

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 12th, 2018

Stewardship Reflection

Heavenly Father, you nourished Elijah with food in the wilderness, and strengthened by that food, he walked all the way to Mount Horeb.

Grant that we whom you have fed with the food of the Eucharist, may have the strength to walk all the way to the promised land of eternal life.

May the Lord help us to be kind and friendly towards one another. May we forgive one another as readily as God who forgives us in Christ. And may the Spirit of Christ, in all its richness, find a home in us.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

❖ Feast of the

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption. This is a very special Feast Day for us as Catholic Christians. It is also a special day of prayer for our American brothers and sisters.

At our 11:00 am Morning Mass we ask everyone who comes to bring a flower or two for Mary on this wonderful Feast Day. After Mass we will have a light reception in the Parish Center.

Mark your calendar and plan to come out and celebrate this beautiful day dedicated to the assumption of Mary into heaven.



Prayer to Blessed Virgin Mary

The world is too much with me, dearest Mother, and sometimes I long to fall asleep and awake in heaven. But I know that the course of my earthly life is not yet finished, so I beg you to help me find the strength to run my race until the end. O Maria Assumpta, grace me with your endurance, that I may persevere through the pain, the sadness and the terror that too often afflict me.

Remind me that your motherly love will guide me to my harbor of safety. And along the way, teach me to accept joy, to rejoice in the goodness that exists in my life now and to exult in the hoped-for bliss of resurrection life. Amen.



School Seismic Upgrade: The seismic work is progressing well and seems to be on schedule. It is a huge project for our little parish family. It is humbling to ponder that for over 90 years our little parish has sacrificed to ensure that the Faith would be passed on to our children through our commitment to Catholic education.

In nurturing and deepening the gift of Faith through all that we do at our school, we are doing something beautiful and transformative for our children and families. A child with a deep and cultivated Faith is a child with a depth of mind, heart and soul to make life choices that are good, moral and grace filled. They will know how to seek out and form life and work relationships that are honourable, life giving and capable of weathering the storms of life.

How blessed we have been over these past 90 years at Immaculate to offer such a Ministry to our families. We are once again owning and deepening this Ministry in and through our seismic renewal of our school campus. The seismic renewal work is 'only' possible because so many have said 'yes' to the movement of the Holy Spirit among us to seismically upgrade our school. This ensures the safety of our children in the event of an earthquake and also ensures that our school will be around to walk in Faith with many more generations of children. Praise God!



Prayer For Healing

Dear Lord of mercy, God of healing,
You are the one I turn to in moments and times of need.

I ask you to be with ___ who is in need of healing.

Psalm 107:20 says that You send out your words and heal.
So please, send your healing to ___

May ___ trust in your goodness and in your faithfulness,
even in the middle of this suffering.

Let ___ be filled with patience and hope in your presence
while awaiting your healing touch.

All of this I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Franciscan Update – Franciscan Friars of Western Canada
Installation and Welcoming Mass and Celebration
at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Richmond BC



It was with great joy and celebration that the new Franciscan Friars community in Richmond, BC came together on Sunday, July 22 and was officially welcomed by the people of St. Joseph the Worker Parish as their new pastoral team. The celebration of installation and welcome was held during the parish's 11:15am Mass which was presided by His Grace, the Archbishop of Vancouver Michael Miller, CSB. During the installation rite, Archbishop Miller formally installed Friar Pierre Ducharme as Senior Pastor and welcomed Friars Manoj Xalxo, Joe Glaab and Martin Bettin as Assistant Pastors, and Friar Benjamin Ripley as Guardian of the Richmond friar community. Friar Bob Mokry, Minister Provincial of Christ the King Province as also present to celebrate with the community on behalf of the Western Canada friars. The installation rite was very rich in its symbolism that reminded Peirre of his role as shepherd of his parish as stated in the renewal of his ordination promises.

Following the Installation Mass, everyone enjoyed great food, cheer and fellowship with a barbecue reception put on by the parishioners. The weather cooperated with a beautiful sunny day. There was a short program where parish representatives gave words of welcome and thanks including: Vila Nova Carvahlo who represented the parishioners; Paul Fraser, Principal of St. Joseph the Worker Parish School; and Stephanie Chua, Minister of the local Secular Franciscan fraternity. Words of thanks and appreciation to the parish community were given by Fr. Bob Mokry on behalf of the Franciscans of Western Canada; Br. Benjamin Ripley on behalf of the Richmond friar community; and Fr. Pierre Ducharme on behalf of the new pastoral team.



The Friar Community as a whole praised St. Joseph the Worker Parish community for their hospitality and warm welcome. It was very evident that the Franciscan spirit is alive and well in St. Joseph's Parish which was founded by our brother Franciscan Friars of the Atonement nearly 70 years ago. It is evident that we as a Friar community have big shoes to fill and look forward to



carry on the spirit of St. Francis and journey with our brother and sisters of St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

We look forward to our new experiences and embracing the challenges of building a new friar community which come our way. St. Francis, pray for us. – Br. Benjamin Ripley, ofm.

Summer Holidays We encourage families to search out in advance where the local Catholic Church is located and try to make going to Sunday Mass part of your itinerary. It is always a beautiful experience to join another community in worship as we take our summer holidays - Holidays are also HOLY-DAYS !

Condolences: As a parish family let us pray for †Marion Procter who passed away recently. †Marion was 90 years of age and she was an active parishioner here at Immaculate many years ago. Eternal rest grant unto †Marion O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Wedding Bells: As a Parish we delight with the Surman and Kordyback families. Aaron Surman and Carla Kordyback were married here at Immaculate on August 8th. Family came from



Newfoundland, Argentina, Australia, Kamloops and beyond. It was a celebration and witness to the blessing of Family, Vowed Life and Faith. As a family let us hold this new holy family in our prayer, goodness and blessing.

May Aaron and Carla's witness to love and vowed life awaken within us the sacredness of our relationships, families and home.