



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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Sunday, February 18th, 2018

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Tuesday -Thursday : 8:30am – 3:30pm

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm
Sunday –

8:30am , 10:00 am , 11:30 am



1st Sunday of the Month
Twilight Mass – 8:00 pm

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Christine Lee (604)224-5012

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri -
9:00am

***No Mass on Mondays**

Sacrament of
Reconciliation

Saturday – 4:30pm

Immaculate Conception School

Principal: Ms. Colette Foran

School Office: Deb & Luisa

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1st Sunday of Lent February 18th, 2018

Stewardship Reflection

Images in the modern media are exercising powerful negative influences in our culture. “*Whoever controls the images, controls the culture*” – Bishop Robert Morneau. We do well to be aware of the images that tempt us. Images that tempt us to chase after things that hinder our ability to be the best disciples and stewards we can be. Prayer, patience, and perseverance give us the strength to resist temptation. “Don’t worry about anything, but *pray* about everything”, says St. Paul. (Phil 4:6) Be *patient* in getting things, resist becoming a slave to instant gratification. When you are weak, seek God’s unconditional mercy and he will give you strength. And, with hope and joy, *persevere* in your journey to being the best disciple and steward you can be.

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Ash Wednesday/Lenten Reflection:

What does it mean that we believe
that we came from the dust of the earth?
Not that we were once clay, mud or dust.
That was a way of saying that we came from God.
It was a way of admitting that we, men and
women,
are not masters of ourselves.
We came from the breath and life of God.
Warmth breathing life into nothing,
life growing in the safety of the womb,
life bursting forth as flowers from the earth.
What does it mean that we believe
that we came from the dust of the earth?
What does it mean to be alive?
The same answers:
Gift of God, joy of God, promise of God.
I am dust;
and flowers grow in dust
through the living water we call God.

Lenten Reflection...

Who would say that their lives are in ashes?
People who, through no fault of their own,
have bit the dust of the earth:
who live on the dust of the earth and not in a house,
who squat on the bare earth
from whose dust they have eked out
barely enough food to live on,
who cry to the dust of the earth for water,
who cry from the ashes of a broken marriage for
help,
or children who suffer in the dust of abuse, of
neglect.
Lord, bless them as you have blessed these ashes;
Lord, may we receive them into our lives
as our foreheads received these ashes.
We pray Lord that your living water
may refresh the ashes of our love;
help us to see in each person we meet,
your face, your glory, your delight;
help us to know your cry, your pain, your sorrow
in the faces of all we meet.
Stretch the vision of our eyes to see in everyone
a reflection of God,
of Love, of Joy, of Hope.

STRETCH OUR HEARTS TO LOVE AS YOU DO!



❖ Lenten Prayer ❖

You are invited to come and spend some time in prayer **every Wednesday during Lent beginning February 21st**. The church will be opened from 11:30am to 12:30pm for quiet reflection. At noon, we will gather to pray the Angelus and to lift up to our loving God our prayer intentions and those placed in the Prayer Jar. Join us as we gather as a faith community.



Immaculate Conception School

Please note Registration for Kindergarten to Grade 7 is now in process at our parish school. If you have missed the Open House please kindly contact the school office as soon as possible to pick up an application package. We are still accepting applications for the 2018-19 school year. If you are a new family in the Parish come and see our Principal since we may still have openings. For enquiry please phone the school at (604)224-5012.

Reconciliation/Confession Schedule

Immaculate Conception Parish

Monday, Feb. 19th 7–9 pm

Vancouver College – Feb 27th

St. Patrick High School – March 7th

Little Flower March 6

Immaculate Conception School

March 9th and 12th

P.R.E.P – tba

**R.C.I.A.: Our next R.C.I.A. gathering will be
Friday, March 2nd at 7:30 pm.**

✍ Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, Feb 18: First Sunday of Lent

**Monday, Feb 19: Parish Sacrament of
Reconciliation: 7-9pm**

**Wednesday, Feb 21: Parish Lenten Prayer
11:30am-12:30pm
*Every Wed during Lent**

Friday, March 30: Good Friday

Sunday, April 1: Easter Sunday

Wednesday Evening Mass and opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent:

During Lent there will be an evening Mass at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evenings. Lent is a good time to ponder how we exercise ‘stewardship’ in reference to the use of our time? Do we make time to pray – turn to God so that grace may more fully shape and form our life, family and other relationships. Hopefully this evening Mass will provide an opportunity for all who are working during the day to discover a time to pray as well as have an opportunity to make a good confession. Confessions will be heard after this Mass until 8:00 pm. Come and restore your soul through the celebration of the life giving and healing Sacrament of Reconciliation?

Our Children Reaching Out to Children in Haiti and Vietnam:

This Lent we are inviting our Parish Children to reach out in partnership with our sister schools in Haiti and Vietnam.

Our sister schools in Haiti and Vietnam are poor in things – not spirit! Our Almsgiving practice this lent can help them with a particular need ... and fill us with a spirit of solidarity and joy! In Haiti our sister school continues to suffer from the impact of earthquakes and hurricanes. Our sister school in Vietnam also struggles to acquire simple items to help with children play – Fr. Paul Bui – our former pastor – personally visits there when he goes home to Vietnam and tells us of their real needs. May our Lenten gesture of Almsgiving be our way to reach out in grace and goodness to our brothers and sisters in Haiti and Vietnam.

During Lent, at the Offertory the children will be invited to bring up a ‘silver’ offering (a Toonie or less). At the end of Lent we will buy soccer balls for our sister schools in Vietnam and Haiti.

What we take for granted in our Vancouver schools – soccer balls and the like – these are hard to come by items in our sister schools in Haiti and Vietnam. Every child should have access to things like soccer balls because play leads to friendships, community building, sportsmanship and if nothing else – a child at play must make God smile! May our Almsgiving this Lent help to make all of us smile knowing that we are doing something beautiful for our children, children around the world and for God’s son – Jesus.