

Oct 20th, 2019
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Reflection

"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." (2 Timothy 4:2)
It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

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Voting as Catholics: The faithful are reminded that **Election Day in Canada is Monday, Oct 21.** We as Catholics have a moral obligation to vote, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The Archbishop reminds the faithful that, "Voting is more than an act of civic participation. It is a serious responsibility that lets us bring our Christian values to the ballot box in the hope of positively influencing Canadian society." Several Catholic election resources can be found at rcav.org/election2019. The guides offer reflection on key ethical and moral issues for voters, especially Catholics, to consider.

♦ For more information about the news & events from the Archdiocese of Vancouver, please visit www.rcav.org



Confirmation Retreat for Grade 7 Parents: Saturday, Oct 26 from 10am-12noon



On Saturday, Oct 26th from 10:00am – 12:00 noon, there is a Retreat scheduled for all parents whose children will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this Spring here at Immaculate. The Retreat is to help mom and dad to journey more confidently with their child so that you may celebrate this wonderful Sacrament as a family. We want the journey to Confirmation to be a blessed 'Faith and Family' experience. It helps when parents preregister ...



Please contact the Parish office 604-224-5678 to confirm your attendance at this special event.

R.C.I.A. – Adult Faith Formation Evening
Friday, October 25th at 7:30-8:30pm
Jesuit Room – Parish Center

This is an opportunity for school parents and other adults to learn about Catholic Faith. It would help parents who are hoping to have their children baptized; celebrate First Communion and want their children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. These are informal sessions led by Fr. Paul. Please phone the Parish office for more information 604-224-5678. Come and See – and discover firsthand how Faith and Religion gives meaning and joy to life.

Pope Francis' Call to Civic and Political Love (Free Lecture at UBC)

Amid political turmoil, Pope Francis invites us to explore ways we can change our politics and our world for the better. How can we find common ground amid political turmoil? Rising nationalism and populist political movements around the globe have disturbed the comfortable certainty we once enjoyed. Pope Francis invites us to dream of a different way that begins in how we interact with one another. The Centre for Christian Engagement at St. Mark's College UBC, presents a public lecture by Dr. Steven P. Millies on Thu, Nov 7 at 7 pm. This free lecture takes place at St. Mark's.

October: The Month of the Holy Rosary

The month of October is a good time to commit to praying the Rosary everyday. The Rosary will bring great peace and holiness to your life. It is a powerful instrument for conversion. The Rosary is the best method to honor Mary.



*O Blessed Mary,
Pray to God for us always,
That He may pardon us and give us grace.
Pray to God for us always,
that He may grant us peace in this life.
Pray to God for us always,
that He may reward us with paradise at our death.
Amen.*

Email Fraud Warning The Archdiocese has received multiple reports from parishioners and priests who have fallen victim to a recent Internet email phishing scam. Imposters, posing as priests and using email addresses that are similar to those of our priests, have been emailing people asking for personal donations, gift cards, and other forms of financial assistance. Never respond to emails requesting Google Play cards, iTunes cards, or any other form of personal financial assistance. If you have any doubt, please contact the sender by other means to verify any requests.

All Souls Mass - Friday, November 1st at 7:00pm



As a Parish family we will celebrate our Parish's Mass for 'All Souls' on Friday, Nov 1st at 7:00pm. The 'All Souls Mass' is to remember in prayer all of our loved ones who have died. At this Mass we especially remember in prayer those who have died over this past year within our families since last November. Their names will be prayed aloud as a family member places a vigil candle at the altar in their memory. May our holy remembering of those who have died bless us and help us to dry our tears.

At this All Souls' Mass everyone will have an opportunity to pray for loved ones who have died. A Prayer Card will be available to write down the names of those you want to remember in prayer. Afterwards you place it at the foot of the Altar. The names of your loved ones will remain at the foot of the Altar for the month of November.

O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon our loved ones who have died and may they be counted among the saints in heaven. May our holy remembering of them keep them close to us in and through the eternal love of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



**40 Hours Adoration at Immaculate:
November 26, 27, 28**



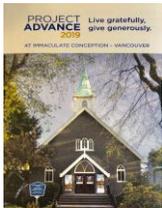
**★ Our next Sunday Twilight Mass:
Nov 3 at 8:00pm**

Live Gratefully ~ Give Generously

Project Advance 2019

Faithful servants of the loving God,

Have you made your pledge for this year yet?



Our Project Advance campaign is going very well. It is the major fundraiser that we have as Roman Catholics to enable us to do the ministry that Jesus asks from us as the Church. Thank you to all those who have made a gift. If you have

not yet made a gift it is not too late! Every gift matters! Your gift is a sign that you value Immaculate and want to support the outreach we do in the name of Jesus. Your gift enables us to bring the presence and goodness of Jesus to His people. Project Advance is crucial in the life of our Parish. Donations can be made online at www.rcav.org, at weekend Masses or through the Parish office. As a Parish family we gratefully thank you for your support!

Prayer

I am neither a man of letters nor of science,
but I humbly claim to be a man of prayer.
It is prayer that has saved my life.
Without it I would have lost my reason long ago.
If I did not lose my peace of soul,
in the midst of many trials,
it is because of the peace that came to me through prayer.
One can live several days without food,
but not without prayer.
Prayer is the key to each morning,
and the lock to each evening.
It is a sacred alliance between God and us.
Let everyone try this experience,
and they will find that daily prayer
will add something new to their lives,
something which cannot be found elsewhere.

-Mahatma Ghandi

Parish Census 2019: Every year the Archdiocese mandates a Parish Census. It is taken over the course of 2 weekends. This year the Census will occur on the weekends of Oct 19 & 20 and Oct 26 & 27. Each family can help reflect the vitality and sustainability of our Parish by coming to Mass on those Sundays. Come and be counted – numbers do matter!



You can now **E-Transfer** or use your **Credit Card** to make donations to the Parish! You can E-Transfer your donations to the Parish to our Parish Accounting email: **IC_Accounting@shaw.ca** (Please note: no Password is required for E-Transfer).

For those who would like to make Monthly Donations with their credit cards, please contact Kathy at the Parish office (604)224-5678 and she will take your credit card info from you at the office or by phone. As a Parish family we gratefully thank you for your faith-filled support. May God bless you for your generosity!