

Sep 8th, 2019
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Reflection

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:33)
When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

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A Sunday of 'Welcome'
at the 11:30am Family Mass on Sep 15
On Sunday, Sep 15, we want to welcome everyone back after being away for summer holidays and the like, and we want to especially welcome the 'new school families' and 'university students' who have come to our Parish. If you're a high school student or alumnus of our 'little blue school' we also want to welcome you back. We want you to know that there is always a seat for you at God's table. In fact, know that God has a blessing and grace just for you...

As we gather on Sep 15 may we all experience God's joy within us as we break bread together at God's table. After the Mass there will be a light reception to help us to meet and greet and become brothers and sisters in Christ.

Mass of the Holy Spirit Please join the Community of St. Mark's at UBC in celebrating the opening of the academic year on the Vancouver campus at UBC. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, and Reverend Dr. Robert Allore, SJ, Chaplain of UBC and Pastor of St. Mark's Parish. Takes place on Sunday, September 15 from 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served after Mass. Parking is available at the North Parkade, a quick 5-minute walk to St. Mark's College. For more information please contact campusministry@corpuschristi.ca

Sunday Twilight Mass
This Sunday: Sep 8th at 8:00pm



**TWILIGHT
MASS**

Our monthly Twilight Mass is one of our Parish's efforts to Evangelize. Our Twilight Mass is an invitation to gather all who are looking for community to gather at God's table. (High school and university students often refer to themselves as 'wanderers' whereas mature singles and empty nesters are more apt to call themselves 'seekers') If you are a seeker or wanderer, we want to welcome you to our Parish family at Immaculate. It is our hope that through our monthly Twilight Mass we may build community together around God's table and journey together into a future of hope and promise.

**Our first 'Twilight Mass' of the year is this Sunday –
Sep 8 at 8:00pm. All Are Welcome!**

Have you thought about becoming a Roman Catholic?

R.C.I.A. – 'The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults' is a 'Faith Formation' opportunity for men and women wanting to be baptized or who want to celebrate a Sacrament that for some reason you never received when you were younger – it might be Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation. R.C.I.A. is the place to ask your personal questions about Faith and what it is to be a Catholic? It is an opportunity for 'Faith Formation'. *We will be starting these Faith Formation sessions for adults on Friday, September 27th at 7:30pm. If you are interested contact the Parish office or Father Paul.*

❖ Next ICS School Mass: Wed, Oct 9 at 9 am

Ministry Renewal and Domestic Church Circles in Progress for 2019

Sacred Heart Alumni Circle
CWL Mass & Tea
Simeon and Anna Circle (Seniors)
Duns Scotus University Student Circle
St. Camillus Circle (Hong Kong Catholics)
St. Joseph the Worker Circle (Parish Maintenance Team)
St. Bernadette Circle (Church & Parish Center Housekeeping)
St. Martha Hospitality and Welcome Circles
Liturgical Formation for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers,
Ushers, Acolytes, Musicians
RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
PREP – Parish Religious Education Program
*** more information will be available from coordinators in the next few bulletins.*



Welcome to the Immaculate Conception Family!

As summer holidays wind down Immaculate is once again the place that gathers us together ... If we look about, we will see many new faces. There are a number of new families along with new staff at our school, a good number of international university students and some new parishioners who have moved into the new apartments in our area. And last but not least, Ted and Suzanne Pearson have returned home to Dunbar after a few years on the Island. A warm welcome and blessing to each of you. May Immaculate become your meeting place with God and neighbor!

First Reconciliation / First Holy Communion:

Saturday, September 14 from 10:00am – Noon at the Parish Center

We are having a Retreat for the parents of children who will be celebrating First Holy Communion in the spring. This Retreat is for grade 2 parents at Immaculate as well as for PREP parents. The **Retreat is Mandatory**. As a Parish we want to do everything we can to accompany you as you ready your child to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. As a parent the Faith you practise and pass on to your child will significantly shape and form the depth and breadth of their soul. Such a soul will empower them to walk into the future in hope, grace and purpose.



Immaculate Conception Parish School Masses:



As a Parish School we have already celebrated our first school Mass. What a delight to have the children, staff and parents gather in God's house as we begin a new school year. No doubt, God heard every prayer. (By the way, we prayed for last year's grade 7's and for the other students and families who moved to new schools. You are in our prayers. A lot of the kids broke out into big smiles when they thought of you because you were their friends. They prayed that you experience delight and blessing in your new schools.)

As a Parish family may we lift up to God in prayer all who walk in and through the doors of our little blue schoolhouse. May it be a deep well of blessing for every child, family and staff member.

Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P) at Immaculate

Our PREP are offered for children who are not in catholic Schools. We gather every Tuesday at 4-5pm at the Parish Center.

Our first class for this new school year will begin on Tuesday, Sep 24 at 4:00pm.

If you wish to have your child prepare and receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion, or to receive Confirmation this year, please contact the Parish office 604-224-5678 to register.



Calling all children at ICS and IC Parish - Cub Scouts have begun a new season here at



Immaculate All of our boys & girls at Immaculate Conception School and Parish are invited to join! The activities and gatherings enrich the wellbeing of every boy and girl, and the children truly delight in the Cub Scout experience. They gather every Saturday afternoons at 4:30-6pm at our Parish gym. For information about registration please contact the Parish office.



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** (Answer to the security question is **ICParish**)

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. Please do not send your card number via email. As a Parish family we gratefully thank you for your faith-filled support. May God bless you for your generosity and your love for Immaculate!