

Christ the King Sunday November 26th, 2017

Stewardship Reflection:

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me"

- Matthew 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us, or when we have the time or the money. But generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness, or mercy when it's not convenient – when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

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SAVE THE DATE - One Conference 2018

The annual ONE Conference brings 1,000 parish and ministry leaders from across Catholic Vancouver together to connect, learn, and inspire each other. Mercy and Beyond: Sharing our Joy is the theme of the 2018 ONE Conference, and we will hear from two remarkable keynote speakers who have inspired thousands of people to receive God's mercy and share his joy with others. Sign up to get notified when registration opens at onecatholic.ca. The ONE Conference will be on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, at the Chandos Pattison Auditorium at Pacific Academy, Surrey. rcav.org/event/one-2018/

Advent Retreat - Love Incarnate: Understanding Christian Charity

All are welcome to this Advent Retreat led by Sister John Mary Sullivan and Fr. Jude Iloghalu on Saturday, Dec. 9, 9:30-11:30 am at Holy Rosary Hall, followed by confession and Mass. Admission is by donation. Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League.

St. Patrick Regional Secondary School is having their Open House on January 15, 2018 at 6pm. Application packages may be picked up in the school office during the Open House or from the school office after the 15th. Completed applications will only be accepted on Wednesday, Feb 7, 2018 from 3-6pm.

Mark Your Calendars

Dec 2 - Immaculate Conception School Christmas Fair

Dec 3 - First Sunday of Advent

Dec 4 at 7 pm - Advent Confessions

Dec 5 - IC Women Christmas Potluck

Dec 8 - Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception

"If you have two coats, one of them belongs to the poor" – Mother Teresa

The Knights of Columbus are again collecting warm winter clothing to be distributed by Catholic Charities to those people in need on the Downtown East Side. Men's, women's and children's clothing, gently-used but clean, will be accepted at the Parish Center until **December 4th**. Thank you for the overwhelming response last year.

The Knights are also collecting **Turkey Dollars** as offered by Stongs Market to deliver turkeys to DTES Catholic Charities and to the Covenant House on December 23. A collection box is located at the Church entrance. Thank you for your generosity.

Project Advance: Live Gratefully, Give Generously

Thank you to those who have responded to this year's Project Advance. Participation in Project Advance shows that we are striving to live the Gospel; people working and giving together, helping to make our community and lives richer through faith and service. This annual appeal makes our parishes vital communities and enables us to reach out to those who are struggling and marginalized. Every gift of Project Advance matters and usually fills your soul with the joy of God. So please make your contribution or pledge today if you have not done so. It's never too late. Tax receipts will be issued for donations received before **Dec 31, 2017**. There are forms available at the back of the church or you can donate online at www.rcav.org/giving, or contact the parish office.

Little Flower Academy is accepting applications from prospective Grade Eight candidates for the 2018-2019 school year. All students wishing to apply must sit the Entrance Exam on Saturday, Dec 9, 2017. To apply please fill out the online form on school website www.lfabc.org/apply or contact Kathi Wilson at (604)738-9016.



Saturday, December 2 from 8:30am – 1pm

SAVE THE DATE for our old-fashioned Christmas Fair! This year we will be introducing the Christmas Marketplace where there will be gift items of all kinds. If you are able to donate handmade crafts – Christmas ornaments, handknits, jams & jellies and other handcrafted items – or if you have a business making/selling handcrafted items and would like to book a table in our Marketplace – please contact Kim Jacob (778)994-9785 or kimberly.jacob@hotmail.com. Home baking donations are also very much appreciated, closer to the date – please contact Kim for more information.



Come early as seats are limited! Breakfast starts at 8:30am and we were told by the reindeers that Santa will arrive at 9am. Photo session with Santa will begin at 10:30am. Come join us!



Poinsettia Sale: 6" \$10 * 8" \$20
 We are offering poinsettias by pre-order again this year. Please contact Suzette at smmconsultants@gmail.com for details.

**Collections of Christmas Cards
 And 2018 Calendars**

Lois Beckett is collecting Christmas cards and simple 2018 calendars for the Prison Ministry. A collection box will be placed at the main entrance of the Parish Center from Dec 2 until Dec 17. Thank you in advance for your support.

Thank you to those who came to help out with the Sunday Coffee after the 10am mass. As a parish family we appreciate your dedication and participation in this weekly gathering.

Fr. Paul is currently away in Nova Scotia as his dad is very ill. Let us keep them in our prayers. May the Holy Spirit send upon them comfort and peace.

ICS Students will continue to sell Christmas Fair Raffle Tickets after Mass on Nov 25 & 26. Don't miss your chance to win one of our fabulous cash prizes. Tickets are \$5 each and only 4000 tickets are printed. The draw will take place at the Fair at 1230pm and tickets are also available in the school office. Thank you for supporting our Little Blue School!

 A poster for a Christmas potluck. It features a globe with a nativity scene inside, hanging from a pine branch. The text reads: 'FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN - UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN.' Below the globe, it says 'IC ParishWomen's Christmas Potluck'.

IC ParishWomen's Christmas Potluck

Come to the IC Parish Women's Potluck Dinner!
WHEN: Tuesday, December 5th
TIME: 6:00 PM
WHERE: The Jesuit Room
WHAT TO BRING: a friend, a bottle of wine to share, your favorite dish & if you choose, a cash donation for the Food Bank
QUESTIONS?
 Contact Susan Cordonier @ 604-738-3465 or Kathleen Gellard @ 604-261-4613
 Hope to see you there!

**FRIENDSHIP
 FOOD
 CHRISTMAS CAROLS
 CHRISTMAS BINGO & PRIZES**

A reminder that the Parish Center will be closed to all groups during the evenings of Nov 29 to Dec 1 as the school is setting up for the annual Christmas Fair.