

March 24th, 2019



Stewardship Reflection

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (Luke 13:7) We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

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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.

Spring is God's way of showing that after darkness there is always light. May you always look at the bright side of life. Have a beautiful spring season!



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. The raffle has great cash prizes. This raffle raises money for essential student programs at the school. I hope that our alumni from St. Pat's will give them an extra warm welcome – it is a wonderful high school.

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.

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

❖ **Please Note: Friday, April 5th**
There will be NO Morning Mass at 11am.
The Mass will be at 6pm in the evening.

Happy Spring Break

❖ **IC School Spring Break: March 25 – 29**
❖ **PREP at Immaculate:**
There will be no class on March 19 & 26.
Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 2.

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.

Save the Date!

2019 CWL Brunch – Sunday, April 28th
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



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!!

You might also think of asking a friend to join us!!

Who is She?

Who is the woman at the well?

She is the confused person, young or old, looking for meaning in life and wondering where to find it.

Who is the woman at the well?

She is the lonely person, young, middle aged, old,
who is looking for love, who has looked for it in the wrong place or tasted only its pleasures but not its joys.

Who is the woman at the well?

You and me when we fail, when we hate ourselves,
when we want freedom from our guilt, when we want to know that love can last,
that compassion can heal, that life is forever.

The truth that Jesus is God and he is a friend, the truth that love is a mystery and is around us,
The truth that God's love reaches deeply into us and is a wellspring forever.

This is the promise of Jesus, 'I will give you living water.'

If only we ask!



What We Fail to Do

It isn't the things we do, it's the things we leave undone, which give us a little heartache at the setting of the sun.
The gentle word forgotten, the note we did not write; the flowers we might have sent, are our haunting ghosts.

The stone we might have lifted out of our sister's or brother's way;

The little heart – felt counsel
we were too hurried too much to say.

The tender touch of the hand, the gentle and kindly tone;
which we have no time or thought for, with troubles enough of our own.

Missionary from 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.

Mark Your Calendar

Holy Hour and the Angelus – March 27,
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



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. We have a Missionary priest from Cameroon visiting our Archdiocese and he will be our liaison. During Lent Father George will join us one weekend to tell us about the Church in Cameroon. Archbishop Miller is asking that we as a Parish do what we can to help the Church in Cameroon. This hopefully will be a Lenten Project we can do together in the name of solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Cameroon. May our 'Children Reaching Out to Children in Cameroon' this Lent inspire us to reach out to the Church in Cameroon!