

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10, 2017**

Stewardship Reflection:

“You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel.” - Ezekiel 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all the gifts he has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.

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P.R.E.P

Our Parish Religious Education Program offers faith formation for children who do not attend Catholic schools.

These religious formation classes are offered on Tuesday afternoons from 4 – 5 pm. 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 in Grade 7 will be prepared to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is wonderful when children continue to come to these classes prior to Grade 2 and after Grade 2 because the sharing of Faith needs to take place within the context of a community gathered. The children enjoy and value coming together as a Catholic community to pray, read scripture, sing hymns and to nurture the gift of Faith within them. We encourage that mom and dad join us because Faith grows best when mom and dad are present, pray and share their faith too ...

Please contact the parish office or Caroline Fung to register for this fall.

Sunday Twilight Mass

Our Sunday 8pm Twilight Mass for Catholic' Seekers' will start again on Sunday, September 10th. This Eucharist is celebrated once a month in the hope of gathering 'Catholic Seekers'. All of us have such 'Seekers' in our families. Many in our families are at a point in their life where they are seeking for a deeper meaning and purpose ? This monthly Twilight Mass is an attempt to reach out and to embrace the many among us who are seeking meaning, mercy or perhaps a new beginning ... We all have family or friends who no longer have a 'living communion' with our Parish or the Church ? Our monthly 8pm Mass is an occasion to be sacrament for them – to reach out to them. At this Mass we literally gather around God's Altar with all who come to this Eucharist. So if you consider yourself to be a 'Seeker' come join us as we gather around God's Word and Table !

Have you thought about becoming a Roman Catholic - about being Baptized ?

R.C.I.A. – 'The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults' is a 'Faith Formation' opportunity for men and women wanting to become a catholic or to celebrate a Sacrament that for some reason you never received when you were younger – it might be Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation ? RCIA is an opportunity to ask your personal questions about Faith and what it is to be a Catholic ? It is an opportunity for 'Faith Formation'. If you've been thinking about becoming a Catholic why not come join us for RCIA here at Immaculate. We plan to start gathering every other Friday between 7:30-9pm in the front lounge at the Parish Center. In this small gathering we will learn to discern the movement of Grace within our life. If you are wondering about God, Faith and Prayer then come to RCIA this fall and 'Discover' what it is to let the gift of Faith shape and give meaning to your life ?

If you are reading this – God's Grace might very well be nudging you to come and hear the 'Good News' the Gospel holds for you! 'Come and See!'

Friday, Sep 29 at 7:30pm

For more information contact Fr. Paul (604)224-5678 smithfriar@yahoo.ca
Peace and all Good!

New Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday to Thursday

8:30am to 3:30pm

Monday & Friday

Office is closed



Reminder – Please take care and watch out for all ‘**school speed zones**’ and ‘**parking restrictions**’ especially around Immaculate and the neighbouring schools.

Thank you to all moms and dads who were able to join us for the first school mass of the year which was held on Sep 5. We were so happy to see all of you.

May Mary our mother and patron hold us close to her son Jesus and to each other throughout this new school year so that we may all grow in knowledge the love of God and service of others.

2017 National Liturgy Conference

This year’s National Liturgy Conference, hosted by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, will take place Monday, Nov. 6, from 7-9 p.m., through Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is a special rate of \$159 which will end on Oct. 6. Register at rcav.org/event/national-liturgical-conference.

Volunteers needed for 2017-18 for Children’s Liturgy

– This is a great opportunity to teach the curious minds of some of our youngest parishioners (3 to 7 year olds) and likely deepen your faith through the experience! Help assist or lead the Liturgy – the lesson plans and materials are already prepared and training through the parish is available on September 30th. The Children’s Liturgy is offered at selected 10am Sunday masses with a flexible schedule. If you are interested please contact Catherine Van Raamsdonk at (778)686-2568 or email cvr@mail.ubc.ca.

Mass of the Holy Spirit at St. Mark's College
All are invited to join the community of St. Mark's in celebrating the opening of the academic year on the Vancouver campus at UBC on Sunday, Sept.17. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, and Reverend Dr. Robert Allore, SJ. Light refreshments will be served after Mass. To aid in our planning for Mass seating and the reception, we would benefit from your registration. Please RSVP at <http://rcav.org/event/mass-holy-spirit>.

University Students:

As a Parish we would like to extend to university students a venue here at Immaculate where they might gather as Catholic students. There is value to gather from time to time with other students who are Catholic and who are believers. Many of you now in university have gone through Catholic elementary and high schools. This might be an opportunity to renew those friendships and to revitalize the beauty and blessing of your Faith. As students you can discern among yourselves what such a gathering might look like and the how and when of such gatherings. Many from Immaculate who are in University or College already know one another – I leave it up to you to start this conversation among yourselves. Let us know how we can walk with you ?

Peace and all good.

Fr. Paul , OFM

Please keep in your prayers our firefighter who have been fighting so hard the BC wild fire, and for all the people who are affected.



Also, please pray for the victims of the Caribbean hurricane. May God watch over them and bless them with peace and healing.