

Nov 24th, 2019



Happy Thanksgiving to our brothers and sisters in Christ in the United States. May you be blessed with God's love, joy and peace.

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



Stewardship Reflection

"... giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."(Colossians1:12) God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire "things." Instead, try putting God first in all things. Ask Him how He wants you to use your gifts.

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40 Hour Devotion at Immaculate
November 26th, 27th and 28th ~
7:30am-9:30pm

Next week, every parishioner is invited to come and celebrate our annual '40 Hour Devotion' – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 7:30 in the morning until 9:30pm at night. Come for 15 minutes or an hour – steward your time and choose to make time with the Lord. This Devotion celebrates Jesus present in the Eucharist – Jesus desiring to be with us.

For this Devotion the Blessed Sacrament is placed in a Monstrance (a special vessel designed to hold the round host) so that the 'Sacred Host' may be easily seen and venerated. The Monstrance is placed on the Altar. It is surrounded with candles to highlight that something sacred is before us. Through this Devotion we enter into sacred space and the holy presence of God. The Devotion focuses our attention upon Jesus – Jesus present among us in the Blessed Sacrament (Eucharist). It is an experience of 'Contemplative Prayer' – we simply choose to make ourselves present to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. In an era where we all spend so much time with technology and in cyber space this Devotion becomes a restorative experience for the human heart, mind and soul. It is a grace filled time – a time to just be – to be with our self in the loving presence of God.

In our world it is very challenging for us to become still... yet to choose to steward our time to be with Jesus in the Eucharist is to discover delight in stillness – a delight which leads us to be at home within ourselves, with God and in life itself. Everyone in the Parish is invited to come this week to be with the Lord – our school children and staff, high school kids, university students, mom, dad, siblings...Come be with the Lord and tell him what is going on in your mind, heart and soul.

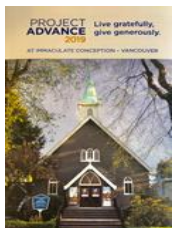
~ Sacred Heart Convent School Circle: ~ On Sunday, Dec 8 at 4:00pm, women Alumni of the Sacred Heart Convent School at Immaculate have planned a Mass and Tea on the Feast day of the Immaculate Conception. The 'Sacred Heart' Banner from the Convent is being 'restored' and will be used in the opening procession 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. *Please contact the Parish office 604-224-5678 to let us know if you hope to attend.*

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 2019 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.

Come join us at our old-fashioned Christmas Fair at Immaculate

This Saturday - Nov 30 from 8:30am to 1:00pm



All parishioners are invited to attend the Fair and enjoy the pancake breakfast, silent auction, fair booths and so much more... all in support of our Parish School!

NEW THIS YEAR!! Treat your family and friends at this year's Breakfast at the Fair with your very own Elf Service! Skip the line and be personally escorted to your complimentary coat check followed by your reserved seat for breakfast. Don't worry about having to get up and get your food, the Elves will do that for you. Just give them your order and they'll take care of you! Your ticket lasts the hour, you can walk the booths, come back to your seat while you finish your coffee or tea. Tickets & times are limited and are only available as a pre-order. Reserve your seats today! Seating times: 8:30-9:30am/9:30-10:30am Cost: \$20/ticket



Photos with Santa

Come take your photos with Santa Claus at our beautifully decorated picture spot.

Exotic Bird Society

Come explore and learn about the different varieties of exotic birds.



Adult Faith Formation Evening: Friday, December 6th 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. Please contact the Parish office for info.

Thank You to all who supported the Knights of Columbus' Winter Coat Drive. Over 120 winter coats were donated! The gift of warmth you share with our brothers and sisters in Christ is something so great that you do to share God's love during this festive season. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Visitors this Weekend – Women from Talitha Koum Recovery House will be here visiting our Parish. '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. Women from the house will be at the doors at the end of Mass and we ask that you greet them, and if you can, put a donation in their collection bags. Please support this exceptional ministry for women: www.talithakoumsociety.org

❖ *Our next Sunday Twilight Mass: Dec 1 at 8:00pm*

It's that time of the year again to plan for Christmas presents for our loved ones



Immaculate Gift Cards Program is a Perfect Gift Option!

Please support our Fundraiser to help us to pay off our School's Seismic Upgrade Loan

These cards are an excellent Fundraiser because a generous percentage of the gift card purchases are rebated to the Parish. These cards have no expiry date. (Please see the bulletin insert for our gift cards order)

As a Parish Family we thank you for supporting our 'Little Blue School'.



IC Parish Women's Christmas Potluck:

Tuesday, December 3 at 6:00pm

Please bring a friend, your favourite dish and a bottle of wine to share. We will be singing our favourite Christmas Carols and playing some much loved Christmas games. For details, please contact Susan at (778)772-3465.

Advent Confession Schedule 2019

IC Parish – Wednesday, Dec 4: 7:00pm-9:00pm

** Other opportunity will also be available*

Vancouver College – Tuesday, Dec 10

Little Flower – Wednesday, Dec 11

St. Patrick's Regional – Wednesday, Dec 18

Immaculate Conception School –

Friday, Dec 6 & Friday, Dec 13



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!