

May 19th, 2019
5th Sunday of Easter



Taizé Prayer at Immaculate
Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00pm

Please join us for a contemplative prayer in the tradition of the Taizé community. The evening will feature candlelight, music, and time for quiet in the midst of our busy lives. All are welcome.

Stewardship Reflection

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34) It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes strength and courage to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used or feel our opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage to "love my neighbour" when he may be someone I don't like, someone I don't know or someone that doesn't look like me.
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Happy
Victoria Day



May your long weekend be very much enjoyable and fill with God's love, joy and peace.

It is Project Advance Time at Immaculate!

A special blessing to those in our Parish and School community who have already responded to our 'Project Advance' appeal – your gifts have got the ball rolling. We are on our way ... I also appreciate how very busy so many of our parishioners are at this time of the year. You probably haven't had a minute to make your gift to Project Advance. I pray that everyone who calls Immaculate 'home' will take some time to make a gift. It only takes a few minutes. Your gift – every gift – is what funds the capital projects and ministry that we do throughout our Archdiocese and more particularly at Immaculate. The presence and ministry of the Church is vital to the well being of our families and of our society. A lived faith nurtures hope in the world and bids us to respond to the most authentic human needs within our families and among the many who cry out for 'Real Presence' in so many ways. And it is not just the poor in the



downtown core who cry out for such presence. All who call Immaculate home are aware in the depth of their own soul and families how God and the Immaculate community satisfies their deepest desires, heals our wounds and nurtures family and life.

This is why it is important to keep the Project Advance ball rolling. Our appeal is what provides the resources we need as an Archdiocese and Parish community to keep our 'doors' and 'arms' open to all who come to our Parish and School. This is why we never hesitate to send out our Project Advance letter and brochure to 'your' home. I know Immaculate is also your home. Your gift to Project Advance is not just a 'tithe' – it is a witnessing. It witnesses your love of God, the love of your neighbour and your love for Immaculate.

Please take the time to make your gift to Project Advance – and advance the beautiful and life-transforming legacy we have through the gift of our Faith and our beloved Immaculate.
- Peace and blessings - Fr. Paul



Pentecost Has Come Early to Immaculate: This past Wednesday evening, 29 youth from Immaculate celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Monroe. Archbishop Miller was not available because he has committed himself this year to completing Pastoral Visits throughout the Archdiocese. Retired Bishop Monroe, whose parents were married at Immaculate, graciously accepted the invitation to Confirm our youth.

It was amazing to behold our youth stand with their Sponsors as Bishop Monroe called them by their Confirmation name, anointed their foreheads with Sacred Chrism and confirmed them as contemporary Disciples of Jesus among us. The candidates told us that it was a profound and soul stretching experience for them. One can only imagine what their moms and dads and sponsors pondered and treasured as they witnessed this ancient and powerful Rite of Christian Initiation for their child. God is good. Let us pray that this Sacrament will forever be a deep well of grace from which our youth will draw forth the gifts of the Spirit so that they may grow in wisdom and stature and know the joy of the Gospel.

Save the Date! Come join us for fun at Immaculate Annual May Fair - Sat, May 25



Mayfair is a celebration of our Parish and school community at Immaculate. It is good that one of the highlights at Mayfair has become the 'Crowning of Mary'. Mary is the patron saint of our community. She gathers men, women and children from all over the world to Immaculate. She leads all of us into the life and joy of her son Jesus. Mayfair is a joyful event! It is a parish and school event to celebrate the joy in our soul because Immaculate is our home. Mayfair gathers us together so that we can delight in one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. Come and have some fun!

Magnificat Breakfast Our Magnificat Chapter invites all women to join us on Sat, June 1, from 10am to 12:30pm. As part of the breakfast, there will be a time of prayer for the needs of all present and an opportunity to hear one woman's experience of the transforming love of Christ in her own life. Register by email at magnificatvancouver@telus.net or call 604-818-4919. Cost is \$25. The Walking in the Spirit Prayer Teams will be available following the breakfast for those who wish to remain for individual prayer.

PREP Update: Tuesday, May 14 is the last day of PREP for this semester. An end of year barbecue is being scheduled for our PREP families on Friday, June 7 (contact Caroline or Lucy for further information).

At Mayfair take a moment to visit at the PREP table – our catechists, children and families would be delighted to tell you more about PREP. And if you are interested in PREP, visit their 'FUDGE TABLE'. The PREP families and catechists are making homemade fudge for Mayfair.

Post Secondary Bursaries at IC Parish

Bursaries are available for Immaculate Conception Parish students attending any year at a post-secondary education institution. The application criteria and application form can be found on our parish website. Completed applications must be received at the Parish Office by June 30, 2019.

St. Mark's College invites you to join them for an evening on 'The Role of Laity in the Reform of the Church' - #100, 6174 University Blvd, May 27 at 7pm / For Info: 604-822-4463

Who Am I Workshop: May 25-26 & Jun 1-2, 8:30am-4:30pm (One workshop being held over two consecutive weekends)

- ◆ Discover the richness within yourself
- ◆ Improve your relationship: family, friends, workplace
- ◆ Increase your productivity in life and ministry
- ◆ Find greater solidity in decision making

Place: 4885 St. John Paul II Way in Vancouver - To register or for more information, please contact Sr. Angela Marie at 604-683-0281 or by email at samcastellani@rcav.org



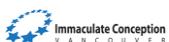
The Holy Spirit in Action:

After our Parish's Confirmation Mass this week, the 29 newly confirmed boys and girls enjoyed a Reception in the gym. It was put on by our K and Grade 5 parents. Everyone was ready to relax and celebrate. And relax and celebrate they did. We are so blessed at Immaculate with families who genuinely care for and take care of one another. Thank you to K and Grade 5 parents for making the Confirmation celebration for our children all that more special through your care and dedication. The Holy Spirit is indeed at work in you and among us.



You can now E-Transfer or use your Credit Card to make donations to the Parish! You can E-Transfer your donations to the Parish to our Parish Accounting email: IC_Accounting@shaw.ca (Answer to the security question is **ICParish**)

For those who would like to make Monthly Donations with their credit cards, please contact Kathy at the Parish office (604)224-5678 and she will take your credit card info from you at the office or by phone. Please do not send your card number via email. As a Parish family we gratefully thank you for your faith-filled support. May God bless you for your generosity and your love for Immaculate!



❖ **Parish and School Family Mass – Sunday, June 2 at 10:00am**
❖ **Twilight Mass in June – Sunday, June 2 at 8:00pm**

