

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 8th, 2017

### Stewardship Reflection:

*"The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - Matthew 21:42*

Jesus was the corner stone and He was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

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### Exploring the Need to Grieve and Mourn Seminar

FREE community seminar featuring Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D. – Author, Educator, Grief Counselor. Come learn important principles for helping yourself, your family, and your friends on November 14, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church in Vancouver. This practical, heart-based program will assist you as you mourn the death of someone in your life and learn how to be of support to family members and friends. Download the [registration form](#) at [rcav.org/event/exploring-need-grieve-mourn](http://rcav.org/event/exploring-need-grieve-mourn)

### Project Advance

#### Have you donated to This Year's Appeal Yet

You still have time to make a pledge. It's never too late. We thank all those who have already contributed. There are forms available at the back of the church or you can donate on line at [www.rcav.org/giving](http://www.rcav.org/giving), or contact the parish office.

**Sunday Twilight Mass:** It was wonderful to see so many come and celebrate our monthly Twilight Mass here at Immaculate this past Sunday night. It is an occasion of grace and renewal for all who come...Our next Sunday Twilight Mass is Sunday, Nov 5 at 8pm. All Are Welcome !

**Parish Census** Please note that on the weekends of Oct 14-15 and Oct 21-22, the Archdiocese will be holding their annual census. Every Parish is mandated to have a census to help discern the vitality of our parishes and to help the Archbishop and his Presbyteral Council discern how Parishes may be either growing or diminishing? The census helps the Archbishop make the necessary discernments to help the Archdiocese move into the future that is promised by God but not yet... As such, our Parish Census carries a significant weight in how we factor into the whole body of Christ known as the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

**Annual White Mass** with Archbishop Miller for all Healthcare Workers and their families.

Date: Friday, October 27

Time: 7:00pm

Place: St. Augustine's Church

2028 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver.

Come join us to pray for protection of conscience.

### Paid Volunteers for Extreme Weather Response program

The Men's Hostel is looking for paid volunteers for our Extreme Weather Response program. This upcoming winter, we will need people to come in and help the staff supervise the shelter from 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm. Overnight shifts are also available. All shifts are paid. If interested, please call Frances Cabahug 604-443-3292 or [fcabahug@rcav.org](mailto:fcabahug@rcav.org) for more information.

### Teaching Opportunity One-on-one Catechism for Special Needs

VANSPEC needs your help! We are looking for several volunteer teachers to help special needs students to get to know Jesus. Would you share your talents and gifts in preparing these wonderful children of God to receive their sacraments and learn more about the faith? If you're interested in serving, please contact Lucy Rodjito (VANSPEC Coordinator) at [lrodjito@rcav.org](mailto:lrodjito@rcav.org) or [Vanspec@rcav.org](mailto:Vanspec@rcav.org)



### Oct 9 Thanksgiving :

Parish office & School are closed  
Have a blessed weekend with Family & Friends



## Regards & Blessings from Father Henri

Our beloved friend and Dominican cousin Father Henri sent Blessings on the Feast Day of St. Francis to our Parish family from Montreal.

He prays that we are in good health and know the joy of God. Father Henri and his brother Dominicans are busy in the Lord's vineyard and pleased that a new Dominican – Father Guy Rivard from Quebec City – will be the new Pastor at St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver.

Prayers and blessings to all from Father Henri

## Feast Day of St. Francis

Blessings upon all who contributed to the special collection for the Franciscan Friars this past Sunday. Franciscan Friars we are not part of the pension plan from the Archdiocese. In view of that the Archdiocese suggests that whenever the Pastor is a religious priest that the Parish take up a special collection to assist the religious community. This is the first year in twelve years that we have done this collection. The money will be used to help with the formation expenses of the candidates that we as Friars have in Franciscan and theological formation in Edmonton and Calgary. God has especially blessed us this year in giving us four new Vocations for the Franciscan Brotherhood. Your gift will help us support and form our new Franciscan brothers who desire to embrace a Gospel life in the steps of St. Francis. Please pray for them and pray that God may inspire many others to say 'yes' to God's call to follow the Gospel life in the steps of St. Francis. May the Lord Bless you. May He turn his face to you, and have mercy on you. May He turn His countenance to you and give you Peace.

### ✠ Parish Celebration of All Souls

Our Parish's Annual remembering of all who have died in our Parish over the past year will be celebrated on Friday, Nov 3 at 7pm. We will remember by name of those who had a funeral here at Immaculate since last November. Family members will be invited to carry up a memorial candle to the Altar. There is also an opportunity to prayerfully remember all other loved ones who have died over the years. As you enter the Church you will be handed a prayer card on which you may write down the names of those you want to remember in prayer in this Holy Season of 'All Souls'. After you write down the names you prayerfully place your prayer card before the Altar where the names will remain for the month and be remembered at all of the Masses. A light reception will follow this Mass.

➔ Father Paul will be away to Cape Breton visiting his dad between Oct 11-19. We wish him a safe journey and keep him in our prayers.

**The Funeral Mass** for †Franco Fazio will be celebrated on Saturday, Oct 21 at 11am here at Immaculate. This family were good friends with the fellow who carved the statues of Mary and Joseph which are located on either side of the altar here at Immaculate. We offer our prayers to the family of †Franco as they grieve for a husband, father and grandpa. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.

### **RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

As a Parish family we have begun this year's classes for those who are interested in becoming a Roman Catholic. These classes are for adults who desire to be Baptized and receive the other Sacraments of the Church. So if you know of anyone who wants to become a Catholic please tell them about these sessions. We meet every other Friday evening at 7:30 pm for one hour in the front lounge in the Parish Centre. Our next session will be Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm. For more information email or phone Kathy in the parish office 604-224-5678 / sec@icvancouver.ca

### **A Little Update:**

- 1) As a Parish we are still hoping to schedule a Fri night gathering for our high school students – Prayer & Pizza Night
- 2) Likewise, we continue to gather the names of university students attending Mass here at Immaculate to create a Circle of Prayer, Fraternity and Food for those in university.
- 3) We are also closer to creating a time for 'dads and sons' to gather together for Discipleship – Prayer & Projects.