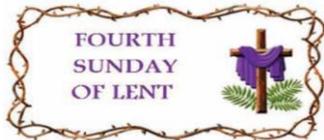


March 31st, 2019



Stewardship Reflection

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." (Joshua 5:12) Over the 40 years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.
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Share Lent 2019: Share the Journey

This Lenten season, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada invites you to share the journey with people forced to seek refuge, and to reach out and encounter them. Together, let's walk on the path of solidarity. The annual Solidarity Sunday collection for Development and Peace will be on Sunday, April 7, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generous solidarity is vital to the mission of Development and Peace and its ability to help, respect, and promote the poor.

A Walk Through Holy Week: A Lenten Retreat for all in Parish Ministry

Bishop Monroe will guide us and help us to ready our hearts to walk with Jesus as He journeys to the cross: from His Triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the Passover Supper with His disciples, His arrest, beating, crucifixion, death, and resurrection. The retreat includes: light dinner, talk, Adoration, Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, music. Cost: \$15. Friday, April 12, 6-9 pm - John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver. INFO: Ministries & Outreach Office: 604-683-0281.

CWL Lenten Day of Reflection

Please join us on this Lenten journey toward "Eucharistic Love". April 6, 9am-12noon at Rosary Hall, followed by the sacrament of reconciliation and Mass at 12:10 p.m. Our guest speaker is Sr. John Mary Sullivan, FSE. Sister will lead reflections on the Eucharist, the sacrament of love. Hosted by the CWL and Parish Community of the Holy Rosary Cathedral.

St. Patrick High School Raffle: Grade 12 students from St. Pat's will be coming to Immaculate on the weekend of May 4 & 5 to sell Raffle tickets. This raffle raises money for essential student programs at the school. Please support this wonderful high school!

❖ **Please Note: Friday, April 5th**
There will be NO Morning Mass on April 5th
due to special event.

Our Next Sunday Twilight Mass April 7 at 8pm



Twilight Mass is our little way at Immaculate to evangelize the many within our families and city who are seeking deeper meaning in lives and wandering in the hope of finding a faith community for their lives. Come join us and bring a friend with you. All are welcome!

IC School Mass

Parents and grandparents come join us at our monthly School Mass on **Wednesday, April 3 at 9am**. It is a moving experience to gather as a community to spend time with our beloved Jesus.

❖ **PREP at Immaculate:**
Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 2.
We look forward to seeing you!

Catholic Schools' Reconciliation Schedule:

St. Patrick High School – April 2
Little Flower Academy – April 3
Vancouver College – April 9
Immaculate Conception School – April 11 & 12
PREP – TBA

Immaculate Conception School ***Morning Refreshment*** ***for Seniors at Immaculate***



Please join us for tea and cookies, as well as some entertainment by our Immaculate Conception School students in the Seniors' Lounge of the Parish Center.

Holy Thursday, April 18 9:00-10:00 am

❖ **Please RSVP by phone to our school office**
at 604-224-5012 by Monday, April 8th.

Holy Hour and the Angelus



You are invited to come and spend some time in prayer every Wednesday during Lent. After Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be placed on the altar for Adoration until 12:30pm. We also invite you to place your prayer intentions in the Prayer Jar located in the Marian Chapel. Join us as we gather as a faith community to spend time with Jesus Christ.

◆ Lenten Blessing ◆

*May we all walk joyfully in the light of Christ.
May the Lord keep us brave and strong in time of trial, and fill our minds and hearts with love.*

Mark Your Calendar

Holy Hour and the Angelus – April 3, 10, 17
Palm Sunday – April 14
Taize Prayer at Immaculate – April 17
Holy Thursday – April 18
Good Friday – April 19
Easter Sunday – April 21
First Holy Communion – May 5
Confirmation – May 15
MayFair – May 25
KOC Pancake Breakfast for Altar Servers - Jun 23



CWL Membership Renewal

We are now accepting CWL membership renewals during the next two weeks. Thank you to those who have already renewed their membership. You can do this by giving the membership fee (\$35) to Dell or Caroline after the 10am Mass or to Lucy after the 5pm Mass. You may also give it to Kathy at the Parish Office. Please place your cheque/cash in an envelope with your name on it and update us if there is any change to address, phone number or email.

PLEASE JOIN US! You Are Invited to Join the Catholic Women's League at Immaculate

We are looking for new members! If you did not renew last year you are also invited to renew this year!!

2019 CWL Brunch: Sunday, April 28

Don't miss out on our Annual CWL Brunch. Come join us for fun, fellowship and sharing. All women in the Parish and their friends are welcome!

Date: Sunday, April 28 at 11:30am

Place: Shaughnessy Golf Club

Please contact Caroline 604-266-0371 for tickets

Condolences: As a Parish family we are saddened to hear the death of †Bill Charlton. Let us keep †Bill and his family in our prayers. Prayer Vigil and Funeral Mass will be held at Immaculate on the following dates:

Funeral Prayers:

Friday, April 5 at 7:00 pm

Funeral Mass:

Saturday, April 6 at 11:00 am

Eternal rest grant unto †Bill, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Amen.



Lenten Project at Immaculate:

Children Reaching Out to Children

'Children Reaching Out to Children' is an opportunity for the children in our parish to be in solidarity with children in another part of the world. This year we are going to reach out to the children in Cameroon. Many children in Cameroon are extremely poor and in need of basic things like paper and pencils. The children's collection will be sent to a catholic school in Cameroon to help them purchase basic school and sport supplies.

At our Sunday Masses during Lent all of our children will be invited to come up to the front of the Church with their offering (5 cents to a Toonie). A special basket will remain in front of the Altar for their offering throughout Lent.

At Easter we will send everything that is collected through this offering to school children in Cameroon.



On Saturday, April 6 and Sunday, April 7, our Parish will be hosting a Missionary priest from Cameroon – Father George. Father George will be speaking at the Saturday Vigil Mass and the Sunday Masses about the needs of the Catholic Church in Cameroon. In the name of Christ our Archbishop this year has invited us to welcome Father George among us. May we receive him warmly and reach out in solidarity with our Catholic sisters and brothers in Cameroon. The people in Cameroon – especially the Catholics – are suffering from a civil war and are in need our prayer and financial support.

May our 'Children Reaching Out to Children in Cameroon' this Lent inspire us to reach out to the Church in Cameroon!