

**Jun 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**  
**Ascension of the Lord**



**Don't miss out!!**

**Twilight Mass: This Sunday, June 2 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. We look forward to seeing you! All are welcome!

❖ For more information about the news and events from the Archdiocese of Vancouver, please visit their website at [www.rcav.org](http://www.rcav.org) or TEL 604-683-0281.

**Stewardship Reflection**

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Revelations 22:13)* This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle; it should influence how I make all my daily decisions.

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**St. Patrick's Regional Secondary School Fundraiser Raffle:**

The winners are as follows:

1st prize ticket #39996, 2nd prize ticket #36039,  
3rd prize ticket #30926, 4th prize ticket #13107,  
5th prize ticket #12179

Thank you to all parishioners at IC in supporting this fundraiser which will directly benefit the students at St. Pat's.

**Birthright Vancouver - Walk/Run Fundraiser** Birthright Vancouver, a downtown crisis pregnancy service, is hosting its annual Walk/Run Fundraiser on Saturday, June 15. at 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. This fun family event will include a stroll around the lovely Queen Elizabeth Park, family activities, refreshments, and wonderful community. All proceeds from the event will go towards Birthright's efforts to support pregnant women and their children by offering them the love, care, and support they need. For participation details, please contact [birthrightvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:birthrightvancouver@gmail.com)

**Support our Parish Family:  
Last Order before Summer  
for Seismic Upgrade  
Gift Cards**



Please support our LAST ORDER of this 'Fundraiser' at Immaculate! This will be our last order before we resume the campaign in Oct 2019. It does not cost you anything but a percentage of the amount purchased will be rebated to the Parish. Your support is very much appreciated.

**Taize Prayer at Immaculate – Wednesday, Jun 19 at 7:00pm**



**Immaculate Conception School Arts & Smarts Day Camp in July: Please refer to Bulletin Insert for details. Registration forms available at the school & Parish office.**

**Ascension – God's Joy, A New Way of Being**

In the famous crucifix of San Damiano, the Lord ascends with a smile on his face. He smiles not in comfort and ease, but in love and sacrifice. It is over, his missions is accomplished, and he has conquered death, and is now with us all days to the end of time.

His earthly mission is accomplished, but not his mission of love for his people. He is with us now.

Jesus often talks of joy, often the joy of God in forgiving a sinner. The big joy of God seems to be mercy, and even in the memory of his own death Jesus finds joy.

While we think today of the loss of Jesus, we are invited to rejoice as he leaves one way of being with us – on earth, to another way of being with us – from heaven.

Jesus both awaits us there and helps us get there, the mystery of the Divine son who is one of us.

The mystery goes farther; in that we are called into sharing this life of his on earth, for in each of us in the life of Jesus, who makes his home in us. This is why St. Theresa exhorts us to pray ...

*Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world ...  
Christ has no body on earth but yours.*





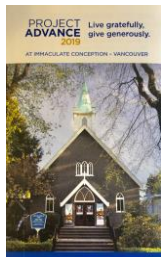
**Mayfair 2019:** It was a delight to see so many Parish and School families – younger and older – come and enjoy Mayfair. It was a labour of love that gathered together our Parish family in a spirit of joy. ‘Thank-You’ to all in the Parish who gave time, talent and treasure to make this year’s Mayfair a wonderful event – a community building event. The overcast weather and light showers did not dampen the spirit of the day. We simply utilize the Parish Center and discovered that it easily hosts the Mayfair event. In fact, Mayfair may have been a better event this year because we had such great spaces for each Mayfair Venue. Many families never realized that the Parish Center could host an event like Mayfair so effectively. So next year – remember – rain or shine – Mayfair is a go!

The kids (and adults) reviewed this year’s Mayfair as a magical day. One brief example, when the IC kids and teachers played ‘dodge ball’ you could feel the ‘electricity’ in the air. How blessed we are to belong to a Parish and School family where such ‘electricity’ is the norm. The soul of Immaculate is filled with a genuine desire to gather together and to celebrate faith and goodness with one another.



### ***It is Project Advance Time at Immaculate!***

***We thank you for your support!***



**Project Advance 2019:** Our Project Advance Campaign continues ... we are hoping that everyone in our Parish and school who calls Immaculate ‘home’ will give a gift to the campaign. Project Advance is the annual financial campaign which ensures that we have the necessary financial resources we need to carry on the Ministry of the Church. The ministry of the Church responds to the very

real religious, spiritual and human hungers within our families and society. The Church – our beloved Immaculate – ministers in many ways to many people – including to the many among us who wonder about the purpose of their life and whether their life has meaning. The ministry may be to a lost youth on Hasting Street or it may be to an executive in a major cooperation. The Church in the name of Jesus extends to all the peace that the world cannot give. Your gift to Project Advance will ensure that the doors of Immaculate will remain open and that we have the capacity to minister to our families and to the many that come seeking the peace that the world cannot give - the Peace of Jesus. Your gift to Project Advance can be made by filling in the brochure which was mailed out to every parishioner, after the Sunday Masses or at the Parish office. May the Lord fill you and your family with His Peace!

How blessed we are to have a Parish family like Immaculate in Dunbar. This year at Mayfair all who came could feel God’s grace around them and they felt blessed knowing that they belonged and that this was their home.



### ***Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast***



In honor of all 2019 IC Altar Servers  
Breakfast will be served in the gym on Sunday, Jun 23 from 9:30am – 1:00pm  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

### **Post Secondary Bursaries at**

**IC Parish** 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.

### **❖ PREP Families Thanksgiving Celebration and Barbecue for our PREP children and families - Friday, June 7 at 5:00pm**

It will be good to celebrate the community and friendships which have formed and grown through our Tuesday afternoon Faith Formation gatherings. We are so blessed at Immaculate through the various circles of faith and friendship which give shape, form and blessing to our families and to our Parish.



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!