



**Good Shepherd Sunday
April 22nd, 2018**

Project Advance 2018 – ♦ April 21-22



A special Parish and School Mass to Celebrate the Sisters of St. Ann:

As a Parish and School family we will be gathering for a 'Special Eucharist' on Sunday, May 6, 11:30am Mass. Our school families will be Leaders of Song, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and Servers.

SIX SISTERS OF ST. ANN WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE – SISTERS MARINA SMITH (FORMER PRINCIPAL), JUDI MORIN, JOYCE HARRIS, PATRICIA DONOVAN, FRIEDA RAAB, MARIE ZAROWNY. THE SISTERS OF ST. ANN ARE THE CO-FOUNDERS OF OUR 'LITTLE BLUE SCHOOL'.

Following the Eucharist we will have a Coffee/Tea Reception in our gym with 'Homemade Cookies'. (Our 'IC Children' will be baking the cookies!)

*Appreciating that many Parishioners will be attending their usual Sunday Mass a special invitation is extended to all of our parishioners to come any time after 12:45pm to meet the Sisters and visit! Come especially if you were taught by the Sisters of St. Ann.

Remember – the Sisters of St. Ann taught here at Immaculate and at Little Flower. So 'Little Flower' students – I know the Sisters of St. Ann would delight to see you. This celebration day is for us all at Immaculate!

Stewardship Reflection

You are a leader! In one way or another your vocation calls you to lead. Life leadership roles like parenting is one example. Another is leading a spouse or friend in the right direction.

You may not be in a leadership 'position' in your job, yet opportunities to lead at work come up every day. Any time you try to influence another person in a positive way you are acting as a leader. Our common vocation as disciples of Jesus is our most important leadership role.

As disciples, we are all called to lead others to Christ. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and his way of leading is a model for leadership that we should imitate.

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**Immaculate Conception Parish MayFair
Sunday, May 26 at 11am – 2pm**

**St. Patrick's High School
Fundraiser Raffle**



Tickets for this all-cash prize raffle will be sold after all masses on the weekend of

April 28 & 29 at Immaculate Conception Parish

The prize money totals \$18,000! The funds raised from the raffle will directly benefit the students; including but not limited to the school choir, the school's theatre production and sports events. For more information about this fundraiser, please view the school website: stpats.bc.ca. Thank you for supporting St. Pat's High School.

Electrical Work at Immaculate:

Just a reminder that over the next little while our electrical wiring etc. will be updated – brought up to code – here in the Church.



❖ Sacrament of First Holy Communion

❖ Sacrament of Confirmation

As a Parish family let us hold in prayers all our boys and girls who will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation. We keep them in our prayers as they receive their very special sacraments.

A Potluck Celebration at Immaculate:

Friday past our Parish family gathered in the gym to celebrate with our families from Syria. We had a grand time praying, enjoying a 'pot luck' feast, savouring wine and delighting in being brothers and sisters in Christ. It was an evening of thanksgiving and joy for all. There was a tremendous sense of community and friendship among us – we reached out to welcome, embrace and rejoice as everyone came through the doors. We gathered as a parish family and it felt like a family pot luck supper. As we witnessed peace and delight shine forth from the faces of our newest families the celebration deepened in meaning. Our souls delighted, our faces smiled and our hands applauded. Our pot luck was very much an experience of Eucharist – we let the Holy Spirit bless us, open us and deepen our sharing! I'm sure that we all had a deep awareness that our little parish family is indeed a place where God dwells among his people.

Just over two years ago our Parish family heard a cry of despair from the other side of the world. Our youth were the first to respond and inspired us to listen more deeply to the suffering of the Syrian refugees. It moved something deep in our soul and awakened within us a call to pray and discern how we might respond. I truly believe that the Holy Spirit mobilized us into action. I think we all felt like the disciples of Jesus – surprised! We sponsored 'two' families from Syria. The first family is here for two years now and the second will be here for one year in May. All of this came about because of the generosity of heart within the families here at Immaculate – you practised discipleship with your time, talents and treasure. (We worked a miracle – families caught in the hell of a civil war now know Peace.) We are so blessed to dwell in a parish family whose arms are open, generous and loving!

Seismic Upgrade here at Immaculate Conception School:

Seismic Upgrade at Our Parish School: A letter from Fr. Paul and a 'Question and Answer' sheet with pertinent information pertaining to this summer's 'Seismic Upgrade' project at our school will be mailed out to all of our School Parents and Parishioners this week.

Immaculate Conception Parish Post Secondary Bursaries

Bursaries are available for Immaculate Conception Parish students attending any year at a post-secondary educational institution. These bursaries are made available due to the generous contributions from the CWL, Knights of Columbus and the Walton family. The application criteria and application form can be found on our parish website. Completed applications must be received at the parish office by June 30, 2018.

West Side Deanery Meeting: This past week the Priests on the west side of Vancouver gathered at Immaculate for a Deanery Meeting. 15 plus priests were delighted by our hospitality and warmth of welcome. (Del Whalen was host – more like grandmother to all!) Prior to the meeting the priests were treated to a special luncheon and good wine. There was great conversation among the priests and a joy in their fellowship. (Fr. Frank Landry – a former Pastor of Immaculate was very much at home!) Apparently, their meeting was fruitful and it seemed that all of the priests left blessed by our Parish's kindnesses and hospitality. How wonderful to just not host our priests but to also appreciate them for all that they do for the people of God.

Used Bibles Needed – Lois from the Prison Ministry is looking for used bibles for the inmates. If you have some, please drop them off at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.