

4th Sunday of Lent March 11th, 2018

Stewardship Reflection

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16 Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of his own son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that?

God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but he does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

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Development & Peace: Share Lent on March 18

On March 18, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, you will have the opportunity to donate to the Solidarity Sunday Collection in support of this campaign. In the words of St. Francis of Assisi, may we "be instruments of God's peace." Together let us build a world where peace and justice prevail.

Sisters of St. Ann - Co-Founders of Immaculate Conception School:

On June 2, 2018 the Sisters of St. Ann will be celebrating the 160th anniversary of their arrival in British Columbia. There will be a special Mass at the Cathedral in Victoria at 10:30am followed by a reception at the Royal BC Museum. Their original schoolhouse is on the grounds at the BC Museum and will be open for tours that day.

Sacrament of the Sick



On **Friday, March 23rd**, our Parish will celebrate the Sacrament (Anointing) of the Sick at 11am. This celebration is a tremendous 'grace and comfort' for anyone needing healing in mind, body or spirit.

This is a Liturgy where you might like to invite a family member or friend to join you. The school is on spring break so there will be plenty of parking in front of the Church, parish and school parking lot. Following the Mass we will have a light reception in the Jesuit Room.

Sunday Twilight Mass

This monthly Mass is our Parish's initiative to Evangelize and welcome home the many in Dunbar who are looking for a sacred place to call home and who desire to awaken afresh their relationship with God, family, others, themselves ... as well as to make room in their circle to welcome and minister to others as brothers and sisters in Christ. We had a wonderful celebration of Faith and Christian Community this past Sunday. Our next Twilight Mass will be on Sunday, April 8th – All are welcome!

Morning of Recollection - A talk on

Lenten Spirit – March 17, St. John the Apostle Parish, 9:30am - noon. For details contact Madonna House 604-267-1757

Immaculate Conception School

Spring Break - Monday, March 19-25
School will reopen on Monday, March 26

Mark Your Calendar

Wed, Mar 14: **Parish Lenten Prayer** 11:30am – 12:30pm
Wed, Mar 14: **Lenten Evening Mass at 7pm**
Fri, March 23: **Sacrament of the Sick at 11am**
Sun, March 25: **Palm Sunday**
Thu, March 29: **Holy Thursday**
Fri, March 30: **Good Friday**
Sun, April 1: **Easter Sunday**

Don't forget...Daylight Savings
Spring Forward 1 hour at bedtime
on Saturday, March 10



Wednesday Evening Mass at 7pm & Confessions until 8pm

Lent
Pray Fast Give

Lenten Blessing

May you never doubt God's love for you.

May you walk joyfully in the light of Christ.

**And may the Lord keep you brave and strong
in time of trial.**

Lenten Reflection

Jesus is the light of the world.
We should not be afraid of his light.
We should welcome it and rejoice in it.
Compare to his light,
others are mere flares in the night.

Lord Jesus, radiant light of the world,
Guide our steps in the way of truth and goodness,
And lead us through the shadows of this world
To your kingdom of unfailing light.

Children Reaching Out to Children

It is wonderful to see the fullness of heart and goodness in our children as they come forward at the Sunday Masses to 'tithe' their '5 cents to a Toonie' during Lent so that they can be in solidarity with the boys and girls in their sister schools in Vietnam and Haiti. This special collection will enable our children to gift the boys and girls in Vietnam and Haiti with soccer balls so that they can enjoy play and sport just as our children do here in Dunbar. (Frequently, the soccer balls the boys and girls play with from our sister schools are made out of plastic bags wrapped up in tape!)

A real soccer ball will make a big difference in their game styles and skills. Also, 'Children Reaching Out to Children' is a way for our children to be disciples of Jesus and to fill their hearts and souls with joy because it is something beautiful for God, our sister schools' children, our children and our whole parish family.

IC PARISH Men's Shoe Drive

A grade 12 ICS Alumni currently at Vancouver College would like to encourage all families and individuals to contribute any new or gently used Men's walking shoes. These will be collected through Lent and then taken to the Catholic Charities Men's Hostel in downtown Vancouver for Easter weekend.

Thank you for the support!

**Immaculate Conception Parish School
Seismic Upgrade:**

Our Seismic Upgrade Committee – Sue Dvorak, Noval Lee-Son, Eric Young, John Cordonier – continue to burn the midnight oil preparing for our school seismic upgrade. The project will begin in June. Further information will be given out as the project details are compiled. It is a huge task that they have been working on for two years. In fact, the Archdiocese is considering using the process and work that they are doing here for a template for the whole Archdiocese. We are blessed by the Time, Talent and Treasure that our brothers and sisters in Christ give so generously for the renewal and well being of our Parish Campus. A campus that ultimately is the place where we nurture, grow and care for the Soul of our Parish Family.

P.R.E.P – It was wonderful to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with our children in P.R.E.P this past Tuesday. It is such a beautiful Sacrament and it was wonderful to see the children radiant with the joy of God after the celebration.

Please note: There will be NO PREP on Tuesday afternoons during the March Break!
Enjoy your holiday – holy-days with family, friends and creation!