

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24th, 2017

Stewardship Reflection:

“So the last will be first and the first last” –Mt 20:16

You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our gratitude and generosity helps us live “God-centred” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

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Immaculate Conception School Annual Walkathon



The Annual Walkathon of our school will take place on this Friday, Sep 29. The money raised will go toward the needs of our school children and help giving them a Catholic faith formation and education. As a parish family we deeply care about the needs of our school and school children. By sponsoring them in their walk, we are actually preparing another generation of ‘disciples and saints’.

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY welcomes all prospective 2018-2019 candidates and their families to an OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, Oct 11 from 6:00-8:00pm. Doors open at 5:30pm. Welcome Address starts at 6:00pm in the auditorium (1625 Nanton Ave in Vancouver) and is followed by guided tours. For more information and online application, please visit www.lfabc.org or contact Kathi Wilson at wilsonk@lfabc.org or 604-738-9016 ext 114.

P.R.E.P. Parish Religious Education Program

Religious Formation for children not in Catholic Schools will begin this coming Tuesday, **Sep 26** at 4:00pm. We meet in the Jesuit Room in the Parish Center. Catechists Caroline and Lucy will be there to welcome and register the children. Moms and dads are welcome to stay with their children. Remember that what moms and dads teach us about God and Faith will resonate most deeply with your children. It is always best to do faith formation in the context of family and Church. For more information please contact the parish office.

R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you have questions about Faith and perhaps becoming a Catholic these evening sessions are for you. We will be gathering every other Friday from 7:30pm – 9:00pm starting **Sep 29** at the Parish Center. In this small gathering we will learn to discern the movement of Grace with our life. For more information please contact the parish office or see Fr. Paul.

Immaculate Conception Cubs are meeting in the gym every Saturday from 4:30-6:30pm. If you have a child that is interested in joining or you would like more information, please contact Kemal at Kemal.erzincanli@99scouts.ca

A Big Thank You To Immaculate Teachers and Parents for making our Annual ‘Meet The Teachers Night’ a success. The event was held on Sep 14 at the school. We were so happy to meet many new faces and welcome back our returning families. Our wonderful staff, PEC and families deserve affirmation in their ministry, which is so important to the evangelization mission of Immaculate Parish



Condolences & Prayers

As a Parish family we offer our condolences and prayers to Beth Cormack and her family. Beth's dad, Don McGowan of Victoria died Sep 14. He was also the wonderful grandfather of Nicole and Ryan. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all our loved ones, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



BC Lions Faith and Family Night

On October 21st, the BC Lions are hosting their annual Faith & Family Night. Enjoy a great night of football as the BC Lions take on their West rival the Edmonton Eskimos. Kickoff is at 7pm. Following the game you will have the opportunity to listen to players & coaches discuss Faith, Family & Football as well as enjoy a performance from a Christian band. Additionally, each group member will receive a free pair of BC Lions sunglasses. Total cost per ticket is \$30. For more information, call Travis at 604.930.5451 or go to rcav.org/event/bc-lions-faith-family-night

Gold Mass for Scientists

A Gold Mass for scientists will be celebrated at St. Mark's Parish at UBC on Friday, November 17 at 5:30pm with Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB as main celebrant. Light refreshments will be served after Mass. All are welcome to attend.

The Gold Mass began as an initiative of the US-based Society of Catholic Scientists (<https://www.catholicscientists.org>) which exists to "witness to the harmony between the vocation of scientist and the life of faith." This Mass follows in the tradition of special Masses for members of a particular profession. For more information, go to rcav.org/event/gold-mass-for-scientists/

'Middle' School and 'High School' Gathering

We are a little parish but because of that many good friendships were formed here at Immaculate among our children and families – especially at 'our little blue school house'. As a way of honouring these foundational friendships and relationships we want to host a Friday evening gathering for all of our kids who are now in middle and high schools be they at St. Patrick's, Vancouver College, Little Flower or any other public or private schools. The evening would be an opportunity to 'celebrate' the foundational friendships you have made here at Immaculate as well an opportunity to cherish the core values that continue to give a Catholic horizon to you as you move into larger and more complex life circles ...

Middle School Gathering (Grade 7-9)

High School Gathering (Grade 10-12)

Friday, 6:30pm Date TBA

Father's and Son's Morning

As a parish perhaps it might be a good time to look at providing an opportunity for Dads & Sons to gather on Saturday mornings here at Immaculate to do small projects around our Parish and School Campus. It might be a way of ensuring that the kid's service hours can also become a family time too ?

High school boys are always looking for service hour projects. In fact, some dads might like to work with a group of boys on such projects because some dads due to various work schedules may not be able to participate. It might be good to start with a simple mass at 8:30am on Saturday morning – a time when dads and sons pray together. Afterwards you can do a work project around the campus – raking leaves, cleaning drains, gardening, general clean up, power washing, minor repairs/painting etc. I think the parish could throw in some coffee and snacks ? There is real joy when dads and sons have time to hang out together. The project is secondary! Let's see if we can get this 'ministry' for dads and sons up and running soon ?