



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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SUMMER WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri - 11:00am

Parish Office: Kathy Mok

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS :

Aug 22, 23, 28 & 29 : 10am – 4pm

Sunday, August 19th, 2018

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

❖ *A Reflection to ponder and to help us on our journey ...*

Outside the Church there is every type of noise from construction, to car horns, sirens and everything in between ...

People rush hither and thither. But I have left that world behind, and I am here before you Lord.

I do not exclude my brothers and sisters. I bring them with me. For I know that they are equally dear to you.

I have nothing. Yet I have everything because I have you.

Here I experience my true worth, which consists, not in possessions or achievements,

But in knowing that I am loved by you.

May we hunger for the bread that only God can give us.

May the food of the Eucharist sustain us on our journey to the promised land of eternal life.

May the mystery of Christ's love that we have celebrated at Immaculate this Sunday

in flame our hearts with love of our brothers and sisters.



Seismic Upgrade of our Faith: We are indeed doing a seismic upgrade of our school campus but along with the campus it is probably time that we as a parish family and school did some 'seismic' upgrade in the area of our Faith Formation.

As such, our Parish and School will be offering a Faith Enrichment series between September – December for school parents seeking to better appreciate and cultivate the gift of their Faith. Our Faith Enrichment series will focus upon one simple question – 'What does it mean today to be part of a people whose very identity is rooted in the belief that they belong to God and their lives are a pilgrimage of faith?' These sessions will be facilitated by two master catechists – Joey Aleksich, Virginia Echert along with Fr. Paul and Keldon Formosa – a teacher at our school.

The series will be offered between September and December. It is being offered for all school parents. We especially encourage the parents from our K-class, Grade 2 class and Grade 7 class. This series will help parents not only to appreciate the gift of their Faith but to help them nurture the gift of Faith within their family. Please contact the Parish office or Fr. Paul for more information and to register.

Sacramental Preparation: Are you or any of your family members seeking to celebrate the Sacraments of the Church – Baptism, First Communion, Reconciliation, Confirmation, Marriage? If so, simply contact the parish office and we will follow up with you to prepare you and your family to celebrate these wonderful Sacraments of God's grace. The Sacraments of the Church are bestowed upon us so that each of us may receive and live ever more fully the fullness of God's ever present salvation. We live in God's grace not alone but as brothers and sisters in Christ – we live together in the community we call the Church.

我们将有中文信仰课程 **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.

❖ **Please Note:** Parish Summer Office Hours – For the last two weeks in August, the Parish Office will be opened on the following dates -

Aug 22 & 23, Aug 28 & 29
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Franciscan Friars: Fr. Paul and Fr. Regi will be away on Retreat this week. The Franciscans from across western Canada gather every year at this time for their annual Retreat. The Retreat is at Mount Saint Francis in Cochrane – just outside of Calgary. (The diocesan clergy gather for their annual Retreat in May at Mission) Our beloved Fr. Ken – at the wonderful age of 82 – will be Pastor while the friars are away. How blessed we are to have Fr. Ken as a brother priest and beloved friend of our parish family here at Immaculate.