



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday – 8:30am , 10:00 am , 11:30 am

***NEW ♦ Summer Schedule ♦**

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri - 11:00am

***No Mass on Mondays**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday – 4:30pm

Immaculate Conception School

Principal: Ms. Colette Foran

School Office: Deb & Luisa

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www.icschoolvancouver.com



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 8th, 2018

Stewardship Reflection

“As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, ‘Son of man, I am sending you...’” Ezekial 2:2-3

God asks each of us to do some special work for him. He gives us the resources we need to do his work. However, do we listen to God when he calls? Do we get up on our feet and use our talent to do the work he asks of us? Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called.

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Summer Holidays: Father Paul is away on summer holidays until August 1st. Fr. Regi and Fr. Ken will preside at the weekend Masses. Fr. Joseph and Fr. Ken will preside at the weekday Liturgies.

Parish Summer Office Hours

**During the months of July & August -
the Parish Office will be open on
Tuesday & Thursday: 10am - 4pm**

Summer Bulletin: Please note that during summer we will have a single page bulletin. You may wish to save this week's bulletin since it has a lot of parish info and contact numbers on the cover page. During the summer we may need to edit such information so that new items can be featured on the single page. We will be keeping the children's page in the summer bulletin.

❖ **Change of Weekday Mass Times**

All Weekday Morning Masses

(Tue to Fri): 11:00am * no mass on Mon

❖ **Project Advance 2018:**

Our Parish and the whole Catholic Church in Vancouver is both listening and responding to the Lord's call to be present to the real needs of our families, the poor, the elderly and the call to live justice, peace and the integrity of creation in all that we do and seek to become. Your gift to Project Advance is what makes our Parish able to respond to the real pastoral needs around us and to be the voice and face of Jesus to so many. Thank you for your gift to Project Advance.



Everyone who calls Immaculate home is being challenged to make an intentional gift to this year's Project Advance campaign. Remember, it is your gift to Project Advance that keeps the doors at Immaculate open and allows us to reach out in Ministry. Help us to keep our doors open and our arms ready to embrace all who come in the name of Jesus.

Franciscan Update: After ministering at St. Joseph the Worker Parish for 30 years, the Atonement Friars are leaving the Parish they built to supplement other 'Atonement' ministries in both Canada and the United States.

The Franciscan Friars (the same community as the friars here at Immaculate) have been invited by the Archbishop to replace the Atonement Friars at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Five Franciscans will form a community at St. Joseph the Worker – Fr. Pierre Ducharme, Fr. Joe Glabb, Brother Ben Ripley, Fr. Martin Bettin and our Father Manoj Xalxo. Fr. Manoj moves into St. Joseph the Worker on July 12th.

As for Immaculate Fr. Paul will remain as Pastor here and at the Musqueam Chaplaincy. Fr. Regi stays on in residence at Immaculate and will continue ministering at the 'Door is Open' in the inner city and with the Syro-Malankara Community (an ancient East Indian Catholic Rite) in Vancouver.

On July 12 Brother Carolos will be moving as well. He leaves for Edmonton where he will be part of the formation team at the Franciscan house of initial formation and studies.

Church electrical work Update

We were hoping to have had our electrical wiring renewed by now. The work had begun in good faith. Staging and the like was all set up in the Church. Unfortunately, it was discovered that the old steel conduit within the church resisted having the old wiring pulled out. It could not be done by hand. Now we are waiting for a contractor to come with a machine which is capable of pulling the old wiring out and the new wiring in. The project is delayed but will be done this summer.

Seismic Upgrade at Immaculate Conception School Update

Our Seismic Upgrade work at our Parish school is well underway. On any given day 40 plus trades men and women are busy doing this seismic work. It is holy work – this work will ensure the safety of our school children in the event of an earthquake.

The interior of the school has been stripped bare to enable the installation of steel beams throughout the school. The steel beams go snug up against every wall and ceiling. A huge amount of steel is being installed. Other crews are hard at work drilling and digging to upgrade the school's foundations. Mounds of earth are being excavated from around the school's current footings. The new footings will reach deep down into the hard soil. The current footings were nowhere close to code. Once the earth is excavated down to five feet or so a special concrete will be poured. This work both anchors and upgrades the seismic integrity of the school's entire infrastructure. Our school may have a small footprint but this seismic upgrade is a massive project. A project which needed to be done – a project which one day may save lives!

As families observe the seismic work from outside the construction fence wonderful comments and memories are frequently shared about how our 'little blue school' is treasured by both our current and past school families. Every experience and story shared validates that we as a parish are doing the right thing in seismically upgrading our school.

This seismic initiative is a time for all of us to reflect upon who we are called to be as a Catholic community in Dunbar. The ministry we are called by God to do through our Parish school is intricately woven into the ministry, existence and viability of our whole Parish community. If we did not do the seismic work at our school, our school would have had numbered days along with our beloved little Church. God is using our seismic upgrade work to revitalize our Gospel Call, Mission and Ministry here at Immaculate. We have chosen through this seismic upgrade to walk into the future with a deep Faith, Hope and Promise. The Gospel call that Immaculate Conception Parish and School embraced over 90 years ago is not diminishing – if anything – it is speaking ever more deeply to another generation of families – families seeking a faith community. A community where God gives hope and inspiration so that our families may prosper and experience the joy of God.

May all of us at Immaculate pray that we be faithful to walking together as a Parish and School. For our God calls all of us to choose to be good 'stewards' of our time, talents and treasures so as to invest in what truly matters in life – family, integrity, community building, beauty, healing, justice and Faith in the future that is not yet – but promised to us by God.

Let's not forget to pray for the trades men and women who are so diligently working to seismically upgrade our school. May God send Angels to watch over them and keep them safe from all harm. Last week, as a large and heavy window was being removed from the front of the school – so that the earth from the footings could be taken out through the open space – one worker had two of his fingers crushed. He was taken to hospital – quickly fixed up – and immediately he came back to the job site. Wow! He could have taken a few days off but he came back to work immediately. He knows how important it is that the school be ready for school in September. Our children and parents are counting on our trades men and women. May we honor, celebrate and be grateful for such professionalism and integrity of work.

