

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Third Sunday of  
**EASTER**



### Stewardship Reflection

“Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, ‘Do you love me?’ and he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.’” (John 21:17) *All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus and others. Discern how God is calling you to use your time in prayer, your talent in charitable works and your treasure to assist those who in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish and greater Church.*

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**ICS School Mass:**



**Wednesday, May 8 at 9:00am**



### Twilight Mass at Immaculate

**This Sunday, May 5 at 8:00pm**

An alternative style of Mass with great music for the many seekers and wanderers among us who wonder about faith, desire authentic community and yearn to discover afresh the movement of grace within their life. Come join us! All Are Welcome!

### ***A Mother's Day Prayer – Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>***



Lord Jesus, you also needed a mother's love and presence to grow in wisdom and stature.

Teach me to honor and to celebrate the gift of my mom.

Give to my mom and me the strength and patience to cope with the many ups and downs within our relationship.

Fill me with the grace to be grateful

for the many laughs, joys and blessings between us.

In the times I fail in grace soften my heart so that forgiveness and reconciliation returns quickly and easily between my mom and me.

What would my life be without her?

O Lord, may your light and love always flourish between my mom and me since you were the one who knit me together in my mother's womb. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

♦ **Vancouver College Mayfair: Sat, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm**

### **Following Our Dreams ...**

Loving God, we love to dream big about our future.

We love to be filled with excitement and enthusiasm about all the opportunities that lie before us.

We pray today that we will have the confidence to know that no matter what our dream, we will be able to realize it, if we work hard at attaining it.

We pray that we will be surrounded by supportive people who will offer us encouragement and praise, and that we will make wise decisions that will provide us with the opportunities we need to help us reach our goals.

God, we know that you want us to attain our dreams.

Grant us the ability, confidence, and support to make it happen. Amen.



**Eucharist – First Holy Communion:** As a Parish family let us hold in prayer all of the boys and girls in our parish who will be receiving Jesus in the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time this May. As a catechetical reminder, through the Sacrament of the Eucharist we receive Christ – the Body, Soul and Divinity – in each sacramental species of bread and wine. Eucharist completes our initiation. It is the fullest sign of our incorporation into the Eucharist body of

Christ. It is a sacrament that unites us as one body in Christ. That is why it is called an initiation sacrament. It is the most complete sign of our membership in the body of Christ. We become what we have received: the Body of Christ. We have 25 boys and girls celebrating First Holy Communion in May – how blessed is our Parish family. Let us pray with and for them by name: Nathan, Jay, Matthew, Lucy, Aaron, Conor, Quinn, Abigail, Kelly, Jonah, Carter, Brody, Theo, Julian, Abigail, Alaina, Han, Elise, Marlowe, Fenna, Nathaniel, Declan, Claire, James & Bea.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** This May 30 young men and women in our Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Monroe. As a catechetical refresher, Confirmation is a special outpouring and strengthening of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation is the gift of the Holy Spirit through the sign of oil and the imposition of hands. The sacrament permanently seals us to Jesus and commits us to live as a disciple. The candidates for Confirmation have asked us to pray for them and to let you know that they are praying for us – their Parish family. Let us keep them in prayer by name – Samantha, Marissa, Cierra, Hannah, Maya, Veronica, Oliver, Christina, Michael, Elisabeth, Lucas, Michaela, Daniel, Jason, Kohei, Richard, Arianna, Leela, Emilio, Elise, Mason, John, Samuel, Annika, Nicole, Scott, Indeo, Phoenix & Wyatt.

## **ICS PARENTS, IC PARISHIONERS, & GRANDPARENTS:**

Being a teenager now in Vancouver Canada is very different than when you were a teenager. Very different.

Help your child get ready for the teenage years - Before the teenage years.

❖ **On Thursday, May 9 at 7 pm :**

**come to a helpful evening presentation in the Parish Centre for IC parents titled:**

***"TEACH KIDS THE TRUTH: YOUR CHILD GROWING UP"***

*by Mrs. Sue Dvorak - a presenter in CISVA schools and mother of six children aged 16-26*



The presentation discusses talking truth with your children about:

♦ *puberty and sexuality* ♦ *technology and social media* ♦ *relationships* ♦ *being a teenager*

All Dads and Moms are most welcome, to get thinking about these big topics early! Join a discussion looking at the challenges that will be there for your child, and how to approach those challenges positively.

**St. Patrick High School Raffle:** Grade 12 students from St. Pat's are here at Immaculate this weekend (May 4 & 5) to sell Raffle tickets. This raffle raises money for essential student programs at the school. The Celtic Raffle is an annual ALL CASH-PRIZE RAFFLE fundraising event. Tickets are only \$2 each or \$20 for a book of 10 tickets. **The prize money totals \$18,000. First Prize = \$10,000 Second Prize = \$5,000 Third, Fourth and Fifth Prizes = \$1,000 ...** Please support such a wonderful high school!

### **✍ Mark Your Calendar**

First Holy Communion – May 5

School Mass – May 8

Confirmation – May 15

MayFair – May 25

KOC Pancake Breakfast for Altar Servers – Jun 23

### **Immaculate Conception Parish Post Secondary Bursaries**

Bursaries are available for Immaculate Conception Parish students attending any year at a post-secondary education institution. The application criteria and application form can be found on our parish website. Completed applications must be received at the Parish Office by June 30, 2019.

### **Nominations for ICS Parish Education Committee**

The Nominating Committee for Immaculate Conception School's PEC is inviting nominations of those interested in standing for election to the Education Committee (for 2019/2020 school year). Please contact Laura Williams or Grace Wright care of the school 604-224-5012 if you wish to make a nomination. Deadline is May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please note that both nominators and nominees must be Catholic and active IC parishioners.

### **Are you the parent of a three or four-year old child?**

***If so, you and your child are invited to READY, SET, LEARN!!***

**Monday, May 27 – 1:15pm to 2:00pm - At Immaculate Conception School Kindergarten Classroom**



Ready, Set, Learn is an initiative of the British Columbia Ministry of Education to help parents prepare their children for school. Come with your child and join us for an Open House (Story & Playtime). Each family will receive a Ready, Set, Learn package, a children's book and other literacy 'goodies' to take home.

Spaces are limited! If you are interested, please contact the school by May 22 for registration. For questions please contact Colette Foran or Rowena Taylor by phone at 604-224-5012 or email: [rowena.taylor@icschoolvancouver.com](mailto:rowena.taylor@icschoolvancouver.com)

**In Memoriam** As a Parish family we pause in prayer to remember †Laszlo Adamovich. He and his family have been parishioners at Immaculate forever.. †Laszlo died on Easter Sunday. He was 98 and called Purdy Pavilion his home over the past few years. In his dying may †Laszlo now be counted among the saints in heaven. Let us hold in prayer his beloved Ilona and the family. May Jesus be with them and comfort them in their sorrow.

The Funeral Mass will be at Our Lady of Hungary Parish on May 16 at 11:30am (1810 East 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver)

Eternal rest grant unto †Laszlo, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.