

**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**  
**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Stewardship Reflection

*"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.' " (Luke 19:8)* We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart; how is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

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### Change of Heart

It is only with the heart that we can repent rightly. Repentance must involve a change of heart. Anything less won't produce a new being. It will be like decapitating weeds while leaving their roots intact. But if we change our hearts, then we will change our lives too. After his encounter with Jesus, Zacchaeus' heart burst into life like a desert landscape after a rainfall. Fear can't produce a conversion of heart; only an encounter with love can. Zacchaeus' conversion was a conversion to goodness. All of us stand in daily need of such a conversion. We need to move from a closed heart to an open heart, from a heart of stone to a heart of flesh.

**Gold Mass for Scientists** A Gold Mass for scientists will be celebrated at St. Mark's Church on Nov 15 at 5:30pm with Archbishop Miller. The Gold Mass began as an initiative of the Catholic Scientists which exists to 'witness to the harmony between the vocation of scientist and the life of faith.' Light refreshments will be served after Mass.



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!*

**Twilight Mass:**  
**This Sunday Nov 3 at 8:00pm**



**Adult Faith Formation Evening (RCIA)**  
**Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 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 phone the Parish office for more info.

### Into the Deep: The Art of Community in

**Mental Health** How do we find hope and healing in relationship? We will go through reflections on how community is an art to creatively foster, the gifts of presence, love, and kindness come to light. For we are hardwired for connection and are not meant to live alone. Friday, Nov. 22 at 7 - 8:30 pm at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver. "Into the Deep" is a free bi-monthly series of talks, lectures and experiences for seeking disciples.

**A Celebration of Baptism** On Thursday evening the Moorhouse family (mom, dad, Kate and Reid) gathered at Immaculate as a family with friends and parishioners to celebrate the baptism of their daughter Kate. Her twin brother is still discerning the day on which he will seek Baptism. It was wonderful to have several of our senior parishioners come and celebrate with the family. Their presence brought special graces and joy to the celebration. May we as their parish family warmly embrace and welcome the 'little church of the Moorhouse family' in goodness, blessing and prayer. May they and all of our families be a real presence to each other, pray together, love each other and truly celebrate the joy of the Gospel together. Amen.

### 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 in the vestibule in your church.

Thank you for your support!

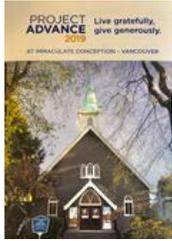


## Project Advance Campaign at Immaculate 2019

❖ Faithful servants of the loving God, have you made your pledge for this year yet?

**We need your support to bring the light & hope of Christ to others!**

**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](http://www.rcav.org), at Masses or contact the Parish office.

**Special Parish Visitors:** On the weekend of Nov 23 & 24, Mary Boucher (Board member of the Talitha Koum



Society) 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. As such, we will have an opportunity to assist with the funding of this exceptional ministry for women. Offering Envelopes for the 'Talitha Koum Society' will be in the pews. You can take the envelope home and return it the following Sunday or give it to the women who will be at the Church doors after they speak.

In conjunction with the envelopes we will set up a Tree of Hope at Immaculate during Advent for 'Talitha House'. The paper decorations on the tree will name various items that are needed as new women enter into the Talitha Koum Recovery House: new women's pyjamas of varying sizes, new sheets, new comforters etc... Parishioners will be invited to select a decoration which names one thing that will be needed over the next year. Over Advent you will be invited to bring the gift asked for and to place it under the tree.

Let us pray that by Christmas our Talitha Tree will have beneath it the essential items that each new woman will require as she begins her recovery journey into what God desires for her – hope, freedom and a new beginning.

**Parish Center Roof:** Cambie Roofing has begun roof replacement at the Parish Center. We have had issues with leakage. It will take 10 days to do the work. (Pray for sunshine!) During the work period, some areas around the Parish Center may be fenced off for safety reasons. They will not impact Sunday traffic but will impact weekday access on some sidewalks. Thank you for your cooperation.

♦ **A Reminder that Gift Cards Order Form is due this Thursday, Nov 7**

**Getting a head start on Christmas presents**



**for Family & Friends?**

**The Gift Cards Program at Immaculate is a Perfect Gift Option!**

Purchasing pre-paid gift cards through the Parish is an easy way to support our community. These cards are an excellent Fundraiser because a generous percentage of the gift card purchases are rebated to the Parish. The funds will go directly towards our school's Seismic Upgrade Loan. Placing an order is so easy! Simply drop off the form or by fax. (Order form can be found online at our website or from the Parish office).

### Christmas Fair Raffle Tickets

ICS students will be selling Christmas Fair Raffle tickets after each Mass on Nov 16 & 17 and Nov 23 & 24. Don't miss your chance to win one of our fabulous cash prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$3000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$1500, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$500 Tickets are \$5 each. The draw will take place at the Fair at 12:30pm and tickets are also available in the school office. Thank you for supporting our Parish 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!