

April 14th, 2019



✍ Mark Your Calendar

Holy Hour and the Angelus – April 17
Taize Prayer at Immaculate – April 17
First Holy Communion – May 5
Confirmation – May 15
MayFair – May 25
KOC Pancake Breakfast for Altar Servers - Jun 23

◆ Holy Week Parish Office Hours

Holy Thursday – Office closes at noon
Good Friday & Easter Monday – Office is closed

Stewardship Reflection

“I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me” (Luke 22:34). How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, do you remain quiet because you believe people will think negatively about you? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises.

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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.

A Reflection for Holy Week

On Easter Day we still feel pain,
Our own pain and the pain of others.
But a new element has been introduced.
It doesn't remove the pain,
But gives it a meaning, and lights it up with hope.
All is different because Jesus is alive and speaks His
words of peace to us.
Therefore, there is a quiet joy among us,
And a deep sense of peace.
Jesus has broken the power of death,
and given us the hope of eternal life.
Lord, guard this hope with your grace,
and bring it to fulfillment in the kingdom of heaven.

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.

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! Cost: \$30
April 28 at 11:30am at Shaughnessy Golf Club
Please contact Caroline 604-266-0371 for tickets

Immaculate Conception School

Morning Refreshment for Seniors

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

Just a friend reminder of our upcoming Seniors' Tea on April 18. Thank you for your RSVP and we look forward to seeing you!

The Sacrament of Confirmation: Last weekend our Confirmation children asked us to pray for them as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our Confirmation children have a deep desire to grow in Faith. We are being asked to pray that each candidate truly encounter the Spirit of God in the celebration of Confirmation.

Prayer:

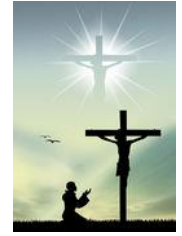
Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts, minds and souls of all the boys and girls at Immaculate who are celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this May. Enlighten each of them as they prepare to encounter the Spirit of Jesus through the imposition of hands and holy anointing.

The Holy Spirit came down upon the disciples and set their hearts on fire with love -

May the same Spirit enrich the faith of our children and empower them to live a Gospel life. May they never be ashamed to proclaim to the world Christ 'Crucified Living and Reigning' forever and ever. Amen.



◆ Our next Sunday Twilight Mass: May 5 at 8pm



Holy Week and 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 trust 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. Easter Triduum is a deep well of grace, hope, joy and beauty not to be missed.

❖ **Holy Thursday, April 18 – 7:00pm** - Holy Thursday is the Commemoration of the Last Supper with the foot washing ritual. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows this Mass until 11:00pm.

An 'Altar of Repose' is set up in the Jesuit Room for quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

❖ **Good Friday, April 19** – A Day of Fast – A simple and meatless meal, pray and to do acts of charity.

10:00am – 'Stations of the Cross' for children and families

3:00pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

❖ **Easter Vigil, Saturday night, April 20 – 7:00pm**

◆ Please note there is NO 5:00pm Mass on Holy Saturday.

❖ **Easter Sunday: April 21 – Masses at 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am**

Children Reaching Out to Children It is wonderful to see the fullness of heart and goodness in our children as they come forward at the Sunday Masses to 'tith' their '5 cents to a Toonie' during Lent so that they can be in solidarity with the boys and girls in Cameroon. This special collection will enable our children to gift the children in Cameroon with art supplies and sports equipment so they can color, draw and play just as our children do here in Dunbar. 'Children Reaching Out to Children' will continue up to and including Easter Sunday. It is beautiful to behold our children seeking to be disciples of Jesus as they reach out to children in Cameroon. May the discipleship of our parish children warm the heart and soul of our parish with joy as it is something beautiful for God and for the children in Cameroon who are in need of a simple tenderness.



Flowers and Easter Lilies for the 'Altar of Repose' for the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday:

Parishioners are invited to bring bouquet of flowers or Easter Lilies to help decorate the Altar of Repose for Holy Thursday. The Holy Thursday Mass concludes with the Tabernacle in the Church being emptied of the Blessed Sacrament which is carried in procession to the Jesuit Room and housed on a special Altar of Repose. All are encouraged to come spend time in prayer with the Lord on this Holy Night. Flowers can be dropped off at the Parish Center during the week during office hours.

Parish Collection for the Church /Children in Cameroon:

Father George from Cameroon was deeply moved by how warmly our parish welcomed him this past weekend. He felt blessed by your warmth toward him and by your prayer and generosity toward the needs of the children in Cameroon. Your concern and generosity is a ray of light and hope. God sent Father George to the right Archdiocese and Parish. Let us keep praying that their nursery for children and elementary school will be completed and ready to welcome in children as soon as possible. In the midst of a civil war families are desperate for a safe and sacred place wherein the innocence and goodness of their children can be nourished and kept holy.



Accommodation Needed: As a Parish family we are hoping to be able to reach out and assist a young Catholic family find appropriate accommodation. The family is International. Dad is studying on scholarship at UBC. Mom is working. Their little boy will arrive in Canada shortly. As we all know it is not easy to find an affordable place to live in Dunbar. If any parishioner has an apartment or knows of someone who has an affordable apartment to rent would you be so kind as to contact Father Paul. Perhaps a family may be looking to have someone in their home simply to have the comfort of knowing someone is close by – if that were the case this family would be a blessing. As a Parish family let us pray that we may help this family find a place to call home until they become established.