

**February 17th, 2019**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Stewardship Reflection**

*“Blessed are you when people hate you ... exclude and insult you, and denounce your name ... on account of the Son of Man.” (Lk 6:22)*

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situation - Copyright © 2019 Archdiocese of St. Louis



If you have a child in Grade 7 (or and older child) and are hoping to have them celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this Spring at Immaculate would you be so kind as to contact the Parish office. We want to ensure that your child is registered for it as well as to prepare them and you their family for the Sacrament. This is a very special Sacrament and event in the life of our youth. (If you are at Immaculate Conception School or in PREP we already have you registered).

### **Wednesday, February 20 at 7:00 pm Taize Prayer Service at Immaculate**



Please join us for an contemplative prayer in the tradition of the Taizé community. The evening will feature candlelight, music, and time for quiet in the midst of our busy lives.

### **ICS School Mass *Our next monthly school Mass will be on Wednesday, March 6 at 9:00am.***



**Beatitudes of the Heart**  
**Blessed are the clean of heart; they will see God.**  
**Blessed are the humble of heart; they will find rest for their souls.**  
**Blessed are the warm hearted; they will radiate goodness.**  
**Blessed are those who work with the heart;**  
**they will find joy in their work.**  
**Blessed are those who set their hearts on the Kingdom of God;**  
**everything else will be given to them.**

### **Quotes:**

*‘We do not think ourselves into a new way of living, but we live ourselves into new ways of thinking.’*

- Richard Rohr ofm

*‘In the sight of God all humans are one, and one person is all people and all people are in one person.’*

-Julian of Norwich –English mystic and theologian –14<sup>th</sup> century

**40 days for Life Campaign begins** Join us for the annual 40 days for Life Campaign and pray for an end to abortion. Campaign begins Wednesday, March 6. Location: In front of the priests' residences, 4885 St. John Paul II Way, Vancouver. For more info contact Alba Stevenson, Campaign Coordinator at 604-299-4123.



**Immaculate Conception School** Please contact our school office if you are looking for a school for your children 604-224-5012. We are currently accepting applications from K-7 for September 2019.

### **❖ Winter Driving/Parking at the Church for Seniors:**

- 1) Now that winter is here all of us need to slow down – especially when we drive down our congested side streets toward the Church.
- 2) Our seniors and those with mobility issues need to be able to park close to the Church. If we are younger and mobile please leave the parking spots closest to the Church for our elder parishioners. There is plenty of parking at our parking lot behind the school.
- 3) We need to keep a ‘turn around’ spot at the end of 28<sup>th</sup> Ave in front of the Parish Center. It is marked with a barrier and a red traffic cone. This is a no parking area!! We are required by law to have it for Emergency response vehicles.
- 4) Thank you for your good will, honoring the needs of our seniors driving prudently!



***Liturgical / Sacramental Highlights:***

**Ash Wednesday – March 6, 2019**  
**Palm Sunday – April 14, 2019**  
**Holy Thursday – April 18, 2019**  
**Good Friday – April 19, 2019**  
**Easter Sunday – April 21, 2019**  
**First Communion – May 5, 2019**  
**Confirmation – May 15, 2019**

**❖ Special Holidays / Parish Events**

**Family Day Long Weekend – February 18**  
**IC School Spring Break – March 25 to 29**  
**MayFair 2019 – May 25**  
**KOC Pancake Breakfast for Altar Servers – Jun 30**

**Prayer for Healing**

Dear Lord of mercy, God of healing,  
 You are the one I turn to in moments and times  
 of need. I ask you to be with \_\_\_\_\_ who is in need  
 of healing. Psalm 107:20 says that you send out your  
 word and heal. So please, send your healing to \_\_\_\_\_  
 May \_\_\_\_\_ trust in your goodness and in your  
 presence while awaiting your healing touch.  
 All of this I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:**

***RCIA: Friday evening – 7:30pm***



RCIA is for adults who have a desire  
 to become a Catholic. If you have  
 been thinking or wondering about  
 becoming a Catholic and receiving  
 Holy Communion (Eucharist) at

Mass these informal gatherings are for you! Adults  
 Catholics who have never celebrated the Sacrament of  
 Confirmation are also encouraged to come to these  
 sessions if you would like to be Confirmed at Easter.  
 The RCIA sessions are led by Fr. Paul. We gather every  
 other Friday for an hour. The next gathering is Friday,  
 March 1 at 7:30pm – front lounge – Parish Center. For  
 more info please contact the parish office.

**Condolences:** Our prayers are with Mary Gacek  
 and family as they continue to grieve for a brother and  
 uncle - †Stephen Whalen. Mary and family kept vigil  
 with her brother as he died. The Funeral Mass was  
 celebrated at Immaculate on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. Eternal rest  
 grant unto †Stephen, O Lord, and let perpetual light  
 shine upon him. May the souls of the faithfully  
 departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

***Happy Family Day***

***to all our brothers  
 and sisters at Immaculate!***



***As a Parish Family we wish you all a  
 wonderful celebration of this holy day!***

***A Family Day Prayer***

Gracious and loving God, be with our family,  
 from the youngest to the oldest.  
 Lighting up our relationships,  
 sowing grace into our troubles.  
 God be with our family, weaving love into our work,  
 our rest, and our play. Amen.

**Sisters of Charity:** Sister Margaret Vickers entered  
 into eternal life on February 10, 2019. She died at the age of  
 91 after suffering a massive stroke the week earlier. Sister  
 Margaret was involved in the administration of Saint  
 Vincent's Hospital as well as the formation of what eventually  
 became Providence Health Care. Her funeral will be held in  
 Saint John at the motherhouse.  
 May perpetual light shine upon her as she enters into her  
 place among the saints in the Kingdom of God. Amen.

**Funeral Mass:** Our prayers are with the DesRoches  
 family from our Parish. Their mother †Laurette DesRoches  
 recently died at the UBC hospital. Her sons and daughter held  
 her in a circle of love in her last days. Her Funeral Mass will  
 be celebrated at St. Augustine's Parish on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at 1pm.  
 Immaculate Mary – welcome her into heaven where she will  
 know the fullness of the Father's love and the embrace of her  
 sons who died before her. May the joy of heaven wipe away  
 all of her tears. Amen.