



# 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

Parish Office: *Kathy Mok*

OFFICE HOURS: Tues to Thurs

8:30am-3:30pm

## Sunday, February 24, 2019 ★ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Stewardship Reflection

“But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back.” (Luke 6:35)  
Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person.

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### A Reflection on Giving

There are those who give but only on condition that they receive something in return, and receive it immediately.

There are those who give on condition that they receive something in return later on and with a handsome profit.

And there are those who give without expecting anything in return now or ever:

They scatter the seeds of the heart without looking for any harvest.

They are imitating the generosity of God, who bestows his love on good people and bad, and grants mercy to saints and sinners.



❖ Please note 2018 tax receipts have been sent to you in the mail this past week. We thank you for your faith-filled generosity!



### **Our Next Twilight Mass will be on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm**

We offer this Twilight Mass as our little way at Immaculate to evangelize the many within our families and city who are seeking deeper meaning in lives and wandering in the hope of finding a faith community!

**Lent – 40 Days of Grace ...** ‘Ash Wednesday’ is the beginning of ‘40’ Days of Grace in preparation for the great Feast of Easter! The 40 days of grace are called ‘Lent’! The word Lent means ‘Spring’. Lent is a time to let Spring burst forth from within those places within us that appear to be dead and lifeless. The symbol of “Ashes” on Ash Wednesday reminds us that we are made from the earth and that God has breathed his life into us. Which one of us does not need to come and celebrate this Good News!

### **Ash Wednesday Liturgies – March 6<sup>th</sup>**

\*9:00am Morning Mass with the distribution of Ashes (School Mass)

\*11:00am - Parish Morning Mass

\*4:00pm - Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of Ashes (not a Mass!)

\*7:00pm - Parish Mass with the distribution of Ashes

### **✍ Mark Your Calendar**

Ash Wednesday – March 6

Palm Sunday – April 14

Holy Thursday – April 18

Good Friday – April 19

Easter Sunday – April 21

First Communion – May 5

Confirmation – May 15

MayFair – May 25

KOC Pancake Breakfast for

Altar Servers – Jun 30

### **Vancouver College: Service Project to Peru**

Students from Vancouver College are scheduled to go on a service trip to Peru this Spring. They will be building houses for marginalized families. They are asking us to help fund the good work that they will be doing among the poor in Peru. At the end of each Mass the students will present a short overview of what they will be doing in Peru. After Mass they will be outside accepting donations. *\*It is wonderful to see youth from one of our local high schools so keen on reaching out to the poor in the name of Jesus.*



### **ICS Monthly School Mass:**

**Wed, March 6 at 9:00 am**

❖ **R.C.I.A. – Our next session is Friday, March 1 at 7:30pm (Front Lounge-Parish Center)**

**In Memoriam:** This week, †Leo Smyth, one of our most senior and beloved parishioners died and went home to God. He was surrounded by the love and prayers of his family as he died.

**Funeral Prayers – Thursday, Feb 28 at 7:00pm**

**Funeral Mass – Friday, March 1 at 11:00am**

Eternal rest grant unto †Leo, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.