



Ascension of the Lord

May 13th, 2018

Thank you to all who participated in our Gift Card Campaign. Your support to the Seismic Upgrade of our 'little blue school' is very much appreciated!

Stewardship Reflection

“Faith is strengthened when it is given to others!” (Saint John Paul II). The very first Christians were an enthusiastic group of followers. Anyone who has encountered the Risen Lord will naturally feel the need to joyfully share the experience.

In what ways are you enthusiastically sharing your joy in knowing Jesus with others? One day the Lord will require an accounting of how each of us have stewarded his gifts to us, especially the gift of our faith. We pray that on that day we will be found to have been trustworthy stewards.

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The Sacrament of Confirmation: On Thursday we had the privilege of welcoming Archbishop Miller. He was here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our children. Confirmation is a big event in the life of our youth, their families and our Parish family.

❖ May the Spirit of the Holy Spirit Rest Upon:

Kieran Bestbier, Connor Bohlmann, Jakob Tamminga, Markus Yu, Isabella Demianczuk, Avery Frost, Daniel-Felipe Gonzalez-Arango, Kristen Guerin, Matteo Guerra, Melissa Hartnett, Kate Illing, Adrian McKorczy, Chole Mok, John Murphy, Peter Neill, Olivia Sienicki, Hailee Stogan, Gabriela Santerre De Assis, Karl Von Riedemann, Penelope Sparrow, Charlotte Voysey, Sophie Voysey, Abby Weaver, Charlotte Weaver, Julia Wright, Ernest Yuen, Dylan Berretta, Lucy McPherson, Sofia Blouin, Dylan Stanton and Erica Histed.



May they be filled with the awesome and Holy Spirit of Jesus.

A Spirit of Wisdom ... to see themselves and others with the eyes of God.

A Spirit of Understanding ... to see the heart of people and things.

A Spirit of Counsel ... to listen to the goodness within them and around them.

A Spirit of Courage ... to confront the dark and frightening things within them and the world around them.

A Spirit of Knowledge ... to know what is truly valuable in life.

A Spirit of Holiness ... to live a humble and prayerful life.

A Spirit of Reverence ... to walk, talk, act in a way that is sacred and respectful.



PREP – End of Year

Pizza Party: Tuesday, May 15

The last day of class for PREP this year will be on May 15. Come as we celebrate the time we spend together every week to learn and grow in God's grace and God's love.

Thank You to all who came to join us at our monthly Twilight Mass this past Sunday. We had a wonderful celebration of Faith and Christian Community. The spirit and singing of uplifting songs renewed and refreshed all Catholic 'seekers' and 'wanderers'. Our next Sunday Twilight Mass will be on Jun 3 at 8pm. All Are Welcome!

New Way To Donate To Immaculate: You can e-transfer your donation to the Parish to our Parish Accounting email: IC_Accounting@shaw.ca. For the password please use *ICParish*. In the message box specify where you would like your donation allocated – for example, to regular collections, special collections such as our Seismic Upgrade, special diocesan collections etc. As a parish family, we gratefully thank each and every one of you for your generosity and grace filled support. May the good Lord bless you abundantly.



The Sisters of St. Ann 'Come Home' to Immaculate

Our Parish hosted a celebration for the Sisters of St. Ann this past Sunday at the 11:30am Mass. The Sisters of St. Ann are co-founders of our 'Little Blue School'. Their commitment to Catholic education and excellence in education is what kept our Parish school 'thriving' prior to partial funding from the government.

The Sisters of St. Ann were pleased and delighted to be welcomed 'back home'. It was an opportunity to catch up with friends, former students and to celebrate how our lay teachers and staff have made our 'little blue school' ever more wonderful and life giving. In response to our need for seismic upgrading the Sisters 'gifted' us with a \$500,000 grant toward the project. How beautiful, the Sisters have chosen to be in solidarity with us – once again – in our need! It is humbling to receive such a gift. It is humbling to know that they have never stopped praying for us or holding us in their heart. They simply desire that many more generations of children will have access to what is a precious gift – a Catholic education.

Of the seven Sisters welcomed on Sunday, one of the Sisters welcomed back by our Principal was Sister Marina Smith – the Principal at Immaculate when Colette was a student at Immaculate. What a moment of joy and grace for them and us! Colette also welcomed Sisters Judi Morin, Joyce Harris, Patricia Donovan, Frieda Raab, Marie Zarowny, Shelia Moss and Margret Jacques. As we celebrated with the Sisters we could behold their humility, dignity and graciousness. Each sister present was like an 'Icon' mirroring a Grace filled and worthwhile life – they were 'Sacrament'. They showered upon us the Grace of grandmothers – if not of saints! It was a holy moment of awe to celebrate our Faith with such women of Faith.

❖ ***There will be a special Mass celebrating the 160th Anniversary of the arrival of the Sisters of St. Ann on Jun 2 in Victoria. If you are interested, please contact Kathy at the Parish Office.***



Project Advance 2018: We are so blessed to be called and gifted to do the work of Jesus here at Immaculate and beyond. As a Parish family we reach out in Ministry to the many seeking prayer, comfort, hope, hospitality – the face of Jesus. Our door is open to all of who are looking to what Faith alone can offer ... The Ministry we do is the only possible because of the fidelity and generosity of each and every one of you. Your generosity is what enables us to keep the door open here at Immaculate.

If you call Immaculate home please participate in our Project Advance Campaign. Every gift is important so that we can be present to all in need of Ministry. Ministry may be anything from Sunday Worship, Baptisms and Marriages to Pastoral care, a funeral or a gesture of hospitality to the homeless.

We need your help to keep our doors open and welcoming. So once again consider making a gift to Project Advance through an online gift, at the Parish office, or in the front lounge after the Sunday Masses. Ultimately every gift means that we will continue to be the face of Jesus for all who come seeking the touch of God.

Seismic Upgrade Letters and 'Q&A': A Seismic Upgrade communication letter was sent out to every Parish and School family this past week. We are blessed and excited that the School Seismic work will start in mid-June. The project is ready to go because of the countless hours that Sue Dvorak, John Cordonier, Eric Young and Noval Lee-Son have put into the planning of this project. They have been working on it for 2 years. The project is a labour of love and the seismic upgrade work will ensure the safety of your children and our children.

We are hoping that our school families and parishioners will be generous in financing this seismic project. Father Ken weighed in immediately with his \$1000 cheque. Fr. Ken cares for your children like a granddad would. May each of us care so deeply for the safety of our children at our 'little blue school'. It will simply take 120 parishioners to match Fr. Ken's offering so that we might have what we need to pay down the seismic mortgage for this year. Can we imagine doing something more beautiful for God than in investing in the safety of our children – God's children.

Immaculate Conception Parish MayFair 2018 – Saturday, May 26 – 11am to 2pm



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