

## 3rd Sunday of Lent March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Stewardship Reflection

*“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...” - Exodus 20:4* How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

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### Development & Peace: Share Lent on March 18

On March 18, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, you will have the opportunity to donate to the Solidarity Sunday Collection in support of this campaign. In the words of St. Francis of Assisi, may we “be instruments of God’s peace.” Together let us build a world where peace and justice prevail.

### Sacrament of the Sick



On **Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, our Parish will celebrate the Sacrament (Anointing) of the Sick at 11am. This celebration is a tremendous ‘grace and comfort’ for anyone needing healing in mind, body or spirit.

This is a Liturgy where you might like to invite a family member or friend to join you. The school is on spring break so there will be plenty of parking in front of the Church, parish and school parking lot. Following the Mass we will have a light reception in the Jesuit Room.

### Special Prayer Event

On **Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 pm** – the Filipino Prayer Ministry will host a day of Eucharistic Adoration and Marian Prayer (Rosary) and Intercessory Prayer here at Immaculate. Come and make this beautiful afternoon of prayer and devotion part of your Lenten journey toward the joy of Easter... All are welcome!

### Sisters of St. Ann: Co-founders of Immaculate Conception School

On June 2, 2018 the Sisters of St. Ann will be celebrating the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their arrival in BC (1858)... the actual date of arrival was June 5<sup>th</sup>. The Sisters had a big celebration for their 150<sup>th</sup> but they also wish to celebrate this milestone as well. They plan to have a special Mass at the Cathedral in Victoria at 10:30 am followed by a reception at the Royal BC Museum, where their archives are housed and their original Schoolhouse/Convent sits in the grounds. Both will be opened that day.

The Sisters have invited our Parish and school family to join their celebration that day because the Sisters of St. Ann were the builders of our ‘little blue school house’ here at Immaculate. If it were not for the Sisters of St. Ann we would not have the beautiful legacy of a Parish School here at Immaculate Conception.

Once again, the Sisters will be celebrating their 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Tuesday, June 5, with a Mass at the Cathedral in Victoria at 10:30 am. Following the Mass there is a reception at the Royal BC Museum where their original Schoolhouse/Convent (now a ‘heritage building’) is on the grounds - it will be opened that day for this event. Hopefully, as a Parish we can plan to share this beautiful event with the religious women who built our school – the Sisters of St. Ann.

### ✍ Mark Your Calendar

Wed, Mar 7: Parish Lenten Prayer 11:30am – 12:30pm  
Wed, Mar 7: Lenten Evening Mass at 7pm  
Fri, March 23: Sacrament of the Sick at 11am  
Sun, March 25: Palm Sunday  
Thu, March 29: Holy Thursday  
Fri, March 30: Good Friday  
Sun, April 1: Easter Sunday

**Baptism:** Blessings upon Teri, Hugo and Aaron. Teri’s son Aaron was baptized here at Immaculate during the 11:30am mass on Feb 25. It was wonderful to have family and friends gather together for such a beautiful Sacrament. May Aaron grow in faith and experience the joy of God.

### **Children Reaching Out to Children**

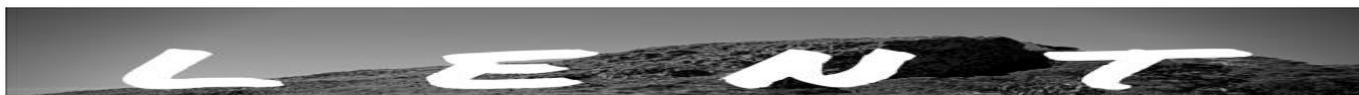
During Lent our children are taking up a special children's collection – '5 cents to a Toonie' so that we can gift our sister schools in Haiti and Vietnam with soccer balls at Easter time. It reminds us of God's love as we share God's gifts with one another.

**Reconciliation / Confession Schedule**  
Immaculate Conception School - March 9<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>  
P.R.E.P. - TBA



### **Twilight Mass - This Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm** **Come Join Us !!**

Our monthly Twilight Mass is one of our Parish's efforts to Evangelize. So many in our families and in the Dunbar community are 'seeking' purpose and meaning in life while others are simply 'wandering'. (Younger men and women often refer to themselves as 'wanderers'! Those in mid-life are more apt to call themselves 'seekers'.) Our Twilight Mass is an informal Catholic Liturgy to journey with 'seekers' and 'wanderers'. It is our hope that in this monthly Twilight Mass gathering we may welcome all who are seeking or wandering so as to help them find what they seek and to discover a place to pause – perhaps even call home? Come and see ...



### **Wednesday Evening Mass at 7 pm & Confessions until 8 pm**

During Lent there will be an evening Mass at 7pm on Wednesday evenings. Lent is a good time to ponder how we exercise 'stewardship' in reference to the use of our time? Hopefully this evening Mass will provide an opportunity for those working during the day to discover a time to pray as well as to make a good confession.

### **IC PARISH MEN'S SHOE DRIVE**

A grade 12 ICS Alumni currently at Vancouver College would like to encourage all families and individuals to contribute any new or gently used Men's walking shoes. These will be collected through Lent and then taken to the Catholic Charities Men's Hostel in downtown Vancouver for Easter weekend. Thank you for the support! Levi D

### **Seismic Upgrade Gift Cards**

Many in our parish and school families use these gift cards! They work along the lines of a pre-paid gift card but you use them yourselves to buy groceries or other items... The beautiful thing is that if you use these gift cards the Parish receives a percentage back from the store. It is a wonderful 'FUNDRAISER' for Immaculate. The beauty being – it does not cost you anything! (The percentage the Parish receives is the amount the store would pay a credit card company.) All of the Parishioners who use these gift cards find them terrific! They are easy to get – merely fill out the form in today's bulletin and return to the office. Please help us with this fundraiser – it will help your Parish family.

### **Seismic Upgrade Project:**

A few years back our Parish – along with every Parish and School in our Archdiocese – was mandated by the Archbishop to follow up on a 'Seismic Assessment Study' commissioned by the Archdiocese. The engineering firm hired by the Archdiocese completed a seismic study for each parish campus in the Archdiocese. After the Archdiocese completed the study each Parish was mandated by the Archdiocese to form a Parish 'Seismic Upgrade Committee'. The task of the committee was to work further with consultants, engineering firms and contractors so as to ready the Parish to implement the seismic upgrade.

Our Seismic Committee - Sue Dvorak, Noval Lee-Son, Eric Young, John Cordonier and Father Paul – have been diligently working on this project for over two years. They have come to the point where the seismic upgrade work – God willing - will be done on the SCHOOL this summer. The committee will be announcing more definite details about our School's seismic upgrade project over the next few weeks...