

Oct 13th, 2019
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Reflection

Today we hear about how Jesus heals 10 lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with salvation. All 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

Gratitude

Once there was a young man who had never thought of donating blood. But then his father got very ill and was hospitalized.

The son was sitting by his father's bedside and he witnessed his father getting a blood transfusion.

As he watched the blood flowing into his father's veins,

he suddenly realized that someone had donated the blood that was now keep his father alive.

Straightaway he made up his mind to become a donor.

He donated blood that week.

Many are willing to avail of the generosity of others,

but few are willing to give something back.

This is why gratitude is so important.

It makes us want to give something back.



40 Hours
Adoration at Immaculate:
November 26, 27, 28



Knights of Columbus Parish and School Breakfast As a Parish and school family we were treated by the KOC to a 'wonderful' pancake breakfast this past Sunday. It was offered as a labor of love but like all Christ centered love, it meant real work – the Knights were in the kitchen from early morning until late afternoon. Their labor of love gathered us together as a Parish and school family. The work they did is priceless because they built up the body of Christ.

The Lord even inspired a few parish dads to join in flipping pancakes... a warm thank you to each of them. Let's pray that a few more dads in the Parish may discern about becoming Knights. It is good for Catholic dads to gather together in blessing with other Catholic dads and to focus on things that have value to them, their family and their parish. May the Lord in his goodness bless our KOC for the good they do out of love for our families, school and Parish.

Happy Thanksgiving
To all our brothers and sisters in Christ
at Immaculate



❖ Please note:
The Parish Office is
closed on
Thanksgiving Day.

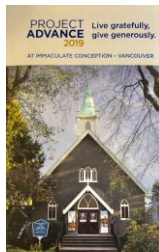
Prayer for Healing

Dear Lord of Mercy, God of Healing,
You are the one I turn to in moments and times of need.
I ask you to be with _____ who is in need of healing.
Psalm 107:20 says that you send out your words and heal.
So please, send your healing to _____
May _____ trust in your goodness and in your faithfulness,
even in the middle of this suffering.
Let _____ be filled with patience and hope in your presence
while awaiting your healing touch.
All of this I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Live Gratefully ~ Give Generously

Project Advance 2019

Have you made your pledge for this year yet?
We need to bring the Light of Hope to Others!



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 those 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 enables us to bring the presence and goodness of Jesus to His people. Project Advance is crucial in the life of our Parish. Donations can be made online at www.rcav.org, at weekend Masses or through the Parish office. As a Parish family we gratefully thank you for your support!

Confirmation Retreat for Grade 7 Parents: Saturday, Oct 26 from 10am-12noon



On Saturday, Oct 26th from 10:00am – 12:00 noon, there is a Retreat scheduled for all parents whose children will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this Spring here at Immaculate. The Retreat is to help mom and dad to journey more confidently with their child so that you may celebrate this wonderful Sacrament as a family. We want the journey to Confirmation to be a blessed 'Faith and Family' experience. It helps when parents preregister so please contact the Parish office 604-224-5678 to confirm your attendance at this special event.



All Souls Mass – Friday, November 1st at 7:00pm

At this Mass we invite the families who had a funeral Mass at Immaculate over this past year to gather and to pray for their loved one who died. The name of your loved one will be prayed aloud and the family is invited to bring up a Prayer Candle in their memory. We provide the candle.

If you had an immediate family member die this past year but the funeral arrangement was elsewhere you are also invited to remember them at this Mass. Please contact Kathy in the Parish office to let us know their names and when they passed away.

Other parishioners who come to the Mass will be given a Prayer Card and invited to write down the names of their loved ones who died over the years. You will be invited to bring the Prayer Card to the Altar where they will remain in the Prayer jar for the month of November and remembered at all of the Masses.

'Ricci Circle' – A gathering of Chinese Catholics at Immaculate We are excited to have our first gathering this coming **Friday, October 18th** at the Parish Center (3rd Floor) at 11:30am. As Chinese Catholics we have a wonderful history to share and to celebrate. It is a circle of Prayer, Fellowship, Ministry and so much more. We ponder and treasure all that we share in common and witness God's grace as we come together to our blessed circle. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Lucy at 604-420-9783.



我们邀请所有 **Immaculate Conception Parish** 圣母无染原罪教堂的天主教徒参加我们的第一次中国人天主教聚会。我们将分享我们的历史、故事，一起祈祷和分享天主教信仰。感谢上主，这是我们作为主内兄弟姐妹聚在一起的祝福。

日期和时间: Friday, October 18th at 11:30am 在教堂中心。

我们期待您的光临！联系请致电 Lucy 604-420-9783

Voting as Catholics: The faithful are reminded that Election Day in Canada is Oct. 21, and in a letter Archbishop Miller reminds Catholics they have a moral obligation to vote, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The Archbishop reminds the faithful that, "Voting is more than an act of civic participation. It is a serious responsibility that lets us bring our Christian values to the ballot box in the hope of positively influencing Canadian society." The full letter is in this week's bulletin and online at rcav.org/election2019.

◆ Father Paul will be away between Oct 14-22. In his absence Fr. Nick Meisl will preside at the Saturday 5pm Mass as well as the 10am & 11:30am Sunday Masses. Fr. Nick teaches scripture at St. Mark's College. Fr. Ken will preside at the Sunday 8:30am Mass and the weekday Masses.

Parish Census 2019: Every year the Archdiocese mandates a Parish Census. It is taken over the course of 2 weekends. This year the Census will occur on the weekends of Oct 19 & 20 and Oct 26 & 27. Each family can help reflect the vitality and sustainability of our Parish by coming to Mass on those Sundays. Come and be counted – numbers do matter!



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** (Please contact the Parish Office for Password).

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. As a Parish family we gratefully thank you for your faith-filled support. May God bless you for your generosity!