

**Jun 9th, 2019
Feast of Pentecost**



Our spirit is our greatest source of energy.
It is to us what wings are to a bird.
However, while it can be very strong,
it can also be very brittle.
What is that enables the spirit to roar;
And what is it that causes it to sink?
Sadness weighs it down; joy lifts it up.
Criticism erodes it; praise builds it up.
Despair causes it to wilt; hope breathes new life into it.
Rejection wounds it; acceptance heals it.
Hatred poisons it; love purifies it.
Fear cripples it; solitude calms it; prayer strengthens it.

Stewardship Reflection

“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” (Jn 14:26) The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions.

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Family Blessing – Come, Holy Spirit

*Come Holy Spirit –
gather our family into a holy communion.*

*Come Holy Spirit –
empower us to live with integrity.*

*Come Holy Spirit –
strengthen us with courage, hope and the joy of God.*

***Taize Prayer at Immaculate
Wednesday, Jun 19 at 7:00pm***



Sunday Twilight Mass: Last Sunday we had our ‘wrap-up’ 8:00pm Twilight Mass for this season. Ten years ago we started this alternative Catholic Mass to gather and minister to the ‘Catholic seekers’ who live in Dunbar and beyond. When we speak of ‘seekers’ we are referring to men and women who wonder about having a deeper faith life along with a richer experience of

Catholic community. Our Twilight Mass community soon realized that there were also ‘wanderers’ out and around us – wanderers being younger Catholics who wondered if the Catholic faith could help them discover their life purpose.

And then we encountered ‘Danny Dunbar’. A young dad – new to Canada – who asked what we do at Immaculate? ‘Danny Dunbar’ and his family had no connection with Church or any faith tradition. So our Twilight Mass is now our way to welcome and evangelize ‘Danny Dunbar’ too.

In fact, Archbishop Miller was delighted to hear that we as a Parish were reaching out in a spirit of evangelization to the Dunbar area as a whole. I wonder if we realize the significant number of men and women who have no faith background living in our neighbourhood. We are being called to be the face of Jesus for them. Thank you to Bernadette and Tim and gang for the evangelization efforts which are being made through the Twilight Mass. It is producing quality fruit.



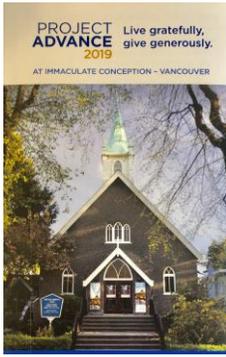
***Knights of Columbus
Parish Pancake Breakfast***



In honor of all 2019 IC Altar Servers

Breakfast will be served in the gym on Sunday, Jun 23 from 9:30am – 1:00pm

COME JOIN US !! ALL ARE WELCOME!



It is Project Advance Time at Immaculate!

We thank you for your support!

Project Advance 2019: ‘Thank You’ and ‘Blessings’ to all in our Parish who have made a gift or a pledge to this year’s campaign. Many beautiful ministries will flower in our Archdiocese and Parish community because of your generosity. We pray that every Parish and School family at Immaculate will be moved to make a gift to this year’s Project Advance. Every gift is important - your gift is what helps us to keep the doors of Immaculate open and welcoming. Above all your gift ensures that we have the resources to do the ministry that we are called to in the name of Jesus. And the Lord has much for

us to do! No doubt, we all know this from the pastoral needs that we have within our own family and community situations.

Every gift to Project Advance enables us to be a real presence of God where such a presence is needed. God’s work is for our families, within our community, transmitting the faith to our children and grandchildren but it is also in the ministering to the sick, the poor, the refugee and to the many in anguish who simply yearn to see a face of love and care – the face of Jesus. Your gift to Project Advance will help to make the face of Jesus ever so real for your family and to the many who we call brothers and sisters in Christ.

A Celebration of Baptism

Last Saturday morning the ‘Gellard’ and ‘Lewin’ families gathered at Immaculate with extended family and friends to celebrate the baptism of baby Bruce – the new born son of Megan Gellard and David Lewin and new baby brother of Dougie. Grandma Kathleen Gellard made sure everyone was well fed afterwards. May we as their Parish family hold this ‘holy family’ and ‘little church’ of Megan, David, Dougie and newly baptized Bruce in our prayers. May they and all of our families be a real presence to each other, pray together, love each other and truly celebrate the joy of the Gospel together. Amen.

❖ For more information about the news and events from the Archdiocese of Vancouver, please visit their website www.rcav.org.



☺ *Don't forget about
dads! It's Father's Day ☺
next week – Sunday, Jun 16*

Post Secondary Bursaries at IC Parish

Bursaries are available for Immaculate Conception Parish students attending any year at a post-secondary education institution. 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.

A Morning of Recollection Fr. Frank O’Connor, Madonna House Associate priest will present on “*The Holy Spirit as the Source of Our Hope*”. There will also be a time of silent reflection; followed by fellowship, sharing, and mid-day prayer. Saturday, June 15th from 9:30 am to 12 noon at St. John the Apostle Parish (5457 Trafalgar St, Van)

Support our Parish Family: Last Order before Summer for Seismic Upgrade Gift Cards

♦ ***A Friendly Reminder ~ Order Cut-off date: This Sunday, June 9***



Please support our LAST ORDER of this ‘Fundraiser’ at Immaculate! This will be our last order before we resume the campaign in Oct 2019. It does not cost you anything but a percentage of the amount purchased will be rebated to the Parish. Order forms can be dropped off at the Church or scan and email the forms to Kathy at sec@icvancouver.ca if you are paying by credit cards. Your support to Immaculate is very much appreciated!

❖ **Immaculate Conception School Arts & Smarts Day Camp in July:** Registration forms are available at the School & Parish office. Please contact Mrs. Marino - donovanfamily566@outlook.com or 604-992-8574 for further information.



You can now E-Transfer or use your Credit Card to make donations to the Parish! You can E-Transfer your donations to the Parish to our Parish Accounting email: ***IC_Accounting@shaw.ca*** (Answer to the security question is ***ICParish***)

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. Please do not send your card number via email. As a Parish family we gratefully thank you for your faith-filled support. May God bless you for your generosity and your love for Immaculate!