

Nov 17th, 2019
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Reflection

*"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us."
(2Thessalonians3:9)*

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their actions and words, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and other people desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others have with our Catholic faith.

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World Day of the Poor: Sunday, Nov 17

Pope Francis has declared Nov 17, 2019 to be the third World Day of the Poor. In his message for this World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis reminds us that the poor are not statistics to be counted, but people to be encountered. We are invited to offer friendship, solidarity and welcome to the poorest of our sisters and brothers. And to recognise Christ in those who we meet or whose stories we hear.

Prayer - For a Better World

Generous God, we thank you for the gifts you have given us, the abundance of your Creation, and the beauty that surrounds us.

For the people whose lives have touched ours, for the love they show, the burdens they lift, the hopes we share.

Compassionate God, we ask you to fill us with your love, to place in our hearts a spirit of courage, to move us to reach out to others in need.

And lead us to play our part, so that now and in generations to come all your children may share in our hope for a better world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ CAFOD

❖ Mark Your Calendar

40 Hour Devotion at Immaculate

November 26th, 27th and 28th ~ 7:30am-9:30pm

The 40 Hour Devotion is an opportunity for us at Immaculate to be with Jesus who is present in the Eucharist. The 'Sacrament' is visible on the Altar surrounded by candles so that we may delight in Jesus who is present in the Sacrament. Everyone in the parish is encouraged to come into the presence of Jesus at least for a few minutes during the 40 Hour Devotion – our school children, high school students, university students, moms and dads, families, singles... All are invited to come and delight in the love of God revealed in the Body of Christ. Come and sit with the Lord, tell him what is going on in your life and let the Lord bless you and those you hold in prayer before him.

Saturday Morning Retreat for High School Parents:

The Retreat for Nov 23 has been postponed until the new year. After Christmas the new date will be finalized and further information about the Retreat will be in the bulletin.

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY is accepting applications from prospective Grade 8 candidates for the 2020-2021 school year. All students wishing to apply must sit the ENTRANCE EXAM on December 7, 2019. For more information visit www.lfabc.org.

Condolences As a Parish family we are saddened to hear about the passing of †Peter Maguire. †Peter is the father of Melanie Maguire. The family has been a member of Immaculate since 1955. †Peter was an active parishioner involved in many different ministries. His love for Immaculate was beyond words. Let us surround the family with our love and prayer in the midst of their sorrow.

Funeral Mass will be held at Immaculate on Saturday, Nov 23 at 11:00am, followed by a Reception in the Parish Center. Eternal rest grant unto †Peter, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.

Brothers and Sisters... We need your support to bring the light of Christ to others!

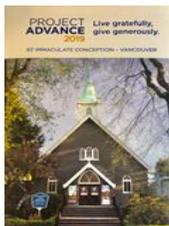
Project Advance Campaign at Immaculate 2019

Have you made your pledge for this year yet?

A 2018 tax receipt will be issued for donations received before Dec 25

Project Advance 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 Masses or contact the Parish office.



☞ Sacred Heart Convent School Circle: ☞
On Sunday, Dec 8 at 4:00pm, women Alumni of the Sacred Heart Convent School at Immaculate have planned a Mass and Tea on the Feast day of the Immaculate Conception. The 'Sacred Heart' Banner from the Convent is being 'restored' and will be used in the opening procession at the Mass. 'Lilies' will also be brought up in procession to honor Mary as was done on this feast day during our school days. If you are Alumni of the Sacred Heart Convent School here or elsewhere, please plan to join with us for this Mass & Tea. It will be good to gather as Alumni of the Sacred Heart in a spirit of holy remembering, blessing and joy. Through the Communion of Saints, we can trust that the good Nuns will be there in 'spirit'. Please contact the Parish office 604-224-5678 to let us know if you hope to attend. It will greatly help us with the planning of the event.

Special Parish Visitors: On the weekend of November 23 & 24, Mary Boucher (board member of the "Talitha Koum" Society ~ "Talitha Koum" means Little girl, get up !!) and women clients from 'Talitha Koum' Recovery House will be visiting our Parish. Mary and the women will speak to us at the end of all of our Sunday Masses. Their personal stories speak of recovery, new beginnings, courage and hope. 'Talitha Koum' House is a ministry of women reaching out to women that renews hope and saves lives. This Recovery House for women is a ministry for women in crisis. Women from the house will be at the doors at the end of Mass and we ask that you greet them, and if you can, put a donation in their collection bags. Please support this exceptional ministry for women.



Save the Date for our old-fashioned Christmas Fair!
Saturday, Nov 30 from 8:30am to 1:00pm

All parishioners are invited to attend the Fair and enjoy the pancake breakfast, silent auction, fair booths and so much more... all in support of our Parish School! Come join us! (Donation week: Volunteers will be collecting toys, books and new or gently used gift items on Nov 18-19 from 8:15-8:45am and 2:45-3:15pm at the Senior's Lounge in the Parish Center. Thank you for your support!!)



It's that time of the year again

IC Parish Women's Christmas Potluck: Tuesday, December 3 at 6:00pm

Please bring a friend, your favourite dish and a bottle of wine to share. We will be singing our favourite Christmas Carols and playing some much loved Christmas games. For details, please contact Susan at (778)772-3465.

Adult Faith Formation Evening (RCIA)
Friday, November 22th at 7:30-8:30pm

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 contact the Parish office for more information.



Christmas Choir Are you interested in becoming part of the Christmas Eve 10:00pm Mass Choir? This year the Sunday

morning 10:00am Leaders of Song are inviting you to join them on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals will take place immediately after the Sunday morning 10am Mass. All levels are welcome!



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!