

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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**March 30, 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> 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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K of C Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

**“Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.”**

Luke 15.1-3, 11-32



# MASS INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sun	Mar 30	9AM	For the intentions and healing of Kris Pastro
		11AM	RIP of Donna Morin
		7PM	For the Parishioners of IC
Mon	Mar 31	9AM	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tues	Apr 1	9AM	RIP of Brian Haywood
Wed	Apr 2	9AM	RIP of Maria Fedurucci
Thu	Apr 3	9AM	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri	Apr 4	9AM	RIP of Jozsef Lipoczky - and all the souls in purgatory

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.

## Reflection for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent



From the dawn of creation described in the *Book of Genesis*, the story of the Bible relates how God created the world to be a place of harmony. The garden of

Eden is a beautiful symbol of this harmonious world. The Promised Land—as it's depicted in our First Reading this Sunday—also shows us a vision of what God has in store for the human family. There Joshua leads God's people into the "land of milk and honey."

Jesus captures God's dream for the world in the *Gospel* story today. It's the familiar story of the prodigal son, better titled "The Father Who Couldn't Forget." There our God is portrayed as the parent who waited day after day for his errant child to return. What a beautiful picture of God!


Throughout history—though human beings have strayed constantly, following their own ideas for happiness—God has held fast to a dream of harmony, and made it come true with forgiveness. Jesus and Christians who seek to follow him embody that dream in our world today.

Fr. Greg Friedman, OFM

## Journey through Lent

The CCCB has released the first two videos in this year's "Journey through Lent" series, offering reflections on each week's Sunday readings. See the CCCB website here: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>



- **RCIA** – Tuesday, April 1, 2025 7:00 PM in the meeting room.
- **Stations of the Cross** –every Friday of Lent at 7:00PM, next date is April 4, 2025- 
- **2025 Jubilee Presentations at St. Mary's** Next session is April 4, 2025, at 6:00PM beginning with Stations of the Cross. Presentations will also be livestreamed via St. Mary's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@saintmarysprincegeorge5396>
- **Development and Peace; Share Lent Collection: April 6, 2025-** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Solidarity Sunday
- **Chrism Mass – Sacred Heart Cathedral Wednesday, April 9, 2025 @ 7:00PM**
- **Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel**— 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, which is April 9, 2025, **8AM to 6PM for this month only due to the Chrism Mass.**
- **K of C Monthly Meeting** – Next meeting will be Thursday, April 10, 2025 – every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM
- **Good Friday Collection for Holy Land – Friday, April 18, 2025**
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word –April 13 & 27 at the 11AM Mass ONLY. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.**
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast – NEXT date is Sunday, April 27, 2025** after the 9AM and 11AM Mass – Pancake Sunday in the month of May will be moved to Mother's Day, May 11, 2025.
- **CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION** – Tuesday, April 29, at 9AM and Wednesday, April 30 at 7PM (more information to follow)

## Music Ministry members from the city parishes

You are invited to join the choir that will sing at the **Chrism Mass on Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00PM** at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

**Practice is scheduled at 7:00PM** at Sacred Heart Cathedral on **Wednesday April 2, 2025**



## Lenten Reconciliation Times in city Parishes



### •St. Mary's Parish

Thursday, April 3: 7:00 – 8:00PM

### • Christ Our Saviour Parish

Tuesday, April 1, @ 6:30PM

### • Sacred Heart Cathedral

During Holy Week – check the SHC webpage at <https://shcpg.ca/index.php/schedule/News-Updates/lent-and-easter>

## 2025 Diocesan Youth Conference – Registration Now Open!

Registration is now open for the annual Diocesan Youth Conference. This year's guest presenters include the Benedictines of Westminster Abbey and the Dominicans of Mary Mother of the Eucharist.

The deadline for registration is May 15, 2025. Scan the poster for registration or register here:

<https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/diocesan-youth-conference/>

## St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank

The focus in April will be **canned fish/meats, cake mixes and cereal**, but **ALL** non-perishable food items will continue to be accepted.

**There is a box in the foyer for your donations**

## Shepherd's Corner

Located on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Prince George, *Shepherd's Corner* is a diocesan outreach that ministers to street people. We are supporting the work of this outreach by collecting hygiene items. *Suggestions include (small sizes): toothbrushes, combs, toothpaste, dental floss, hand soap, shampoo, deodorant, nail clippers, lip balm, hand sanitizers, Kleenex pouches, hand lotion, feminine hygiene products, disposable razors.....*

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**Diocesan Wednesday Weekly**  
**April 2, 2025**

## Triduum April 17-20, 2025

at Immaculate Conception Parish



**Holy Thursday**  
7:00 PM  
Adoration until  
10:00PM  
(NO 9:00AM Mass)



**Good Friday**  
Veneration of the  
Cross 3:00PM



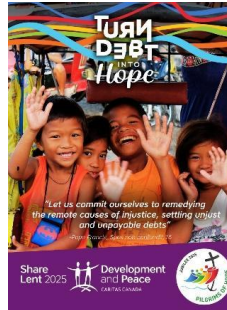
**Easter Vigil**  
Saturday  
8:00PM



**Easter Sunday**  
9:00 & 11:00AM  
(NO 7:00PM Mass)

## Share Lent

### *Turn Debt to Hope*



Each Sunday during Lent, information has been included in the bulletin to provide information of unjust practices in the Global South which have resulted in some countries being burdened with debts they cannot possibly repay. In many countries, debt repayments far outweigh what is spent on climate action and addressing the impacts of the climate crisis.

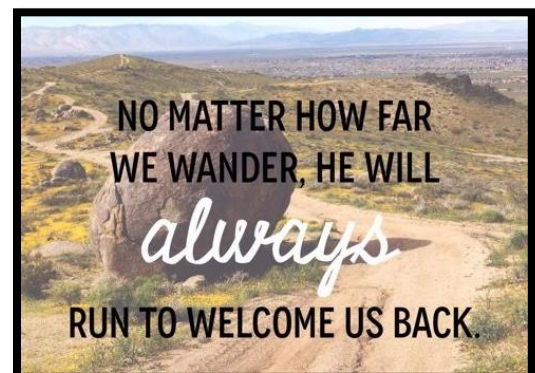
Next Sunday, April 6, is **Solidarity Sunday** when *Development and Peace* asks us to financially support agencies that work to cancel or reduce unjust and unpayable debts in the Global South.

In parish donation envelopes there is one envelope marked dated April 6,- "Development and Peace". Please be generous.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Way of the Cross is an invitation to bear witness to the suffering, death, resurrection and glory of Jesus Christ. It is by this Paschal Mystery that God chose to Create Hope. It is a hope born of sacrifice. God creates hope by joining us in our human suffering and weakness. May the Share Lent Way of the Cross create hope for a better world.

*Please join us on Friday April 4 at 7pm as we pray the Share Lent version of the Way of the Cross in solidarity with those in the Global South who struggle to repay debts that they cannot in reality repay.*





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