

Dec 8th, 2019
2nd Sunday of Advent



Stewardship Reflection

“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”(Matthew 3:10)

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent, and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter, and junk. Our time, our talent, and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

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Annual White Mass Join us to pray for the promotion of Catholic Healthcare Ethics at the Annual White Mass for Healthcare Workers celebrated by Archbishop Miller on Friday, Jan 20 at St. Augustine’s Church in Vancouver. Hosted by the Catholic Physicians Guild. For info contact 604-240-2725.

Project Advance 2019



Have you made your pledge for this year yet?

♦ **A 2019 tax receipt will be issued for donations received before Dec 25**

Project Advance is the major fundraiser that we have as Roman Catholics to enable us to do the ministry that Jesus asks from us as the Church. Thank you to all those who have made a gift. If you have not yet made a gift it is not too late! Every gift matters! Your gift enables us to bring the presence and goodness of Jesus to His people. Donations can be made online at www.rcav.org, at Masses or contact the Parish office.

❖ *The Sacrament of Reconciliation* ❖

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Reconciliation



IC Parish

Saturday, Dec 14th from 10:00am - 11:30am
Confessors: Father Ken, Father Joseph, Father Paul

Pastor’s Message ~ ICS Christmas Fair

As Pastor I want to express a huge note of appreciation to all who made the Christmas Fair such a community building experience. Our school leadership and our younger families work so well together. In holy communion they created something so beautiful that all of our hearts delighted – there were only smiles at the Christmas Fair – no frowns. How blessed we are that our school moms and dads give so generously of their time, talent and treasure. Our Christmas Fair truly creates a circle of goodness and joy that embraces young and old. This labor of love filled all of our hearts with the joy of God – a joy the children will hold forever within them. Could a more beautiful gift be given to our children? Through the ‘labor of love’ – be it from our moms and dads, quilters, KOC pancake makers, Cindy’s sewing, the presence of our school staff we no longer see ‘dimly’ into a mirror but experience the joy of God right here and now in our little blue school and humble little parish.

~ Fr. Paul ofm

Sacred Heart Convent School Alumnae Mass

In honor of the Immaculate Conception:

Eucharist, Sunday, Dec 8th at 4:00pm



This Sunday at 4:00pm the Alumnae from the Sacred Heart Convent School (Currently St. George’s School) are gathering to celebrate the *Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception*. All Alumnae are warmly invited to come home to Immaculate Conception in Dunbar to celebrate together at this special Mass. In honor of Mary Lilies will be brought up in honor of Mary as was the tradition

encouraged by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart ~ ‘O Mary, I offer you the Lilly of my heart, keep it and guard it forever.’

Vigil candles will be lit in memory of the Sacred Heart Nuns. Alumnae mothers who worked ever so faithfully alongside of the Mothers of the Sacred Heart will also be graciously remembered in prayer. May the lives of the Mothers of the Sacred Heart Nuns and the devotion of the mothers of the Sacred Heart alumnae inspire Faith, Hope and Love within us as we ponder, treasure and celebrate their faith, love, commitment and courage.



A note of Appreciation from the women at 'Talitha Koum'

On behalf of the clients, staff and Board at Talitha Koum, I would like to thank the community at Immaculate Conception and Musqueam for your generous support of our mission to assist the women and children who walk through our doors of TK'S houses. Our Mission not only empowers the women to lead more healthy and fulfilling lives, but also assists them in becoming open to and closer to God.

The women who spoke at the Masses were so appreciative of the welcome, acceptance and the kindness they received. This meant so much to them. Thank you again for your kindness and generosity, and for your willingness to walk with our women on their journey of recovery. May God bless your parishioners always.

From ~ Mary O'Neill - Board President - Talitha Koum Society



Advent Tree for 'Talitha Koum' Society



'Talitha Koum' Advent Tree: At the back of the Church there is a small Christmas tree. Each decoration names one item that Talitha House needs. If you would like to help them with their 'wish list' simply select a decoration of your choosing from the tree. Each decoration names one item that is needed.

Afterwards, place the item requested under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. All of the items requested are simple things that the women and children need. This might be a 'little' Christmas ministry that everyone in the family could help with?

Saint Anthony's Bread is an expression of devotion reminding us of Saint Anthony's love and aid to the poor.



The term – St. Anthony's Bread – became well known through a French woman who promised to feed the poor if St. Anthony would assist her with her prayer to God. Her prayer was answered. In appreciation for the blessing received she started feeding the poor from her small linen shop. She daily gave out loaves of bread in St. Anthony's name.

Mindful of this tradition and of the statue of St. Anthony at the back of the Church, our children in PREP – in the spirit of St. Anthony's Bread for the poor – are organizing a food drive to fill a Christmas Hamper for a family in need. If you would like to help with the food hamper we need canned cranberries, box stuffing, vegetables in jars, box pie crust, mincemeat pie filling, other non-perishable items and a gift card for a turkey. It is a wonderful grace that our children genuinely desire to reach out to a family in need.

ICS Christmas Fair 2019 This year's fair was another resounding success! We are still awaiting the final tally, but just as important as the financial aspect was the fair's success as a community event, bringing together students, parents, staff, parishioners, former ICS families, and neighbours. Thank you to all who participated by attending the fair, donating to the silent auction, sending in items during donation week, and so much more. An enormous debt of gratitude goes out to all our fair volunteers. Their leadership, dedication, and hard work were a big reason for the fair's success. At the top of the list is Christine Lee, the fair organizer, who spent countless hours behind the scenes, yet always had a smile on her face. We would also sincerely like to thank Sheila Yuen for organizing the raffle, Sarah Artuso for heading up the silent auction, the Fair Committee of Lesley Jackson, Carla Pachal, Sue Mete and Kim Norris, and all the booth leads, especially Diane Habans and the Knights of Columbus, who put on a breakfast for 368 people, and Peter Lee, who donated and served 97 specialty coffees. We are thankful to the entire Immaculate Conception community for participating so wholeheartedly! ~ Colette Foran ICS Principal



Thank You to all of you who participated in the Gift Cards Fundraiser at Immaculate to help us pay off our school's Seismic Upgrade Loan! Our next Gift Cards Fundraiser will be available in January 2020. Thank you for supporting our Parish school!



You can now **E-Transfer** or use your **Credit Card** to make donations to the Parish! You can E-Transfer your donations to the Parish to our Parish Accounting email: **IC_Accounting@shaw.ca** (Please note: no Password is required for E-Transfer).

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. As a Parish family we gratefully thank you for your faith-filled support. May God bless you for your generosity!