

THE GOSPEL

**24th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 16th, 2018**



A Reflection on Faith and Works

**A fruit tree may be teeming with blossoms,
but if it doesn't bear fruit it is barren.
A lamp may be studded with diamonds,
but if it doesn't give light it is worthless.
A faith that doesn't result in good works
is dead.**

The fruit of prayer is faith.

The fruit of faith is love.

The fruit of love is service.

The fruit of service is peace.

May the Lord keep us strong

in faith and active in good works.

May the Lord, who conquered the evil one,

Keep us brave and strong in time of trial.

May the Lord watch over us,

keep us in His care,

and bless us with His peace.

Stewardship Reflection

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” (Mark 8:34)

When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a Stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.

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Today, I will grow in knowledge, love of God and service to others.

Our Parish ‘Little Blue School’ reopens Monday, September 17.

We welcome all returning students and their families, Principal, teachers and school staffs from your summer vacations. A warm welcome especially to our new school families and school staffs.

**May Mary our Mother and patron watch over
us throughout our new school year.**

Our First School Mass: Sep 17 at 11:00am

**Back to
School**
Open House



Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast Sunday, September 30th - \$5.00

Immaculate Conception Parish Breakfast



The Knights of Columbus will be serving up a pancake breakfast in the parish gym on Sep 30 after the 8:30am, 10:00am and 11:30am Masses. Come and enjoy a family breakfast or a breakfast with friends (maybe make new friends) as you enjoy a wonderful breakfast of Pancakes/French Toast, Sausages, Orange Slices, Coffee/Tea/Milk for only \$5.00

In conjunction with the Pancake Breakfast there will be an ‘Open House’ at our Parish School. All parishioners – especially former students – are invited to walk through the school and see the ‘Seismic Upgrade’ work that was done over the past three months at the school. What a joy to have our school children begin a new school year in a ‘Seismically Upgraded’ school building. A blessing made possible because the Holy Spirit inspired ‘you’ to be generous with your Time, Talent and Treasure. As you walk through the school at the Open House let the joy of God fill your soul.

We as a parish family owe a huge thank-you to each parishioner and family who contributed to this Holy Work. We are so blessed by the fidelity and generosity of those who call Immaculate their home. May God’s blessing be upon you and your family for making this Holy Work possible and for ensuring the safety of each and every school child at Immaculate. God love you for caring for and loving each of our school children.

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Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) – Will begin Tuesday, September 25

Our religious formation classes are offered for boys and girls in Grades 1-7 who are not in Catholic Schools. We gather together in the Parish Center every Tuesday afternoons between 4-5pm. If your child is in Grade 2 they will be prepared to celebrate their First Holy Communion as well as the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Those children in Grade 7 will be prepared to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. We encourage children to join us prior to Grade 2 and after Grade 2 because the sharing of faith takes place within the context of a community gathered. Parents are welcome to stay as what parents teach about God and faith resonates most deeply with the children. Our Catechists Caroline and Lucy will be there to welcome the children on Sep 25. Please contact the Parish office (604)224-5678 to register.

Project Advance 2018

Our Project Advance campaign is going very well. It is the major fundraiser that we have as Roman Catholics to enable us to do the ministry that Jesus asks from us as the Church. Thank you to all who have made a gift.



If you have not yet made a gift it is not too late – every gift matters. Your gift is a sign that you value Immaculate and want to support the outreach we do in the name of Jesus. Your gift to Project Advance gives us the capacity to reach out in ministry to our families and beyond.

Project Advance is crucial in the life of our parish. It enables us to bring the presence of Jesus' love to His people.

Mass of the Holy Spirit at UBC

All are invited to join the Community of St. Mark's (St. Mark's College, Corpus Christi College, St. Mark's Parish) in celebrating the opening of the academic year at UBC on Sept. 30 at 7 pm. Mass of the Holy Spirit follows the rich Jesuit tradition of opening the academic year with a liturgy that gathers the community to thank God for the gifts of creation and salvation.

Cub Scouts are beginning a new season here at Immaculate!



All of our boys and girls at Immaculate Conception School and Parish are invited to join our **Catholic Cub Pack**. The activities and gathering enrich a depth of soul and being in every boy and girl, and the children truly delight in the Cub Scout experience. They meet on Saturday afternoon 4:30-6:30pm at our parish gym. For further info about registration please contact the parish office.

Philosophy of the Human Person



Jay Irwin – a young philosopher in our parish family will be offering a course on the **'Philosophy of the Human Person'** for 6

Saturday mornings (2-hour sessions) during the fall here at Immaculate.

We are hoping to begin on Saturday, Oct 13. These morning sessions will help us to have a fuller appreciation of the dignity and value of the human person (who we are). If you are a university student, a parent raising children, in the midst of beginning a life career, changing careers or in the midst of a mid-life crisis – join us for these Saturday morning reflections. They are sure to awaken and refresh fullness of mind, soul and heart within you. For more information contact the Parish office.



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As a Parish family we gratefully thank you for your generosity and grace-filled support.

❖ **We are still accepting registration for our Faith Enrichment Series for school parents. It starts Wednesday, Sep 19 at 7:00pm. If you are interested, please contact the school or parish office.**