

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 1st, 2018**

**Parish Summer Office Hours**

**During the months of July & August -  
the Parish Office will be open on  
Tuesday & Thursday : 10am - 4pm**

**❖The Parish Office will be closed from  
July 2 to July 6**

**Summer Bulletin:** Please note that during summer we will have a single page bulletin. You may wish to save this week's bulletin since it has a lot of parish info and contact numbers on the cover page. During the summer we may need to edit such information so that new items can be featured on the single page. We will be keeping the children's page in the summer bulletin.

**Parish Work Crew:**

Any high school students, university students, dads, moms, families want to spend a morning together cleaning and fixing God's campus here at Immaculate? Perhaps a few high school or university friends might like to get together? Come and be part of a cleanup crew at Immaculate! There is a clean up galore to do about the Church and Parish Center – stuffs to throw out, water drains in the sidewalks to clean, pathways to sweep, spider webs to clear away and even a few thing to paint.



**Let's have a 'Work Party'**

**Wednesday, July 4, 9:30am to Noon**

Call or email the parish office and we can set you or your group up with a few things that need to be done!

**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast**

A huge thank-you to the KOC for sponsoring last Sunday's Pancake Breakfast. Every year they sponsor this Parish breakfast to honor our Altar Servers. The Altar Servers appreciate the recognition of their Ministry. Their Ministry like the breakfast, is terrific! It was obvious that the KOC breakfast is a labor of love for all in our parish family. It is also something which builds up our community and appreciated by young and old.

If any of the men in the parish want to be part of these great 'pancake events', speak to one of the Knights of Columbus. You could be flipping pancakes at the next parish breakfast! Remember it is a great way to get together for fellowship.



**Prayer for Canada Day**

Eternal God, whose reign extends from sea to sea  
and whose care endures throughout the ages,  
hear our prayers for our country:  
Grant wisdom to those who govern it  
and respect for human life and dignity  
to every citizen,  
so that justice may flourish  
and all peoples live in unity and peace.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**Stewardship Reflection**

*"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality." 2 Corinthians 8:14*

We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of those around us. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ". We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

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**Baptism:** As a Parish family we welcome baby Ramona Perry into God's family. Ramona is the daughter of Hanna and Lyle Perry. This beautiful little girl was baptized at Immaculate this past Tuesday. A circle of grace and love held her – the circle of her mom and dad, grandparents, great-grandparents, godparents and many more family and friends of family. How blessed she is to have such a communion of grace around her. May this circle of grace and love ever widen around this holy family and lead them into ever deeper relationships of love, joy and hope.

**❖ Change of Weekday Mass Times**

**All Weekday Morning Masses**

**(Tue to Fri): 11:00am \* no mass on Mon**

**Franciscan Update:** After ministering at St. Joseph the Worker Parish for 30 years, the Atonement Friars are leaving the Parish they built to supplement other 'Atonement' ministries in both Canada and the United States.

The Franciscan Friars (the same community as the friars here at Immaculate) have been invited by the Archbishop to replace the Atonement Friars at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Five Franciscans will form a community at St. Joseph the Worker – Fr. Pierre Ducharme, Fr. Joe Glabb, Brother Ben Ripley, Fr. Martin Bettin and our Father Manoj Xalxo. Fr. Manoj moves into St. Joseph the Worker on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

As for Immaculate Fr. Paul will remain as Pastor here and at the Musqueam Chaplaincy. Fr. Regi stays on in residence at Immaculate and will continue ministering at the 'Door is Open' in the inner city and with the Syro-Malankara Community (an ancient East Indian Catholic Rite) in Vancouver.

On July 12 Brother Carolos will be moving as well. He leaves for Edmonton where he will be part of the formation team at the Franciscan house of initial formation and studies.

### ❖ **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!”

This is why Project Advance is crucial in the life of our little parish – so many among us carry so much in their souls, hearts and family. Project Advance enables us to bring the presence of Jesus' love to them.

### **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! Once the seismic work is done our moms and dads (and our whole parish family) will know that if a severe earthquake hits Vancouver our children at Immaculate will be safe. We discerned that our school children were too precious not to make the seismic renewal of our school a parish priority - knowing that earthquakes are not only possible but probable here in Vancouver.

The Seismic project at our parish school is an affirmation of the wonderful 'ministry' that we do together in the name of Christ for our families with young children. A profound Catholic, academic, social and human educational experience is the ministry that we offer at our parish school. This ministry enriches the mind, heart and soul of each and every child and family. It is indeed why a Catholic education continues to be highly valued and sought after by so many.

As you wander by the school over the summer please take a moment to be grateful for the wonderful ministry that our parish school has done and will continue to offer for generations of children. As well, don't forget to take a moment to value and pray for all of the trades men and women whose skills and labour are transforming our school building into a seismically safe building. Their work is holy work – it may very well one day save lives!

Our 'grandpa priest' Father Ken immediately donated \$1000 gift to assist us with the up and coming \$120,000 seismic mortgage payment for this year. Many have already matched his gift. May our beloved elder priest Father Ken inspire our whole parish to support and invest in this worthy project which we do simply because we treasure our parish children.

