

**Sep 1st, 2019**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Stewardship Reflection

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."

*(Luke 14:13-14)*

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, a chance to play golf, or our name in print. Yet, as Christian stewards, we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

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### Our Parish 'Little Blue School' reopens Tuesday, September 3

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.



### A Prayer for ICS Students

Lord, thank you for the unique gifts of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with fresh enthusiasm and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with your enduring love. Give them confidence and grace and equip them with the ability to persevere through trails. Bless all the teachers at ICS with wisdom, understanding and a heart to serve, as they embark on the journey together. Amen.



### Have you thought about becoming a Roman Catholic?

R.C.I.A. – 'The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults' is a 'Faith Formation' opportunity for men and women wanting to be baptized or who want to celebrate a Sacrament that for some reason you never received when you were younger – it might be Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation. R.C.I.A. is an opportunity to ask your personal questions about Faith and what it is to be a Catholic? It is an opportunity for 'Faith Formation'.

If you have been thinking about becoming a Catholic, join us for R.C.I.A. here at Immaculate. We plan to start gathering every other Friday between 7:30-9pm in the front lounge at the Parish Center. In this small gathering we will learn to discern the movement of Grace within our life. If you are wondering about God, Faith and Prayer then come to R.C.I.A. this fall and 'Discover' what it is to let Faith shape and deepen the meaning of your life.

If you are reading this – God's Grace might very well be nudging you to come and hear the 'Good News' the Gospel holds for you! **Come and See!! Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**

*For more information please contact the Parish Office and/or Fr. Paul 604-224-5678 Peace and all Good!*

### Ministry Renewal and Domestic Church Circles in Progress for 2019

Sacred Heart Alumni Circle  
CWL Mass & Tea  
Simeon and Anna Circle (Seniors)  
Duns Scotus University Student Circle  
St. Camillus Circle (Hong Kong Catholics)  
St. Joseph the Worker Circle (Parish Maintenance Team)  
St. Bernadette Circle (Church & Parish Center Housekeeping)  
St. Martha Hospitality and Welcome Circles  
Liturgical Formation for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers,  
Ushers, Acolytes, Musicians  
RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
PREP – Parish Religious Education Program

*\*\* more information will be available from coordinators in the next few bulletins.*

### **❖ Sunday Twilight Mass: Sept 8 at 8pm**

**Prayer and Condolences:** We hold in our prayer the mother of Peter Clayton-Carroll. She died this summer and is now with the Lord. Peter recently returned from his mom's funeral in Montreal. Let us pray for her and as Peter's parish family let us hold Peter and his family in blessing and prayer at this sacred time.

As well, let us also hold in prayer and goodness Bosco Li and his family. Bosco's dad died this summer. In faith we trust that he is now in heaven and counted among the saints. Let us pray for his dad and hold Bosco and his family in our love, prayer and blessing.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

### ICS School Mass for the new school year: Sep 4 at 9am

Parents & Grandparents come join us in celebrating with our children as we enter a new school year full of grace and blessings.

## *Faith Formation at Immaculate for Mom and Dad - 2019*

### **First Reconciliation / First Holy Communion:**

**Saturday, September 14 from 10:00am – Noon at the Parish Center**

This fall the Parish is offering a Saturday morning Retreat for the parents of children preparing for First Confession and First Holy Communion. The Retreat is for parents from Immaculate Conception School as well as the parents who have children in P.R.E.P and/or at other Catholic Schools who are hoping to celebrate their First Holy Communion this year. (Usually, First Communion is celebrated by children in grade 2).

This Retreat is to assist you as parents to better name the movement of grace within your own life so that you may celebrate the awakening Faith within your child. Because the preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion is so very important this Retreat is a mandatory requirement.

The Retreat will be led by Mrs. Joey Aleksich, Mrs. Ginger Echert and Father Paul ofm.



### **The Sacrament of Confirmation:**

**October 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – Noon at the Parish Center**

The Parish is offering a Saturday morning Retreat for parents of children preparing for Confirmation. (Usually, this Sacrament is celebrated by children in Grade 7). This Saturday morning Retreat is to help parents 'ponder and treasure and delight' in their Faith so that they may better accompany their child as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. In Grade 7 as your child prepares for Confirmation, we pray that it is also a special time of grace between you and your child. It is a beautiful time where you as mom and dad can model the practice of your Faith and deepen the depth and breadth of your child's soul. Mom and dad, whatever you value and model – your child will value, embrace and model...

The Retreat is a mandatory requirement because we as a Parish want to accompany you and your family as your child enters into their teen years – into the new beginnings of middle and high school. We want your child to know that there is a community of grace, wisdom and strength rooting and surrounding them. The Retreat will be led by Mrs. Joey Aleksich, Mrs. Ginger Echert and Father Paul ofm.



### **A Retreat Morning for High School Parents at Large**

**Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00am – Noon at the Parish Center**

The Parish is offering a Saturday morning Retreat for moms and dads of High School students. The Retreat will focus on the resources that our Faith offers to you as parents so that you may be more fully present to and accompany your high school child in and through their high school years. Every mom and dad needs the blessing of God to do the holy and transforming work of a parent... May this Retreat hold and offer to you the blessing of God you seek to accompany your child as they grow in stature and wisdom. The Retreat will be led by Mrs. Joey Aleksich, Mrs. Ginger Echert and Father Paul ofm.



**Red Mass** It is a Mass celebrated in honour of the legal profession as a vocation in the service of justice and the common good. This year's annual Red Mass will take place Thu Sept 12 at 5 pm. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Miller at Holy Rosary Cathedral, followed by dinner with special guest, Rev. Dr. Andrew Bennett, at the Four Seasons Hotel. Register online at [rcav.org/red-mass](http://rcav.org/red-mass)



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