

April 7th, 2019



Stewardship Reflection

For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ...“(Philippians 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honour.

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Second Collection: Share Lent 2019



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This Lenten season, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada invites you to share the journey with people forced to seek refuge, and to reach out and encounter them. Together, let's walk on the path of solidarity. The annual Solidarity Sunday collection for Development and Peace will be on Sunday, April 7, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generous solidarity is vital to the mission of Development and Peace and its ability to help, respect, and promote the poor.

Holy Hour and the Angelus



You are invited to come and spend some time in prayer every Wednesday during Lent. After Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be placed on the altar for Adoration until 12:30pm. We also invite you to place your prayer intentions in the Prayer Jar located in the Marian Chapel. Join us as we gather as a faith community to spend time with Jesus.

Twilight Mass at Immaculate

This Sunday, April 7 at 8pm



Twilight Mass is our little way at Immaculate to evangelize the many within our families and city who are seeking deeper meaning in lives and wandering in the hope of finding a faith community for their lives. Come join us and bring a friend with you. All are welcome!

Stations of the Cross - Good Friday

Join us for Way of the Cross at Queen Elizabeth Park Friday, April 19, starting 10 a.m. at the fountains next to Bloedel's conservatory parking lot proceeding through the trails of the park with prayers, meditations and songs. For info contact communionliberationvancouver@gmail.com

Taize Prayer Service at Immaculate

Wednesday, April 17 from 7-8PM



You are invited to participate in an ecumenical service of song and contemplative prayer in the tradition of the Taize community. The evening will feature candlelight, music, and time for quiet in the midst of our busy lives. All are welcome.

Acknowledgement and Prayers:

This past week our Parish received a bequest from the estate of †Stephen Sothy. †Stephen had a great love for Immaculate in life. As a people of faith we may also believe and trust that †Stephen is sending down blessings from heaven upon all who walk through the doors of our little Church and little blue school house. His bequest will help us keep our doors open to all who come to Immaculate seeking the Lord. Eternal rest grant unto †Stephen, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, the soul of his beloved Cecilia and all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

Lenten Project at Immaculate - Children Reaching Out to Children

We are hosting a Missionary Priest from Cameroon this weekend – Fr. George



Father George will be speaking at all Masses about the needs of the Catholic Church in Cameroon. In the name of Christ our Archbishop this year has invited us to welcome Father George among us. May we receive him warmly and reach out in solidarity with our Catholic sisters and brothers in Cameroon. The people in Cameroon – especially the Catholics – are suffering from a civil war and are in need our prayer and financial support. At Easter we will send everything that is collected through this offering to school children in Cameroon.

May our 'Children Reaching Out to Children in Cameroon' this Lent inspire us to reach out to the Church in Cameroon!



The Easter Triduum **Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday,**

Good Friday, Easter Vigil / Easter Sunday:

These HOLY DAYS are meant to be celebrated as one Liturgy which flows over a number of days... We pray them as we are... it does not matter if we are tired, spent, blessed, sin filled or lost... we come as we are trusting that the Lord desires to be with us and to be Sacrament for us. In coming as a people of Faith we claim afresh that God's glory and love will prevail within and over our lives and all of human history. Easter Triduum is a deep well of grace, hope, joy and beauty not to be missed. Which one of us does not yearn for such a stream of living water?

May we as a Parish and disciples of Jesus honour our HOLY DAYS and the desires of our soul simply by choosing to come home to God as did the young son who was lost that we heard about in last Sunday's Gospel.

Mark Your Calendar

Holy Hour and the Angelus – April 10, 17
Palm Sunday – April 14
Taize Prayer at Immaculate – April 17
Holy Thursday – April 18
Good Friday – April 19
Easter Sunday – April 21
First Holy Communion – May 5
Confirmation – May 15
MayFair – May 25
KOC Pancake Breakfast for Altar Servers
- Jun 23

❖ Sacraments of Christian Initiation: A Reflection ❖

Through our Baptism, the celebration of Eucharist and Confirmation we are initiated as children of God and as disciples of Jesus Christ. In Faith we believe that Jesus was born from Mary so that he could become one of us. Jesus is God's Sacrament among us. So as we as Catholics celebrate the Sacraments we encounter Jesus in the here and now of our lives. The Church becomes the sacramental community wherein we encounter Jesus. In order to be a living community of Faith we must continually encounter Jesus in and through the Sacraments. In encountering Christ in the Sacraments of the Church we become what we pray and celebrate – a sacrament for our families, workplace and world.

2019 CWL Brunch: Sunday, April 28

Don't miss out on our Annual CWL Brunch. Come join us for fun, fellowship and sharing. All women in the Parish and their friends are welcome!

Date: Sunday, April 28 at 11:30am

Place: Shaughnessy Golf Club

Please contact Caroline 604-266-0371 for tickets

Confirmation Prayer Partners



Partners in Prayers

This weekend Parishioners will be asked to be Prayer Partners for our Parish children at ICS as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in May. It reminds all of us that there is a great Circle of Grace surrounding each and every one of us, as we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. May we keep our Parish children in our prayers. May these children continue to grow in faith and walk in the light of Christ.

Immaculate Conception School

Morning Refreshment **for Seniors at Immaculate**

Please join us for tea and cookies, as well as some entertainment by our Immaculate Conception School students in the Seniors' Lounge of the Parish Center.

Holy Thursday, April 18 9:00-10:00 am

❖ Please RSVP by phone to our school office
at 604-224-5012 by Monday, April 8th.

Catholic Schools' Reconciliation Schedule:

Vancouver College – April 9

Immaculate Conception School – April 11 & 12

PREP – TBA

Weep Not For Me But For Yourselves



Every year during Holy Week, Christians are drawn to Jerusalem,
if not in body, at least in mind.

They stand at the foot of the cross,
beating their breasts and staring with pity at Jesus of Nazareth.

They listen with reverence as he prays for his killers:
“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

But when the week is over,
they return to their homes to resume their deep-rooted spites and the burden of things they can't forgive.

Let us not then weep for Jesus.

Let us weep for our own sins.

Then maybe, like Jesus, we will be able to forgive others who sin against us.

