

Oct 27th, 2019
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Reflection

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:14) Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else, and your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given. Instead we should be humbled by God's abundant generosity and our hearts should overflow with gratitude. -Copyright © 2019 Archdiocese of St. Louis

Adult Faith Formation Evening (RCIA)
Friday, November 8th 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 phone the Parish office for more info.

Come and See the Life of the Franciscan Friars

This is an invitation for single men from 18 to 40 years of age to come and see the life of the Franciscan Friars. Join us from Nov 14 to Nov 17 at St. Joseph the Worker Church Richmond. To inquire email friardan47@gmail.com or (403)932-2012.

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.

Sinners in the Church

If the Pharisee had his way the tax collector would not have been allowed into the temple at all. Some people believe that sinners should never go to Church. They cry 'hypocrites' at those who do. According to them only saints should be admitted to Church. But that would result in a very small Church, and would make as little sense as a repair shop that accepted only sound things, or a hospital that accepted only healthy people. We go to Church not because we are worthy, but because we need to. We are brave enough to admit our sinfulness, but are willing to strive for something better. We need the healing mercy of God, as well as the support of the community, if our efforts at self-improvement are to bear fruits.

Agape Street Ministry Halloween Candy Appeal

It's that time of year again and Agape Street Ministry would like to invite you to share some of your Halloween candy with us. Each year we have thousands of street encounters where we greet the women and gift each one with a little bag of assorted candies with a prayer card inside. Candy can be left in the Agape Box in the vestibule in your church. Thank you for your support!

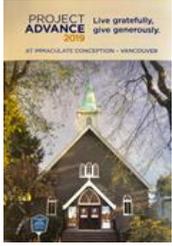


Don't forget to change your clock!
Daylight Saving Time ENDS
Saturday night
Sunday Nov 3

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

Project Advance 2019

Faithful servants of the loving God, have you made your pledge for this year yet?



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 weekend Masses, or contact the Parish office. As a Parish family we gratefully thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

A note about Halloween: Halloween, or 'All Hallows' Eve is the vigil for two wonderful Catholic Feast Days: All Saints Day & All Souls Day. This 3 day 'Hallowtide' is a special time for us as Catholics to pray for and with the Saints who have lived before us – both the great Saints of the Church and the 'little saints' within our own 'little church' – our family! Saints are 'Believers' who take the Gospel seriously and live their life in Christ. (In this regard each of us at our Baptism is called to be a saint). We are saints already because we live in Christ!

On All Saints Day we pray with the great Saints of the Church who inspire us to live a Gospel life. On All Souls Day we remember and pray 'for' and 'with' all who have died trusting in faith that they have gone home to God. As Roman Catholics we always pray with the Communion of Saints. Remember, in Jesus, we live in a Holy Communion with the living and the dead. In Christ we believe that in death our life is changed not ended.

The Holy Days of Halloween celebrates our Baptismal vows as a source of grace – ghosts and goblins (our fears) are not more powerful than the light of the Holy Spirit within us. Jesus Christ tells us not to be afraid. Why? Jesus is Lord of all – including the living and the dead – God's love for us prevails – ALLELUIA!

May we all welcome all who come 'tricking and treating' to our homes on Halloween because it is a type of almsgiving. Alms have always been given out on Holy Days: at Halloween the names of the Saints spoke of the sweetness of Jesus' goodness and love for all – the love of Christ within the saints could be felt, seen and dwell among us even though they lived now in heaven. May our celebration of these Holy Days remind us of the sweetness of life in Jesus and that we dwell now and forever within a holy communion of saints.



Halloween Prayer for Children

***From ghoulies and ghosties
And long-legged beasties
And things that go bump
in the night
Good Lord, deliver us!***

Prayer for our Members of Parliament:

Now that the federal election is over the real work of those 'elected' to Parliament begins afresh. Let us keep the members of Parliament in our prayer because their work is holy work indeed. It might be worth nothing that at the beginning of each sitting of Parliament the Speaker reads a prayer:

❖ *Almighty God, we give thanks for the great blessings which have been bestowed on Canada and its citizens, including the gifts of freedom, opportunity and peace that we enjoy.*

We pray for our Sovereign, and the Governor General. Guide us in our deliberations as members of Parliament, and strengthen us in our awareness of our duties and responsibilities as members.

Grant us Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding to preserve the blessings of this country for the benefit of all and to make good laws and wise decisions. Amen.

May we join our prayers with the prayer of our Parliamentarians. In fact, if and when we have opportunity to meet our Member of Parliament tell them that you pray with and for them!

Getting a head start on Christmas presents for Family & Friends?

The Gift Cards Program at Immaculate is a Perfect Gift Option!



Can you support our Fundraiser to help us to pay off our School's Seismic Upgrade Loan?



Purchasing pre-paid gift cards through the Parish is an easy way to support our community. These cards are an excellent Fundraiser because a generous percentage of the gift card purchases are rebated to the Parish. The funds will go directly towards our school's Seismic Upgrade. These cards have no expiry date and this year we have added some new merchants for you to choose from. Placing an order is so easy! Simply drop off the form or by fax. You can also email or phone Kathy at the Parish office to place your order. (Please see the bulletin insert for our gift cards order)

As a Parish family we thank you for supporting our 'Little Blue School'.