

**“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be last and the servant of all.”**



**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

**Twilight Mass: Sunday, Oct 14th at 8:00 pm**



Our popular Twilight Mass will resume on Oct 14th. This monthly Twilight Mass is an attempt to reach out and to embrace the many among us who are seeking meaning in life. Catholic Seekers & Wanderers - come get together for worship, singing and faith sharing. All are welcome!

**❖ Immaculate Conception Parish  
Parish Religious Education Program  
Will begin Tuesday, September 25**

Our religious formation classes are offered for boys and girls in Grades 1-7 who are not in Catholic Schools. We gather together in the Parish Center every Tuesday afternoons between 4-5pm. If your child is in Grade 2 they will be prepared to celebrate their First Holy Communion as well as the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Those children in Grade 7 will be prepared to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. We encourage children to join us prior to Grade 2 and after Grade 2 because the sharing of faith takes place within the context of a community gathered. Parents are welcome to stay. Our Catechists Caroline and Lucy will be there to welcome the children on Sep 25. Please contact the Parish office (604)224-5678 to register.



**Immaculate Conception Parish Breakfast  
Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

The Knights of Columbus will be serving up a pancake breakfast in the parish gym on Sep 30 after the 8:30am, 10:00am and 11:30am Masses. Come and enjoy a family breakfast or a breakfast with friends for only \$5. In conjunction with Pancake Breakfast there will be an ‘Open House’ at our Parish school. All parishioners – especially former students – are invited to walk through the school and see the ‘Seismic Upgrade’ work that was done over the past three months at the school. As you walk through the school at the Open House let the joy of God fill your soul.



We as a parish family owe a huge thank-you to each parishioner and family who contributed to this Holy Work. May God’s blessing be upon you and your family for making this Holy Work possible!

**Stewardship Reflection**

*“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” (Mark 9:35)* Jesus teaches us that we are called in **Stewardship** to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is “to make holy,” from the words “sacer” = sacred and “facere” = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

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**A Reflection on Ambition**

Ambition in itself is not a bad thing.

The question is: what are we ambitious about?

St. Paul says: “Be ambitious for the higher gifts, and the greatest of these is Love.”

Lord, fill our hearts with your love,

So that we may become ambitious about self-giving.

May the Lord awaken a deep calling within us to mature in self-giving,

So that we may live a life worthy of the calling God has given to us.

Lord, bless us this day with a joyful spirit and a loving heart. Amen.





## Philosophy of the Human Person

Jay Irwin – a young philosopher in our parish family will be offering a course on the ‘**Philosophy of the Human Person**’ for 6 Saturday mornings (2-hour sessions) during the fall here at Immaculate.

**We will begin on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.** These morning sessions will help us to have a fuller appreciation of the dignity and value of the human person (who we are). If you are a university student, a parent raising children, in the midst of beginning a life career, changing careers or in the midst of a mid-life crisis – join us for these Saturday morning reflections. They are sure to awaken and refresh fullness of mind, soul and heart within you. There is a registration sheet at the back of the Church and at the Parish office. For further information please contact the Parish office.

## Cub Scouts are beginning a new season here at Immaculate!

All of our boys and girls at Immaculate Conception School and Parish are invited to join our **Catholic Cub Pack**. The Activities and gathering enrich a depth of soul and being in every boy and girl, and the children truly delight in the Cub Scout experience. They meet on Saturday afternoon 4:30-6:30pm at our parish gym. For further info about registration please contact the parish office.



## Faith Enrichment/Sharing



We are still accepting registration for our Faith Enrichment & Sharing Series for school parents. We meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Our next meeting will be Oct 3. If you are interested, please contact the school or parish office.

❖Volunteers are still needed to help run the Sunday Coffee Ministry after the 10am Mass. Thank you for your support!

## Our Parish “Little Blue School” reopened on Sep 17

May Mary our Mother and Patron watch over us throughout our new school year.  
May the Lord fill the hearts of our Precious Little Ones with Hope, Peace, Joy & Love.



## Prayers and Condolences:

As a Parish family we pray with Deidre Duggan. Her sister Heather died this past week in United States. Through God’s eternal love for her may she now dwell in the peace of Christ and be at home with the saints in heaven.

Our prayers are also with our neighbors and friends the Christian Brothers: Brother John Francis Kelly died this week at the blessed age of 91. His Funeral Mass will be here at Immaculate on Monday, Sept 24 at 10:00am.