

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 1st, 2017**

**Stewardship Reflection:**

*“Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves...” - Phil 2:3*

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self- image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life.

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**Immaculate Conception School  
Annual Walkathon**

Many thanks to all the parishioners who so generously gave to the school Walkathon. Over \$1800 was raised at the masses last weekend, and we are most grateful. If you did not get a chance to make a donation and still wish to do so, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support of our parish school !



**Our Next Immaculate Conception  
School Mass  
Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am  
All Are Welcome !**

**Men's Discernment Night (monthly)**

Do you have questions about discerning God's call for your life? Vocations in Progress for men is an opportunity to meet priests, ask questions, and learn about their life and spirituality. The informal event will include prayer, dinner, and discussion. Save the dates: Nov. 8, and Dec. 6 from 7 pm to 10 pm at St. Patrick's Parish in Vancouver. Contact Fr. Rodney Nootebos at 604-443-3254 or go to [rcav.org/event/mens-discernment-night-3](http://rcav.org/event/mens-discernment-night-3)

**Vancouver's Life Community**, formerly Vancouver Right to Life is looking for a Treasurer to join our Board of Directors. Our organization is working integratively and innovatively to heal society through the 'Dying Healed' program and 'Make Time for Life' campaign, which are both being supported by Archdiocesan pro-life grant money. Please send resume to Vancouver's Life Community at [vancouverr2l@gmail.com](mailto:vancouverr2l@gmail.com) or you may call 604-733-6266.

**High School Service Hours**

Most high schools encourage their students to do some form of community work or service. It is a good thing to do in itself but it is also a wonderful way to put faith into action and in the process cultivate life skills that teach us how to form genuine community and deepen relationships. If you are looking for a place to do service work please consider doing it here at Immaculate. Contact the parish office and we can provide with you some of the options.

**LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY** welcomes all prospective 2018-2019 candidates and their families to an **OPEN HOUSE** on Wednesday, Oct 11 from 6:00-8:00pm. Doors open at 5:30pm. Welcome Address starts at 6:00pm in the auditorium (1625 Nanton Ave in Vancouver) and is followed by guided tours. For more information please visit [www.lfabc.org](http://www.lfabc.org) or contact Kathi Wilson at [wilsonk@lfabc.org](mailto:wilsonk@lfabc.org) or 604-738-9016 ext 114.

## St. Patrick's High School

Stephanie Troughton has graciously accepted to be our Parish representative on the Regional Board at St Patrick's High School. We are so blessed within our parish community when it comes to parishioners saying 'yes' to the call of God within their lives. All who say 'yes' to being on our Regional School Boards ( or PEC'S) are truly responding to a call from God. So thank-you for your 'yes' to God and to the young men and women at St. Pat's.

We need to acknowledge the good work that Helena Sullivan did while on Saint Patrick's Regional Board. Stephanie replaces her. Helena represented our Parish well and was an energy of 'amazing grace' that brought blessing and life to the whole school dynamic... (No pressure Stephanie, the Lord will show you what to do as you gather with the other mom's and dad's who will journey with you on the Regional Board at St Patrick's...) It is our hope that during the year we will have Stephanie, our students and families at St. Patrick's be the ministers at one of our Sunday Eucharists - and afterwards have time to share on the wonderful catholic education that is offered at St Patrick's High School.



## Volunteers Needed for Parish Sunday Coffee

We are looking for volunteers to help out with our weekly gathering after the 10am mass on Sundays. A sign up sheet is posted in the parish center.

## A Message from IC Refugee Committee:

One of our Refugee families is in need of a car. Rami Derkou has a long walk from the transit stop to his place of employment as well and two young boys to get around. If you or someone you know is getting rid of a car for a good price please let the parish know.

Also, the mother of one refugee family is looking for work. She is available during school hours and although she does not have much English would be willing to do packaging, or shelving work or any other work that does not require a lot of communication skills. Please contact the parish office at 604-224-5678.

## 'Middle' School and 'High School' Gathering

We are excited that some of our former Immaculate kids who are now in middle/high schools have come forward and showed interests for this wonderful "social/gathering" evening. This is a great opportunity to cherish the core values that continue to give a Catholic horizon to you as you move into larger and more complex life circles. We are hoping to have some IC staff and parents to come celebrate with us !

Middle School Gathering ( Grade 7-9)

High School Gathering ( Grade 10-12)

Friday, 6:30pm Date TBA

## Moms with Young Children at Immaculate



Isn't it a great opportunity for mothers with young children to get together in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere here at Immaculate ? We are planning to set up a group which provides moms an opportunity for social interactions, friendship buildups, as well as spiritual growth through shared prayers, talks and group study. If you are interested to take the lead please contact the parish office.

## Prison Ministry Talk

Mr. Bob Buckham, Archdiocese Coordinator for Catholic Charities Justice Services will be speaking on the Prison Ministry and what it has to offer to all and anyone of the parish and the CWL on Friday, October 6, 2017 at 3:30p.m. in the Jesuit Centre. Contact Lois for details 604-263-1658.

Please bring your neighbour, family and friends to listen to this inspiring speaker, and learn how the Archbishop has expanded the Prison Ministry. Tea will be served after the presentation.