

## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 29th, 2017

### Stewardship Reflection:

***“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.”***

*- Matthew 22:37*

Do you put other “gods” before God? Is your love of money, power, status, or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and everything you are is a gift from God? The good news – it’s not too late to put God first in your life in all things.

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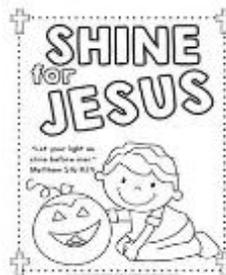
### Halloween Candy for Agape Street Ministry

The Agape Ministry invites you to share Jesus’ message of love, hope, and acceptance by donating wrapped sweets and candy bars that you have left over from Halloween. Agape (Christ’s Love) is a Catholic Ministry which has over 35,000 encounters with street women. As a gesture of love and friendship, the women are given little bags of candy and small chocolate bars along with a prayer card. We will have containers in the back of the Church over the next few weeks to collect donations of candy you wish to make. Talk to your children about this ministry and encourage them before they go ‘trick and treating’ to share some of their Halloween candy with Agape.

### Halloween Prayer for Children

***From ghoulies and ghosties  
And long-legged beasties  
And things that go bump in the night  
Good Lord, deliver us!***

**Chalice Christmas Gifts** When you donate through the Chalice Christmas Gifts Catalogue, you can change lives and you bless an unknown family in Christ. Catalogues will be available in November with the Parish bulletin. Please contact Caroline Fung at (604)266-0371 for details.



***Have a Safe  
Halloween***



Choose a Pumpkin:  
"Lord fill me with your  
wisdom and guidance"



Scoop out the insides:  
"Lord take out all of my  
fussies and frownies and fill  
me with your love"



Carve the eyes:  
"Lord, open my eyes to see  
all the beautiful things you  
have made."

### A Note About Halloween

Halloween, or ‘All Hallows’ Eve is the vigil for two wonderful Catholic Feast Days: All Saints Day (Nov 1) and All Souls Day (Nov 2). This 3 days ‘Hallowtide’ is a special time for us as Catholics to pray for and with the Saints who have lived before us – both the great Saints of the Church and the ‘little saints’ within our own ‘little church’ – our family. Saints are ‘Believers’ who take the Gospel seriously and live their lives in Christ. (In this regard each of us at our Baptism is called to be a saint). We are saints already!

On All Saints Day and All Souls Day we remember and pray ‘for’ and ‘with’ all who have died – especially our loved ones who have gone home to God. As Roman Catholics we always pray with the Communion of Saints. Remember, in Jesus, we live in a Holy Communion with the living and the dead. In Faith we believe that one day we shall see them again in heaven.

The Holy Days of Halloween challenge us to remember our Baptismal vows and that ghosts and goblins (our fears) are not more powerful than the light of the Holy Spirit within us. Jesus Christ tells us not to be afraid. Why? Jesus is Lord of all – the living and the dead – ALLELUIA!

Let’s welcome all who come ‘tricking and treating’ to our homes on Halloween because it is a form of alms-giving. Alms have always been given out on Holy Days ... at Halloween the names of the Saints spoke of the sweetness of Jesus’ goodness and love for all ... the love of Christ within the Saints could be felt, seen and dwell among us even though they lived now in heaven. May our celebration of these Holy days remind us of the sweetness of life in Jesus and the holy communion of saints...

**Project Advance** Thank you to those who have responded to this year's Project Advance – your pledge will make a huge difference in the life and soul of many people – the physical well being of the poor and physically challenged, the many who are lost and isolated for whatever reason, those wandering and seeking meaning and purpose in life, the many seeking the face of God and a spiritual home. Every gift to Project Advance matters and usually fills your soul with the joy of God. So please make your contribution or pledge – join our Parish and Archbishop in making Jesus and his compassion and hope a very real presence within our parishes, community and city.

### **CAH: Balancing Life, Faith, and Avoiding Common Career Mistakes**

Many young adults say they would like to have more support when discerning big life decisions, such as transitioning to new jobs, careers, or going back to school. Christian Dy will provide clarity and insight while borrowing from Ignatian spirituality and discernment to help all those who are searching. Come have a pint and enjoy some great Irish fare at the docks at Mahony and Sons on Nov. 15. Register at [rcav.org/catholic-after-hours](http://rcav.org/catholic-after-hours).

### **✠ 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.

**The Seniors Group** at Immaculate Conception Parish invites you to a Remembrance Day Sing-A-Long which will be held from 1:30-3:30pm on November 13 in the Jesuit Room. Music by Ed Gacek. Come prepared to sing. Song sheets will be provided. Refreshments will be served. Admission: \$5 per person. Donations will be made to several charities. Please contact Anne Monahan at (604)291-8378 for details.

### ***✍* Mark Your Calendars**

**Nov 3 at 7pm -**

*All Souls Memorial Mass and Reception*

**Nov 5 at Midnight -**

*Clocks Change! 'Fall Back 1 Hour'*

**Nov 13 - Seniors' Social (Contact Anne 604-2918378)**

**Dec 2 - Immaculate Conception School Christmas Fair**

**Dec 3 - First Sunday of Advent**

**Dec 4 at 7pm - Advent Confessions**

**Dec 5 - IC Women Christmas Potluck**

**Dec 8 - Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception**

### **Parish Census – 2017**

Over the past two Sundays we have taken a Census within our Parish (as did every other Parish in the Archdiocese). The *average* numbers tell us that there are '471' men, women and children who come to Worship each Sunday here at Immaculate Conception Parish.

This past weekend:

\*116 came to Worship at the Saturday 5pm Mass

\*89 came to Worship at the 8:30am Mass

\*161 came to Worship at the 10:00am Mass

\*93 came to Worship at the 11:30am Mass

In coming together to Worship as a Parish we are choosing to take the Gospel seriously, to share Good News with each other and to shape a future that is not yet – but promised! Sunday Worship roots our life in promise and hope.

### **Immaculate Conception School Mass: Thursday, Nov 2 at 11:00am**

### **Next Twilight Mass: November 5 at 8:00pm**



It is always so wonderful to gather on the first Sunday of the month at 8pm for this Eucharist.

'New' faces and 'regular' faces appear each month and we truly sense the hearts, minds and souls are fed, blessed, transformed and renewed. May this Liturgy help us to disciple those seeking to know God and to find a home within the Church. We hope to see you there!