

Nov 10th, 2019
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Reflection

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." (2 Thes 2:16-17) There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

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Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



Mark Your Calendar

40 Hours Devotion at Immaculate
November 26th, 27th and 28th

40 Hours Devotion is a continuous prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. This devotion gives us an opportunity to grow spiritually ever more. As a Parish family we partake in this Eucharistic Devotion. It is a beautiful experience to spend time with our beloved Jesus Christ in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

Adult Faith Formation Evening **Friday, November 22th at 7:30-8:30pm**

This is an opportunity for school parents and other adults to learn about Catholic Faith. It would help parents who are hoping to have their children baptized; celebrate First Communion and want their children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. These are informal sessions led by Fr. Paul.

Spiritual Direction and the Journey to God

Based on his book, *Navigating the Interior Life: Spiritual Direction and the Journey to God*, Dan Burke will speak on prayer, growth in the interior life, the universal call to holiness, contemplation, etc. If you are looking to deepen your faith and prayer join us for this free event on Nov 15, 7-9 pm at John Paul II Pastoral Centre Vancouver.

LEST WE FORGET
REMEMBRANCE
Day

Lord, make us an instrument of Your Love.

Let us pray to
Make Peace, Live Peace & Keep Peace.



Dear Lord, remember today all those who fought for peace and justice. No words can fully express the appreciation we have for all those who have made sacrifices and continue to make sacrifices. Bless them, Lord! Many gave their lives to thwart the cruelty and evil of dictators and to establish equality, freedom and peace. For those who have died, we pray that they be with you in peace and joy, and that their families find comfort and peace. Amen.

Peace, Not Violence

Prince of Peace, today we pray for peace in our hearts, in our minds and in our actions. In a world that is struggling to find meaning and often finds itself witnessing deliberate acts of violence, help us to be peacemakers and peacekeepers. Grant us the wisdom, insight and prudence to be able to distinguish the need and necessity to resolve issues and conflicts without violence. Grant us the vision to recognize that although we are all unique and different, we share a commonality rooted in our humanity, dignity, and worth. Help us to walk in the way of the cross so that we may love one another as you continue to love us. Amen.

Returning to God

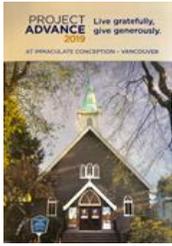
We are born in exile and die there too.
As soon as we set sail on the great voyage of life,
we begin our return.
When we die,
we do not so much go to God as return to God.
Like homesick cranes that fly night and day back to their
mountain nests,
so let all our lives take their voyage to you, O Lord.
For you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts will never rest, until they rest in You.
Only those who have flown home to You have flown at all.

In Memoriam: We pray for the repose of the soul of †Philip Loh Fook Seng. He was the father of Bernadette (Tim) Mah and grandfather to Stephen. As a Parish let us surround Bernadette and her family with our prayer and love in the midst of their sorrow. His Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. John the Apostle Parish this past Friday. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.

Brothers and Sisters... We need your support to bring the light of Christ to others!

Project Advance Campaign at Immaculate 2019

Have you made your pledge for this year yet?



A 2018 tax receipt will be issued for donations received before Dec 25

Project Advance is the major fundraiser that we have as Roman Catholics to enable us to do the ministry that Jesus asks from us as the Church. Thank you to all those who have made a gift. If you have not yet made a gift it is not too late! Every gift matters! Your gift is a sign that you value Immaculate and want to support the outreach we do in the name of Jesus. Your gift enables us to bring the presence and goodness of Jesus to His people. Project Advance is crucial in the life of our Parish. Donations can be made online at www.rcav.org, at Masses or contact the Parish office.

☪☪ Sacred Heart Convent School Circle: ☪☪ On Sunday, Dec 8 at 4:00pm, women Alumni of the Sacred Heart Convent School at Immaculate have planned a Mass and Tea on the Feast day of the Immaculate Conception. The 'Sacred Heart' Banner from the Convent is being 'restored' and will be used in the opening procession at the Mass. 'Lilies' will also be brought up in procession to honor Mary as was done on this feast day during our school days. If you are Alumni of the Sacred Heart Convent School here or elsewhere, please plan to join with us for this Mass & Tea. It will be good to gather as Alumni of the Sacred Heart in a spirit of holy remembering, blessing and joy. Through the Communion of Saints, we can trust that the good Nuns will be there in 'spirit'. Please contact the Parish office 604-224-5678 to let us know if you hope to attend. It will greatly help us with the planning of the event.



Special Parish Visitors: On the weekend of November 23 & 24, Mary Boucher (board member of the "Talitha Koum" Society ~ "Talitha Koum" means Little girl, get up !!) and women clients from 'Talitha Koum' Recovery House will be visiting our Parish. Mary and the women will speak to us at the end of all of our Sunday Masses. Their personal stories speak of recovery, new beginnings, courage and hope. 'Talitha Koum' House is a ministry of women reaching out to women that renews hope and saves lives. This Recovery House for women is a ministry for women in crisis. Opportunity will be available to assist with the funding of this exceptional ministry for women for those who choose to do so.

♦ Father Paul will be away this week until Friday for the annual Clergy Study Week. It is a time for the Archbishop to meet with his priests for prayer, study and renewal. Our beloved grandpa Fr. Ken will be here for the weekday Masses.

Agape Street Ministry Halloween Candy Appeal

It's that time of year again and Agape Street Ministry would like to invite you to share some of your Halloween candy with us. Each year we have thousands of street encounters where we greet the women and gift each one with a little bag of assorted candies with a prayer card inside. Candy can be left in the Agape Box located at the back of the Church. Thank you for your support!



The Knights of Columbus at Immaculate is asking families at the parish to donate clean winter coats to the needy. If you would like to share the warmth with those in need, kindly drop off your clean and gently used winter coats at the Parish center by Nov 15. *Give the gift of warmth!*



Thank You to all of you who participated in the Gift Cards Fundraiser at Immaculate to help us pay off our school's Seismic Upgrade Loan! Our next Gift Cards Purchase will be available in early December. It is a great gift option for Christmas! Thank you for supporting our 'little blue school'!



You can now **E-Transfer** or use your **Credit Card** to make donations to the Parish! You can E-Transfer your donations to the Parish to our Parish Accounting email: **IC_Accounting@shaw.ca** (Please note: no Password is required for E-Transfer).

For those who would like to make Monthly Donations with their credit cards, please contact Kathy at the Parish office (604)224-5678 and she will take your credit card info from you at the office or by phone. As a Parish family we gratefully thank you for your faith-filled support. May God bless you for your generosity!