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one another
as I have loved you

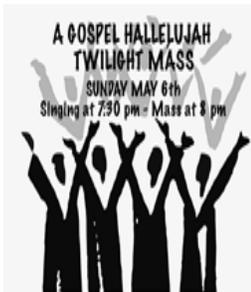
6th Sunday of Easter

May 6th, 2018

Twilight Mass:

This Sunday, May 6 at 8pm

Singing at 7:30pm. Don't Miss It!!



❖ Come Join Us as we celebrate the Eucharist with songs and music in the Gospel-Hallelujah tradition. It is a Catholic Mass that draws from African and African-American traditions.

We welcome all Catholic 'Seekers' and 'Wanderers'. A light reception will follow Mass. All Are Welcome!

Parent Appreciation Tea: This past Thursday our school hosted a parent appreciation tea for our school families. It is an honour to host such a tea. Our school families do so much to enrich the soul of our school families. The active presence of our parents within our school life creates a circle of grace that blesses each and every child! Our school parents do all of this in love and goodness. Blessings upon each and every mom and dad at our school for walking so lovingly with your child and with our community of children!

Vancouver College School Fair: May 12, 10am-4pm



Immaculate Conception Parish MayFair

Saturday, May 26, 11am – 2pm

Sunday Coffee Thank you to all the volunteers for doing Sunday Coffee after the 10am Mass. We do need NEW volunteers to help out. Please call Trish at (604)228-9680 if you need assistance.

❖ **Easter Reflection**

'Abide In My Love' – Jn 15:19

For Christians, there is only one failure –
The failure to love.

Lord, open our hearts when they are closed,
Warm them when they are cold,
Soften them when they are hard,
Fill them when they are empty,
Heal them when they are wounded,
And mend them when they are broken,
So that we, your disciples,
may bear the fruits of love.

A Blessing to pray within our families ...

May God's love abide in our family.
May we know the joy of loving our neighbor.
May we live in such a way that
others will know that we are disciples of Jesus.

CWL - 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care

The Catholic Women's League at Holy Rosary Cathedral invites all people of faith to offer prayers for more compassionate and merciful end-of-life care, including palliative and hospice care and non-medical end-of-life support services. Please join us on Friday, May 11, from 4 - 5 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be followed by Rosary, prayers, Benediction and Mass. On this day and throughout the week, we encourage everyone to pray either at home or with the CWL. We also encourage everyone to sign the petition to the House of Commons asking that hospice and palliative care be included as a defined medical service under the Canada Health Act.

Thank You from St. Patrick's Regional Secondary School:

Last weekend (April 28 & 29), we sold tickets for our first ever all-cash prize raffle fundraiser. Thanks to the generosity of your parish community, we raised over \$700. Students of the school that falls in Immaculate's catchment will directly benefit from the funds raised, including (but not limited to) extracurricular activities, purchase of bike racks, and funding graduation events. If you are interested in purchasing more tickets, please contact Steph at stpatsraffletix@gmail.com. Thank you again for all your support!



It was wonderful to have 29 boys and girls celebrate their First Holy Communion this past Sunday within our Parish family. The children were surrounded by moms, dads, grandparents, uncles, aunts, siblings. It was obvious on Sunday as the First Holy Communion children walked in with white gowns that The Body of Christ is alive and well here at Immaculate! Grace touched each and every family as they gathered around God's Word and Table. Such a celebration is the fruit of the Holy Spirit working in and through our families, teachers, principal, school staff and Parish.

It was especially beautiful to see so many grandparents worship with their grandchildren. Grandparents and moms and dads – you are indeed passing the Faith to another generation so that they too may abide in God's Love. As a Parish family we delight with you and will pray that every child who made their First Holy Communion will grow ever closer to Jesus in the Eucharist but also present within each and every one of their 'holy families'.



First Communion Reception: After the First Communion Eucharist the children and their families were treated to a reception in the gym. 'Tables of Food' and 'Family tables' were beautifully decorated in 'festive yellow' colors and deepened the blessing of the day. The children and their families all feasted! The feast was set out by the grade 1 and grade 3 school parents. It was 'a labor of love' by the other grade parents for the children and families making First Holy Communion. Grade 1 and grade 3 parents you have huge and caring hearts! Thank you for making the day so special for the children making First Holy Communion. Each of you made the love of God among us so real and present.

A word of appreciation to our teachers as well – thanks for celebrating this Holy and Special Day with the children – your presence at Mass reminded us that the relationship between student and teacher is a sacred one – you too are 'real presence' among us. Our teachers and staff are indeed men and women of Faith.



Project Advance 2018: So far '52' of our families at Immaculate have made their 'gift' to Project Advance. This is a wonderful start to our campaign! We invite all of our families to make 'a gift'.

In all truth every 'gift' is important and will touch and transform a life. Your 'gift' will make present through Ministry what we believe and pray in Faith. Project Advance enables us as a Parish and Archdiocese to be a vital presence of God's love and care for all of us who yearn for real meaning, real community and real presence.

Your 'gift' can be processed by filling out the Project Advance brochure which was mailed out to each of our families. It can be mailed, processed online, dropped off at the parish office or placed into the Sunday collection. The other more personal option is to meet a Project Advance Coordinator after any of the Sunday Masses (in the front lounge) at the parish center.

Each 'gift' means that the light of Christ will shine ever more brightly and warmly among us and most importantly – among the many in our city who need light, warmth and the gift of 'real presence'. May God bless your faithfulness, discipleship and family!



**Support Our Parish Family - Last Order before Summer
for Seismic Upgrade Gift Cards**

Please support our LAST ORDER of this wonderful 'Fundraiser' at Immaculate! This will be the last order before we resume the campaign in Oct 2018. It does not cost you anything but a percentage of the amount purchased will be returned to the Parish. The funds go directly towards our school's Seismic Upgrade. Your support to Immaculate is very much appreciated.