



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday – 8:30am , 10:00 am , 11:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Sat 4:30pm

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri - 11:00am

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OFFICE HOURS: Tues to Thurs

8:30am-3:30pm

Sunday, April 21st, 2019 ★ Easter Sunday

May all your prayers be answered, and may you feel the Lord's presence near you ... not only for Easter, but always.



An Easter Reflection

The first Easter parade was just a crowd of women going down the street where once they had sang Hosanna. Another time they had gone with him to death. Now it's just themselves – two Marys, Joanna and other women. The parade was dull, without the one they followed – but they wanted to care for the body with spices, using only the best.

And then it was all different. They saw no body, which frightened them more than any death could have. Then there were angels with strange messages, but their hearts believed quickly and they remembered what he had said. Often, he had talked of death and resurrection. He was the sort of man for whom evil and death could not be final.

They were then to go to the apostles, and they were to find out that caring for Christ's body now would be a different thing. The women announced this divine news to the men. This would have been contrary to the culture at the time, but Jesus went against a lot of beliefs and prejudices.

Caring for the body of Christ now means caring for each other. They would spend the rest of their lives caring for the new body of Christ, and we're the same in caring and being cared for. The risen Christ is in all of us. We are His body. Not a word of God can be spoken without human words. God reaches us through each other. The Easter parade now is made up of all of us following our risen Lord, following life that never dies, and the truth of the gospel that can keep us going. This is the love of the risen Lord, which is the lifeblood of the Church. Jesus Christ You Are Risen, alleluia, alleluia!

– Donal Wearay sj

Confirmation Meeting for 'PREP' Parents and for your son/daughter being Confirmed: SUN, April 28, 4-5 pm

At this information meeting we will update you as a family on what still needs to be prepared for as we get closer to the actual day of Confirmation. Fr Paul is expecting at least one parent to be present.

Eucharist – First Holy Communion: As a Parish family let us hold in prayer all of the boys and girls in our parish who will be receiving Jesus in the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time this May. As a catechetical reminder, through the Sacrament of the Eucharist we receive Christ – the Body, Soul and Divinity – in each sacramental species of bread and wine. Eucharist completes our initiation. It is the fullest sign of our incorporation into the Eucharist body of Christ. It is a sacrament that unites us as one body in Christ. That is why it is called an initiation sacrament. It is the most complete sign of our membership in the body of Christ. We become what we have received: the Body of Christ. We have 25 boys and girls celebrating First Holy Communion in May – how blessed is our Parish family. Let us pray with and for them by name: Nathan, Jay, Matthew, Lucy, Aaron, Conor, Quinn, Abigail, Kelly, Jonah, Carter, Brody, Theo, Julian, Abbigail, Alaina, Han, Elise, Marlowe, Fenna, Nathaniel, Declan, Claire, James & Bea.



Sacrament of Confirmation: This May 30 young men and women in our Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Monroe. As a catechetical refresher, Confirmation is a special outpouring and strengthening of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation is the gift of the Holy Spirit through the sign of oil and the imposition of hands. The sacrament permanently seals us to Jesus and commits us to live as a disciple. The candidates for Confirmation have asked us to pray for them and to let you know that they are praying for us – their Parish family. Let us keep them in prayer by name – Samantha, Marissa, Cierra, Hannah, Maya, Veronica, Oliver, Christina, Michael, Elisabeth, Lucas, Michaela, Daniel, Jason, Kohei, Richard, Arianna, Leela, Emilio, Elise, Mason, John, Samuel, Annika, Nicole, Scott, Indeo, Phoenix & Wyatt.

Nominations for ICS Parish Education Committee The Nominating Committee for Immaculate Conception School's PEC is inviting nominations of those interested in standing for election to the Education Committee (for 2019/2020 school year). Please contact Laura Williams or Grace Wright care of the school 604-224-5012 if you wish to make a nomination. Deadline is May 10th. Please note that both nominators and nominees must be Catholic and active IC parishioners.