

May 12th, 2019

Good Shepherd
Sunday

Stewardship Reflection

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (Acts 13:52) The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy.

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Happy Mother's Day

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.



Statue of Mary: As a Parish we want to thank Peter and Leonie Mahony for the beautiful statue of Mary that they donated to our Parish. Mary is holding her Son Jesus high in the air. We will keep it in front of the Altar during the month of May since May is the month of Mary.



Taizé Prayer at Immaculate - Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00pm

Please join us for a contemplative prayer in the tradition of the Taizé community. The evening will feature candlelight, music, and time for quiet in the midst of our busy lives. All are welcome.

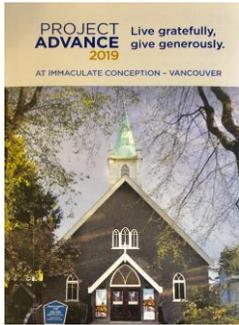


First Communion: Blessings upon all of the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion – there were 26 children – 23 on Sunday and 3 just after Easter. (We have one more yet to come this month). First Communion is a special event not just for the children but for their whole family and for our Parish. Moms and dads you are handing on the Faith to another generation.

We were blessed by the grade 1 and grade 3 parents after the First Communion Mass. They put on a wonderful reception in the gym. It was a labour of love and joy that made the First Communion families delight in the goodness of the Lord surrounding them. One could literally see grandparents pondering and treasuring the First Holy Communion event in their hearts as they witnessed Faith being revitalized and nurtured in their grandchildren. God is at work among us... in the souls of our families and parish. May we praise God for our beloved Immaculate and the movement of grace within our families. How blessed we are...

Birthright Vancouver: Mass, Prayers and Crowning of Our Lady

Please join us Sat, May 18, for Mass at 12:10 p.m. preceded by the Rosary and followed by the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. Reception to follow in Rosary Hall, 650 Richards Street. For info contact Birthright at 604-687-7223 or birthrightvancouver@gmail.com Birthright Vancouver is a downtown crisis pregnancy centre supporting pregnant women and their children by offering them the love, care and support.



Live Gratefully ... Give Generously Project Advance 2019



Building our Future upon a Foundation of Faith:

Thank you to all in our beloved Immaculate who helped to kick off this year's Project Advance. We are grateful and appreciative for your work. Thank you to those who stuffed envelopes and to the families who presented at the Sunday Masses. In response to the campaign a number of 'gifts' and 'pledges' have already been made. May the blessing of God be upon all who have already made your gift to Project Advance.

May we all take a moment to ponder how much your personal gift to Project Advance advances the touch of God upon the community around us. Your gift to Project Advance acknowledges that Immaculate and the ministry of the Archdiocese truly matters to you and to your family. As the primary fundraiser for our Archdiocese and our Parish, Project Advance means that the doors of Immaculate will remain open to another generation who come seeking Catholic community, ministry and the blessing of God upon their life.

We encourage our School Families, CWL, KOC, First Communion families, Confirmation families, PREP families and every parishioner and family to make a gift or pledge to Project Advance. As a Parish family we need each other and we need to work together. If Immaculate is the place where we go to Church, go to school or cherish because it is where we have experienced grace in our need, then Immaculate is indeed your home too. We are glad you call it home.

There is much that needs to be done to upgrade our Church. The repairs and updates required can only be done through your generosity and your financial 'gift'. May Immaculate always be a deep well of grace for you and may God bless your generosity toward our Project Advance Campaign. Your gift may be made online, through the mail, after the Sunday Masses or at the Parish office.



Saturday, May 25th - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm



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.



Sacrament of Confirmation: May 15

This May 29 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 – John, 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.



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! 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