

**Jun 30th, 2019**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Stewardship Reflection**

*“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love.” (Galatians 5:13)*  
We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to “live the good life.” But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God’s work here on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.

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**Saint Joseph, Patron of Canada**  
**Pray For Us**



Saint Joseph, Patron of Canada, protector and guardian of our beloved homeland. Watch over the country and its people, as carefully as you watched over Jesus. Amen

**Parish Summer Office Hours:** 

**During the months of July & August ~**

**We are open Monday to Thursday:**

**9:30am – 1:30pm**



**Summer Ministry:** Father Paul will be away on holidays for the first three weeks in July. In his absence our beloved Father Ken will move from his status as Pastor ‘emeritus’ to ‘de facto’ Pastor. Father Ken

will preside at the weekday Masses along with a weekend Liturgy. Father Nick Meisl from St. Mark’s College will preside at the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> weekend Masses. Father Joseph Horo from OLPH will preside on the 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> weekend Masses.

As a Parish may we offer warm hospitality to Father Nick, Father Joseph and our own beloved Father Ken. Visiting and retired priests deeply appreciate gestures of kindness because replacement ministry is something they offer out of love. I am sure that Father Nick, Father Joseph and Father Ken would appreciate an invitation to go out for lunch or supper after Mass. I trust that we as a Parish family will offer such hospitality. *- Fr. Paul ofm*

☺ **Summer Holidays** We encourage families to do a search in advance where the local Catholic Church is located and try to make going Sunday Mass part of your itinerary. Remember that Holidays are also Holy-Days!

**A Bouquet of Gratitude:** A bouquet of gratitude goes out to every mom and dad – thank you for loving your children and being a deep well of grace and inspiration for them. If your children forget to tell you how grateful they are for your presence in their life please know that we in the parish witness how your children grow in wisdom and stature right before our eyes. At the end of the day it is you as mom and dad who shape and form fullness of soul within your children. As our Parish’s grade 7 children graduated on Wednesday, it was obvious how your ‘real presence’ shaped, formed and deepened their minds, hearts and souls.

As the saying goes ..the apple does not fall far from the tree. The integrity, promise and fullness of humanity we see in your children flows forth to them from you. As a Parish we are grateful that we can journey together with you and your children through the communion we share between our Parish and our ‘little blue school’. Thank you – mom and dad – for bringing your children into the world and making your children a priority in your life choices. Your parenting has rooted your children in faith, hope and love. 🌻

🌻 **A Bouquet of Gratitude:** As summer holidays approach let us pause to appreciate our Liturgical Ministers: Leaders of Song, Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, Sacristans. Throughout the year the various Liturgical Ministers exercise their Ministries with generosity, joy and fidelity. As a Parish community we are blessed in and through every one of our Liturgical Ministers. As we enter into our summer schedules may our Liturgical Ministers also experience refreshment through their summer holidays and summer schedule. Their Ministries are a labor of love which contributes to the dignity and beauty of our Eucharistic Liturgies at Immaculate. May God’s blessing be upon each of our Liturgical Ministers for responding to God’s call within their life and to serving the liturgical needs of our Parish family. May each of you have a blessed summer.



## Project Advance 2019: A Call to Stewardship



### How are you practicing 'Stewardship' of Time, Talent and Treasure?

*Stewardship is a Spiritual practice which leads us into a more authentic personal, family and community life.*

*Project Advance is a Fundraiser but also a call to something more. It is a call to practice 'Stewardship' in every aspect of our life.*



1) Stewardship of Time

If we 'Steward' time with family our family life can deepen and mature. If we do become a 'steward' of our family time the ebb and flow of life circumstances will undermine our family ties. Time spent with loved ones is a priority within a spirituality of Stewardship.

2) Stewardship of Talents

If we value something we have an obligation to sustain it through adding our personal talents to the mix. A good 'steward' of talents deepens the meaning of their own life as they commit to a project or relationship. We must choose the path we walk down. Discerning a community we value in which to offer our talents is a priority within a spirituality of Stewardship.

3) Stewardship of Treasure

Where our money is – so is our heart? If we 'tithes' to the Church it affirms that it is a place that we value and something close to our heart. The heart can place demands upon us because it speaks about what is at the core of our being. To financially support what we believe in and value is a priority within a Spirituality of Stewardship.

Your gift to Project Advance will keep the doors of Immaculate open and welcoming to all who come! May your gift to Project Advance and your practice of Stewardship deepen what you value in your Family life, revitalize our Parish life and deepen our Life with God.

### ❖ End of School Year Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for all the gifts You have given us throughout this school year. As school ends and summer begins, we voice our gratitude for all the great things You have done in us and through us. Let us pray that we all continue to be followers of Jesus and that God will watch over us and keep us safe throughout the summer months. Amen.

♦ ICS Summer Camps at the Parish Center: July 8 – 12 & 15 - 19

**Who Am I?** Join us for a two-weekend workshop to help you discover the gifts you bring to parish work; improve your relationships in leadership; increase your productivity in parish ministry; and develop your unique strengths as a parish leader, coordinator, or catechist. July 6, 7, 13, 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Center Vancouver. To register visit [www.rcav.org/event/who-am-i-14](http://www.rcav.org/event/who-am-i-14)



### ❖ Prayer for Canada Day

*Eternal God, whose reign extends from sea to sea and whose care endures throughout the ages, hear our prayers for our country:*

Grant wisdom to those who govern it and respect for human life and dignity to every citizen, so that justice may flourish, and all peoples live in unity and peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



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For those who would like to make Monthly Donations with their credit cards, please contact Kathy at the Parish office (604)224-5678 and she will take your credit card info from you at the office or by phone. Please do not send your card number via email. As a Parish family we gratefully thank you for your faith-filled support. May God bless you for your generosity and your love for Immaculate!