



**23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

September 9th, 2018

***The more we give of ourselves to
welcome and serve others for His
sake, the more He blesses and
strengthens our own faith.***

**❖ Parish Office Hours
Tuesday to Thursday
8:30am – 3:30pm**

Mass of the Holy Spirit at UBC

All are invited to join the Community of St. Mark's (St. Mark's College, Corpus Christi College, St. Mark's Parish) in celebrating the opening of the academic year on the Vancouver campus at UBC on Sunday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m. Mass of the Holy Spirit follows the rich Jesuit tradition of opening the academic year with a liturgy that gathers the community to thank God for the gifts of creation and salvation, and to invoke the wisdom and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the coming year.

Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, and Father Robert Allore, SJ, Chaplain of UBC and Pastor of St. Mark's Parish at St. Mark's College at UBC. Light refreshments will be served after Mass. To aid in our planning for Mass seating and the reception, we would benefit from your registration. Visit: <http://stmarkscollege.ca/>

Parish Mission with Jesse Manibusan

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Richmond is excited to welcome world renowned singer, songwriter, storyteller and speaker Jesse Manibusan who will share his words, songs and messages of hope, faith, love and encouragement over the 3 days he is with us. Session #1 Sept.16, at 7 p.m., repeats on Sept.17 at 10 am. Session #2 Sept.17 at 7 pm, repeats on Sept 18 at 10 am. Session #3 Sept 18 7 pm (No repeat) Jesse is a speaker who is very relatable to people of all ages, come as a family/on your own, whatever you do...don't miss this opportunity! Event by donation.

Stewardship Reflection

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" (James 2:5)

What is more important for a **Steward** – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.

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Archbishop's Dinner 2018

Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m. at Hyatt Regency, Vancouver. Reception at 6 p.m. Archbishop Miller has designated the proceeds of the Seventh Annual Archbishop's Dinner to help the Archdiocese meet the costs of its intensive and comprehensive formation program for our future permanent deacons, along with the continuing education of those already ordained. Your donation and support will ensure well-trained ministers to bless our parishes, serve the poor, and contribute to the Church's presence in hospitals, First Nations communities, ports, and ecumenical gatherings, among many other places. Purchase tickets today at <https://rcav.org/dinner2018/>

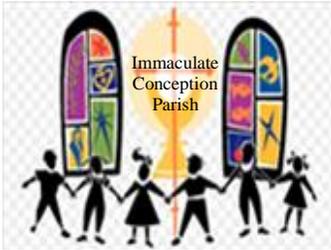
Vancouver Catholic Charismatic

Conference 2018 Join us at the Vancouver Catholic Charismatic Conference 2018! Vicar General, Very Rev. Gary Franken, will celebrate Mass. Friday, Sept. 21, from 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 22, from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. at Broadway Church, 2700 East Broadway, Vancouver
Cost: \$20. Sponsored by the Vancouver Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services. For more info. visit <http://vccrs.ca/>

Madonna House will resume *Morning of*

Recollection this September the day after the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. We will reflect on this feast in our lives pondering like St. Andrew of Crete - "What a great thing to possess the Cross. He who possesses the Cross possesses a treasure." Come join Madonna House for a talk and time of silent reflection, followed by fellowship, sharing, and mid-day prayer. Saturday, September 15th, 2018 from 9:30 am - 12 noon at St. John the Apostle Parish Hall (5457 Trafalgar St, Vancouver)

Sacramental Preparation



- **R.C.I.A. - Faith formation for those wanting to become a Catholic will begin in early October.**
- **P.R.E.P. – Faith formation for children in public schools will begin in late September.**
- **Chinese Faith Formation Classes – We are hoping to initiate sessions in Chinese for parents/Grandparents whose language is Chinese.**

For further information please contact the Parish Office.

我们将有中文信仰课程, 欢迎联系我们查询 (604) 224-5678

❖ **Project Advance 2018:**

Our Project Advance campaign is going very well. It 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 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 to Project Advance gives us the capacity to reach out in ministry to our families and beyond.

This is how Pope Francis describes our call to ministry – “I see clearly that the thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds ... and you have to start from the ground up!”

Project Advance is crucial in the life of our parish. It enables us to bring the presence of Jesus’ love to His people.



You can now E-Transfer your donations to the Parish to our Parish Accounting email: IC_Accounting@shaw.ca
Here’s the answer to the security question: **ICParish**

It’s very simple! Just follow the steps below:

1. Log in to your financial institution’s online banking and navigate to Interac E-Transfer
2. Select the account you would like the funds transferred from.
3. Fill out the Parish’s email address
4. Type in specified amount you are sending, along with a personalized message in the comment box (If you want your donation to go to something other than weekly collections)
5. There should be an option to give a custom question/answer, and the answer should be “*ICParish*”
6. The Parish will receive a notification of the donations via E-Transfer

As a Parish family we gratefully thank you for your generosity and grace-filled support.



Thank you to all the parishioners who came forward and provided Sunday Coffee after the 10am Mass during the summer months. Volunteers are still needed to help run this ministry. There is a SignUp sheet posted in the Jesuit Room. Thank you in advance for your support.



Seismic Upgrade at Immaculate Conception School



Our Seismic Upgrade work at our Parish school is well underway. It is a project to protect one of our most valuable treasures – our school children! Due to Seismic Upgrade Project, Immaculate Conception School will reopen Monday, September 17.