

**February 10th, 2019**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Stewardship Reflection**

*“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’” (Isaiah 6:8)*

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, “Whom shall I send?” Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say “Here I am, Lord.”

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***Let Your Light Shine***

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate,  
but that we are powerful beyond measure.

It is our light,

not our darkness that most frighten us.

We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant,  
gorgeous, talented and fabulous?

Actually, who are you not to be?

You are a child of God.

Your playing small doesn't serve the world.

There is nothing enlightened about shrinking  
so that other people  
won't feel insecure around you.

We are born to make manifest the Glory of God  
that is within us.

It's not just in some of us; it is in everyone.

And as we let our own light shine,  
We unconsciously give other people permission  
to do the same.

As we are liberated from our own fear,  
Our presence automatically liberates others.

-From the inaugural speech of Nelson Mandela



**Liturgical / Sacramental Highlights:**

**Ash Wednesday – March 6, 2019**

**Palm Sunday – April 14, 2019**

**Holy Thursday – April 18, 2019**

**Good Friday – April 19, 2019**

**Easter Sunday – April 21, 2019**

**First Communion – May 5, 2019**

**Confirmation – May 15, 2019**

**❖ Special Holidays / Parish Events**

**Family Day Long Weekend – February 18**

**IC School Spring Break – March 25 to 29**

**MayFair 2019 – May 25**

**KOC Pancake Breakfast for Altar Servers**

**– Jun 30**

**ICS School Mass Our next monthly school Mass will be on Wednesday, March 6 at 9:00am.**

We look forward to seeing you!



**Confirmation 2019**

If you have a child in Grade 7 (or and older child) and are hoping to have them celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this Spring at Immaculate would you be so kind as to contact the Parish office. We want to ensure that your child is registered for it as well as to prepare them and you their family for the Sacrament. This is a very special Sacrament and event in the life of our youth. (If you are at Immaculate Conception School or in PREP we already have you registered).

# Jesus Loves You As You Are

*Happy Valentine's Day ~ Celebrating God's Love  
May all find comfort in knowing that God loves us and watches over us.  
The more of God's Love you give away, the bigger it gets!*

## **A Valentine for God**

Gracious and loving God, my love for you grows daily.  
Whenever I witness an act of kindness or receive an unexpected gift,  
I am reminded of your expansive heart.

Even during times of sadness or heartache, I take comfort in knowing that nothing can separate me from your love.  
Let this love in me blossom and flower so that I reflect your compassion and mercy in all that I say and do.

Amen.

### **Are You or Someone You Know Thinking About Becoming Catholic?** **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** **RCIA: Friday evening – 7:30pm**



RCIA is for adults who have a desire to become a Catholic. If you have been thinking or wondering about becoming a Catholic and receiving Holy Communion (Eucharist) at

Mass these informal gatherings are for you! Adults Catholics who have never celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation are also encouraged to come to these sessions if you would like to be Confirmed at Easter. The RCIA sessions are led by Fr. Paul. We gather every other Friday for an hour. The next gathering is Friday, Feb 15 at 7:30pm – front lounge – Parish Center. For more info please contact the parish office.



**Immaculate Conception School Open House** Please contact our school office if you are looking for a school for your children 604-224-5012. We are currently accepting applications from K-7 for September 2019.

### **Wednesday, February 20 at 7:00 pm Taize Prayer Service at Immaculate**



Please join us for an contemplative prayer in the tradition of the Taizé community. The evening will feature candlelight, music, and time for quiet in the midst of our busy lives.

**The Art of Keeping Kids Catholic** Learn how to listen to what matters to children for their involvement. Learn how to involve family in service and church activities. Learn ways to involve loved ones in a fun and social way to prioritize faith in their daily lives. Join us for an evening presentation and mini-workshop to help equip us with the skills for engaging and keeping children in the faith on Feb 28 at 7 pm at St. Augustine's Church, Vancouver. To register, visit <https://rcav.org/event/the-art-of-keeping-kids-catholic>

**Who Am I** Through an experience of self-discovery and development explore the essential aspects of yourself. Join us on Feb. 23, 24 and March 2, 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Saint John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver. "Who Am I?" is a PRH workshop supporting Human Formation and is endorsed by the Ministries and Outreach Office of the Archdiocese of Vancouver for parish leadership development. For info contact Jane Waldock at [jane.k.waldock@gmail.com](mailto:jane.k.waldock@gmail.com)

**St. Patrick's Regional Secondary School** If you are interested in applying for the 2019-20 school year (Grade 8-12), please submit your completed applications at the school by Wed, Feb 13.