sunday, March 2, from 2:00-3:00 pm on the footpath at the intersection of Ferry Avenue and Hwy 16. We look forward to seeing you.

This year, we will not be participating in the 40 Days for Life Lenten Campaign but will still participate in the fall campaign which will begin in September.

Now, more than ever, pre-born lives are at risk, we need to join our voices so that we will be heard to truly make a difference to save their lives.

Our Parish Goal Update as FEBRUARY 19, 2025:

		\$28,357	
	Our Project Goal:	\$ 6,000	
Called	Total Goal:	\$34,357	
ogether	Total Pledges Received to date:		
	C C	\$ 25,600.	
GIVING-SHARING SERVING	90% of our Goal		
DOCESE OF PRIVE GEOREE ANNEAL APPORT	74.51% of th	ne total Goal	

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

Appeal Tax receipts are available in the foyer.

#### STATEMENT FROM

The Diocese of Prince George Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Prince Rupert



The Diocese of Prince George and the Catholic Independent Schools of the Prince George Diocese, along with St. Thomas More Collegiate, were able to negotiate a settlement with John Doe which we hope will provide some degree of restitution for the harm that was so unjustly inflicted upon him by his abuser.

Although neither the Diocese nor the School were aware of the wrongdoing that occurred back in the 1990s, they have recognized and accepted the legal responsibility that arose vicariously due to the acts of its employee in these circumstances. We hope and pray that this resolution will allow John Doe to continue his process of healing and may this healing extend to all victims of abuse.

The Diocese and CISPG recognize that abuse by anyone representing the Church constitutes a serious breach of trust in human relationships and that it can have incalculable effects for victims and their families, for the Church, and for the community at large. The Church in Canada has taken significant steps to prevent abuse, including careful evaluation and training of clergy, staff and volunteers. To ensure that any allegation of abuse is addressed properly, the Diocese has engaged an independent reporting agency, managed by a team of psychologists, counsellors and social workers to ensure a quick, accessible and compassionate response. Reports can be made to that agency at 1-800-968-3146 or by calling the police in cases of immediate harm.

