

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

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March 9, 2025 – 1st Sunday of Lent



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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HOME/HOSPITAL VISITS: Contact Parish Office

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SUNDAY COORDINATOR: Kerri Svendsen

ENVIRONMENT: Martha & Team

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

**Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness:
there he was tempted.**

Luke 4. 1-13

MASS INTENTIONS



DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sun	Mar 9	9AM	RIP of Edmond Girard
		11AM	RIP of Maria Wechselberger
		7PM	For the Parishioners of IC
Mon	Mar 10	9AM	For a Special Intention
Tues	Mar 11	9AM	RIP of Larry Kearns
Wed	Mar 12	9AM	RIP of Fathers: John Daley, Phil Krogman and Nick Forde
Thu	Mar 13	9AM	RIP of Duncan Harper
Fri	Mar 14	9AM	

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.



- Rite of Election – Today March 9, 2025 2PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word –March 9, and 23 the 11AM Mass ONLY. Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.
- RCIA – Tuesday, March 11, 2025 7:00 PM in the meeting room.
- Stations of the Cross –every Friday of Lent at 7:00PM, next date is March 14.
- Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel-- 2nd Wednesday of the month, which is March 12, 2025, 8AM to 8PM.
- K of C Monthly Meeting – Next meeting will be Thursday, March 13th, 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.
- Lenten Reconciliation – March 27 @ 7PM at IC City parish times TBA



Why do Christians observe 40 days?

Lent (Latin: **Quadragesima**, 'Fortieth') is an observance in the liturgical calendar in which we commemorate the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert in which he endured temptation by Satan before beginning his public ministry.

There are actually 46 days in between Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday, but Sundays during Lent are not considered to be part of the prescribed days.

What can I do for Lent – pick one or two or a few.

1. Only buy what you NEED.
2. Donate or give away 40 things for 40 days.
3. Declutter your heart and your house.
4. Speak kindly of people.
5. Take care of your body – exercise and eat healthy.
6. Make what you eat for supper/dinner be the last food you consume for the day.
7. Give up a favourite beverage or a favourite snack.
8. Say three nice things to those who you work/live with.
9. Replace 30 minutes of TV/screen time with prayer
10. Cook all your meals—avoid eating out.

Check out some of these links:

- [“What is Lent?”](#)
- [Lent in 3 minutes](#)
- [How to live this Lent for others](#)
- [Lent/Catholic Central – great for young people and teens.](#)



Lent gives us an opportunity to enter into a penitential time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. – Check out this links on our website – **Bulletin** tab on our Home page.

Mark your calendar



Chrism Mass
April 9, 2025 7:00PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Our Parish Update as of March 5, 2025:



Diocesan Goal:	\$28,357
Our Project Goal:	\$ 6,000
Total Goal:	\$34,357
Total Pledges Received to date:	\$ 25,950
	91.5% of our Goal
	75.53% of the total Goal

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Appeal to date. We are almost there. If you haven't yet contributed please consider making a contribution to the Appeal. Everything over 100% of our **Diocesan Goal** comes back to our parish for designated project(s).

2025 Jubilee Presentations St. Mary's

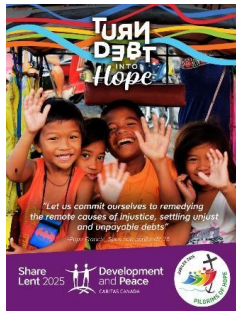
St. Mary's Parish in Prince George will be holding presentations followed by Holy Rosary and Confession, on the first Friday of each month during the Jubilee Year. Everyone is invited to attend these presentations. **Next session is March , 2025, at 6:00PM**

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

<https://www.youtube.com/@saintmarysprincegeorge5396>

Share Lent

Turn Debt to Hope



Established in 1967, **Development and Peace (D&P)** is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

D&P works with partners in the Global South, encouraging women and social movements as key agents of lasting change.

As well as asking for financial support, **D&P** helps to educate Canadians about the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality.

The focus of the 2025 Lenten campaign is on the Jubilee theme *Turn Debt into Hope* responding to Pope Francis' invitation to forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them.

Next Sunday, **March 16**, you will be invited to sign the *Turn Debt into Hope* petition that calls for an end to unjust debt. The forgiving of debt in a Jubilee Year is an ancient tradition that goes back to Deuteronomy 15.

To make a significant impact, we are asked to sign the petition during Lent so that the signatures can be presented in June 2025 when Canada hosts the G7 summit in Kananaskis Alta..

For More Information about Share Lent Materials go to the Virtual Calendar

<https://devp.org/en/campaign/turn-debt-into-hope/calendar-2025/>

Read the **Weekly Share Lent News Every Friday**, from March 7 to April 18, 2025, throughout Lent, you'll receive ideas for reflection and action, as well as information about the *Turn Debt into Hope* campaign and our partners. [Sign up now for our special newsletter!](#)

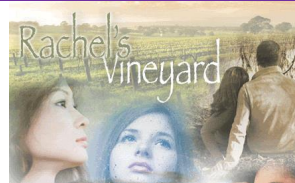
Diocesan Wednesday Weekly
March 5, 2024

Feast of St. Patrick



The annual Mass to mark the, Patron of Ireland, will take place at Immaculate Conception Church on **Tuesday, March 11, beginning at 5:30 p.m.** It will be celebrated by Fr. Matthew Bellerive. All are welcome, and you are encouraged to wear your green.

Rachel's Vineyard Spring Retreats- BC Interior 2025



For Emotional and Spiritual healing, Rachel's vineyard weekend retreats offer a supportive, non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing.

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KELOWNA: weekend April 4 - 6 Contact Vicki at 250-762-2273

www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com or Facebook - Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

MERRIT: Tues - Thurs May 13 - 15 contact Nancy at 250-267-5081 phone or text Email : rvkamloops@yahoo.ca

PRINCE GEORGE RETREATS STARTING IN 2025 - STAY TUNED

For more info: Father Michael at Christ Our Savior

[email:mebomuche@pgdiocese.ca](mailto:mebomuche@pgdiocese.ca)

Or Adele at St Mary's email:

rachelsvineyardpg@proton.me

Attention All Bakers

The third week of every month, a group of parishioners make soup and sandwiches which are distributed from the St. Vincent de Paul facility on 2nd Ave. There is a need for donations of baked goods which will also be served. Please bring baked goods. (bagged for individual distribution) to the church on the Sunday prior to distribution. (Mar 16, Apr 13)

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.





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