

*Alleluia!  
Christ is Risen!*

**3rd Sunday of Easter  
April 15th, 2018**

***✍* Mark Your Calendar**

Sunday, April 15: Annual IC Ladies' Brunch at 1130am  
Sunday, May 6: Immaculate Conception School Mass  
At 11:30am  
Saturday, May 26: *MayFair* at 11am  
Saturday, June 2: Mass at 11am in Victoria (The Cathedral), Sisters of St. Ann – 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

***Stewardship Reflection***

***“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...” – LUKE 24:36-37***

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

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**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](http://stpats.bc.ca). Thank you for supporting St. Pat's High School.

**Men's Discernment Night**

Do you have questions about discerning God's call for your life? Vocations in Progress for single men, aged 17 and up, is an opportunity to meet priests, ask questions, and learn about their life and spirituality. The informal event will include prayer, dinner, and discussion at St. Pat's, Vancouver on Apr 25 at 7pm.

**New Evangelization Summit 2018**

Join over 3,000 Catholics across Canada and the U.S. at this premier conference for the New Evangelization. The Summit features 6 world-class Catholic speakers on the New Evangelization including Curtis Martin, Sr. Anne Shields, George Weigel, Patrick Madrid, Christy Dupuis, and Michael Dopp. The NES has been designed to inspire Catholics and help them live out their personal call to evangelize. The Summit will be held live in Ottawa on April 27-28th and will be broadcast across the continent. We are excited to have three host sites in the Archdiocese; St. Ann's Parish, Star of the Sea Parish, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. Be inspired, receive formation, and connect with other Catholics. Register now at [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca)

**Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil**

Join us for a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents on Saturday, May 5. Mass is at 9am at Guardian Angels Church, Vancouver followed by the Rosary at B.C. Women's Hospital.

**Organ Recital** – Our 10am Mass Organist Ivan Leung is having an Organ Recital on April 20 at 7:30pm at St. Philip's Anglican Church (3737 West 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Vancouver) – Featuring Works by Bruhns, Mendelssohn, Langlais and JS Bach.

**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.

**Project Advance 2018 – ♦ April 21-22**



**Sunday Twilight Mass**

Thank you to those who came to join us at our monthly Sunday Twilight Mass on April 8. We were excited to see so many 'new' and 'old' faces celebrating the Eucharist with us. We hope you all went home with your souls and minds refreshed and renewed. Our next Twilight Mass will be on May 6 at 8pm. We look forward to seeing you!

### **Franciscan Friars – Pastoral Appointments:**

As you probably know from the BC Catholic, the Franciscan Friars have been appointed to St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Richmond starting June 1, 2018. After many years of faithful shepherding, the Friars of the Atonement (due to fewer number of friars and the aging of their friars) moved back to New York. They leave a tremendous legacy – they leave with a heavy heart – they loved the people of St. Joseph the Worker Parish – their ministry has born much fruit ...

Last year, the Archbishop asked the Franciscans of western Canada to consider taking on St. Joseph the Worker Parish. After a time of discernment we chose to send Fr. Pierre Ducharme ofm (Pastor) and Fr. Joe Glaab ofm (associate Pastor) to the Parish. Fr. Manoj Xalxo ofm (will be leaving Immaculate) to be the second associate Pastor at St. Joseph the Worker. Bro. Ben Ripley ofm from Edmonton will also live in residence at St. Joe's. He will be doing pastoral work and further studies.

As for our little Parish here at Immaculate – Fr. Paul stays on as Pastor and also remains Pastor at the Musqueam Church. Fr. Ken Bernard – our retired priest – more like our parish's grandpa will stay put as pastoral assistant 'emeritus'. Fr. Ken does not live at the rectory – luckily for us he lives in the area! Fr. Regi will continue to live in the rectory here at Immaculate but his Pastoral appointment mandated by the Archbishop is as the Chaplain at the 'Door is Open' Ministry in the downtown core.

As Franciscans we are blessed to be here at Immaculate, Musqueam, initiating a new Ministry at St. Joseph the Worker Parish and to be among the poor at the Door is Open. May we walk humbly together into the future not yet – a future promised – following the light of Christ.

P.S. Pray for Vocations – especially to the Franciscans! What happened to the Atonement friars will also happen to the Franciscan Friars in western Canada unless we pray for, mentor, encourage and nurture younger men to consider giving their life to the People of God in and through vowed religious life ...

### **Electrical Work at Immaculate – Let the Light Shine:**

The electrical wiring in our Church will be totally updated starting in a week or two – Praise God! An electrician has reviewed our situation and has come up with a plan to update our Church's electrical wiring. The current electrical wiring is 90 years old. As an aside, it is almost impossible to get a company to take on the re-wiring of the older building.

The electrical update will improve the lighting quality throughout the whole Church – choir loft, front porch, area beneath the choir, sanctuary, nave, side rooms and the lighting at the front outside steps. Most importantly, the electrical update means that we will meet current electrical safety codes.

The re-wiring project also entails the installation of new user friendly fixtures that incorporate energy saving light bulbs. The work should begin in a couple of weeks. During the weekdays 'staging' will be set up in the Church so that the ceiling wiring can be replaced and the new fixtures installed. During those days we may need to have Mass in the Jesuit Room to accommodate the electricians.

### **Seismic Upgrade here at Immaculate Conception School:**

Stay tuned ... Our 'Seismic Question & Answer' information sheet about the school's Seismic Upgrade Project is in final draft. It will be in your hands shortly. In the meantime, how wonderful that we are renewing and revitalizing not just the foundation of our School Building but most especially the Soul of our Parish here in Dunbar.

May we always lift up our hearts to God and trust that God is leading us into the beyond as we embrace the light of Christ and not our fears. May we walk forward into the future knowing that Christ walks with us... and especially with our children!