

Sep 29th, 2019
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Stewardship Reflection

“My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established...”(Luke16:25-26)

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today’s Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

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Condolences As a Parish we offer our condolences to the Nardi Family. This past week we celebrated the funeral Mass of †Cecile Godin. She was the grandmother of Denise (Tony) Nardi and great grandmother of Ashley. A few days later we celebrated the funeral of Denise’s dad (Ashley’s grandpa) †Michael Taylor. We pray that they are at home with God and circled by a communion of Saints. May the faith that they handed on to their family and the love of God holding them in this moment gently wipe away their tears. Eternal rest grant unto their grandmother and to their dad, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Little Flower Academy welcomes all prospective 2020-2021 candidates and their families to an OPEN HOUSE on Wed, Oct 9 from 6-8pm. For more info visit www.lfabc.org.

✍ Mark Your Calendar

- Fri, Oct 11 Seniors Tea following the 11am Mass
- Fri, Nov 1 All Souls Mass at 7pm

ICS Walkathon Many thanks to all the parishioners who so generously gave to the school Walkathon. Over \$1300 was raised at the Masses last weekend, and we are most grateful. Thank you for supporting our Parish school!

All Souls Mass

Friday, November 1st at 7:00pm



Over the years this All Souls Mass has become a special Mass for those in grief. The Mass gathers us together in prayer to remember our loved one whose funeral would have been at Immaculate. At the Mass the name of your loved one will be prayed aloud. As their name is prayed a family member brings a Prayer Candle up to the Altar in their memory. (The Parish provides the candle).

As Catholics we believe in Faith that during the Mass we do indeed meet and pray with our beloved ones who now dwell within the communion of saints. Together we trust in faith that in Christ we shall all meet again. Please share with your family about this upcoming Mass so that you may plan to attend together as a family.

All parishioners are welcome to remember in prayer your loved ones who have died over the years at this Mass. Prayer cards will be available for you at the entrance of the Church. Prayerfully remember and write down the names of your loved ones who have died on these cards. The prayer cards will be placed in a Prayer Jar in front of the Altar. The names of your loved ones will remain in the presence of Jesus throughout the month of November and remembered at Mass.

A reminder that Gift Card Order Form is due this Thursday, Oct 3



An ongoing Fundraiser that will not cost you one penny! Can you help us to pay off our School’s Seismic Upgrade Loan?

Purchasing pre-paid gift cards through the Parish is an easy way to support our community. These cards are an excellent Fundraiser because a generous percentage of gift card purchases are rebated to the Parish. These cards have no expiry date! The funds go directly towards our school’s Seismic Upgrade. This year we have added some new merchants for you to choose from. Placing an order is so easy – simply drop off the form or by fax. You may also email or phone Kathy at the Parish office to place your order if you are paying by credit card. (Gift cards order form can be found online at our website or from the parish office).

As a Parish family we thank you for supporting our ‘Little Blue School’.

❖ **Sacred Heart Convent Alumna Circle:** The Sacred Heart Convent Circle is a Circle at Immaculate to gather Sacred Heart Alumni together for Prayer, Friendship, to Socialize and for Ministry. For more information please contact the Parish office at sec@icvancouver.ca

❖ **Ricci Circle of Prayer and Friendship:** The Ricci Circle at Immaculate is a gathering of Chinese Catholics. It is a circle of Prayer, Friendship, Ministry and to Socialize. For more information contact Lucy 604-420-9783.

❖ **Duns Scouts Circle:** A fellowship Circle for Catholic university students, international students as well as students from other parts of Canada. For more information contact the Parish office 604-224-5678.

~~~~~ *Words of Grace from Mother Teresa* ~~~~~

Mother Teresa says, “I always say that love starts at home: family first, then your town or city. It’s easy to love people who are far away, but not so easy to love those who live with us or who are next door to us. I don’t agree with the big way of doing things – love needs to start with an individual. To love a person, you must make contact with that person, become close. You have to let people come in contact with the poor. When you do that you cross this enormous divide. It’s no longer these ‘millions’ of people, but somebody you’ve actually touched.”

She tells the following story: “Once in Bombay there was a big conference on poverty. When I reached the place, right in front of the door where hundreds of people were talking about food and hunger, I found a dying man. I took him to our home for the dying. He died there. He died of hunger. And the people inside were talking about how in fifteen years we will have so much food, so much this, so much that – and that man died.

I never look at the Masses as my responsibility. I look at the individual. I can only love one person at a time. I can feed only one person at a time. I picked up one person. Maybe if I hadn’t picked up that one person I wouldn’t have picked up 42,000. The whole work is only a drop in the ocean. But if I didn’t put that drop in, the ocean would be one drop less. Same thing for you. Same thing in your family.”

✪ **Our next Sunday Twilight Mass: October 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm**

**Vancouver College Retreat for Grade 10 boys:**

This past week our Parish was blessed to host two Retreat Days for eighty grade 10 boys from Vancouver College. Immaculate has hosted these Retreats for a number of years now. They are led by the staff at Vancouver College. The Retreat experience helps to link faith and life together for the boys. We will be hosting two more of these Retreat Days at the end of the month for the other grade 10 classes. The boys totally entered into the retreat experience. They can engage into the process because you moms and dads have already disposed them to nurture, value and cultivate virtue. It is easy to imagine that these young boys will have the depth of soul to become men of virtue. Each Retreat ended with a Eucharist in the Church. It is a glimpse into the future to see 40 boys gather in God’s house, around God’s Word, around God’s Altar and worship God together as brothers in Christ. It is good for all of us at Immaculate to know that such beautiful events take place within our Parish and Parish Center. As a Parish we are living out our call to Evangelize!

**‘Catechism’ Classes for Adults (RCIA)- Faith Formation for Adults with Fr. Paul**

Friday, Oct 11 at 7:30pm  
at the Parish Center

**Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P)**

Catechism for children in non-Catholic schools: Tuesday afternoons 4-5pm in the Parish Center. Moms and dads this preparation is essential for children in public schools – especially grade 2 children who seek to celebrate Holy Communion and for grade 7 children who desire to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parents are welcome to help the catechists with the sessions. For info please contact Caroline 604-266-0371.



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For those who would like to make Monthly Donations with their credit cards, please contact Kathy at the Parish office (604)224-5678 and she will take your credit card info from you at the office or by phone. As a Parish family we gratefully thank you for your faith-filled support. May God bless you for your generosity!