

APRIL 23, 2017

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'"

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

Believing is seeing! Stewardship is rooted in the belief that all we possess, the goods of this earth, the relationships we enjoy, the talent and abilities we have, even our opportunities are all created by and come from our good and gracious God. Having this belief, we see all of life with new lenses – it's all God's gift, and he desires for us to be good stewards of it all. In believing this basic truth about stewardship our eyes are further opened to seeing God's goodness and generosity everywhere around us.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Lorraine Cameron; Creg Rosales; Gail Krueger; Ruel Capili; Loreto Ciaccia; Jerry Schaab; Ryan Lehwald; Helen Kutty; Kellie Marchak; Ian Wilson; Maria Amato; John Pollard; Darlene Erskine; Leo Verstraete; Bearl Hall; Edna Cachero; Tom Luxford; Marie Connor; Dominga Carrion; William Tam; Gloria Peralta; Edward Chan; Ernesto Hidalgo; William O'Brien; Alex Cameron; Lawrence Cameron; Romeo Samson; Lorna Keras; Almira Steeds; Joanne McLeod; Vivian Tepoorten; Mildred Tamondong; Melody Carruthers, Agueda Rego, Maria B. & Francisca Ong.

If you have a relative who is sick in the hospital or at home, please let the rectory know so that we can arrange for a visit.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

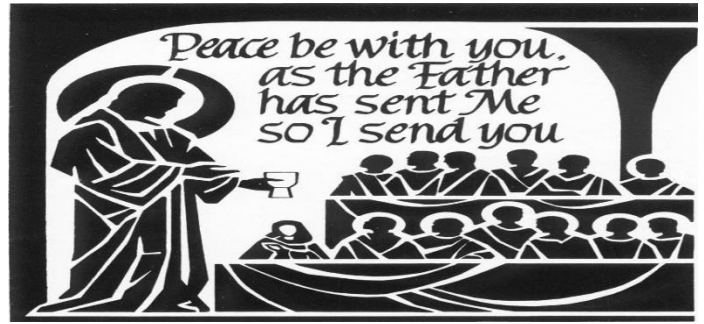
Francisco Acero

PROJECT ADVANCE

April 22/23 is IC Project Advance Volunteer Sunday. We are planning the 2017 Project Advance Campaign that will begin on May 6 & 7. Thank you to the people that have already signed up to volunteer. We need more volunteers for the 5:00pm, 8:30am and 4:00pm Masses. Signup sheets are available in the Gathering Area after all Masses.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday at IC Parish: April 23, 2017:
2:30pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Adoration.
3:00pm - Novena and Chaplet of Devine Mercy (sung)
Veneration and Blessing of the Image.



 **LIFE TEEN**
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

This Sunday, Apr. 23, 7pm: "Distorted" This 3rd part of the Sex Positive series is about how society has distorted the sacredness of our sexuality. Come talk about it with us!
Upcoming: April 29/30: We're serving Coffee & Juice after all the Masses! Come help us serve our community! If you can help, please let us know. Need some service hours? Let us help you!

Keep up to date and find out about upcoming events on Instagram, Snap Chat, Twitter and Facebook! (iclifeteen) For more information about Youth Ministry and Life Teen, please contact Faye
p: 604.785.6729 or e: icyouthmin@gmail.com

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All women of the Parish are invited to attend our year-end social on Wednesday, May 3 after the morning Mass. Come gather, share time and goodies with us. The Bible Study will resume in September.

PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE ELECTION

Are you interested in being part of the **Parish Education Committee** for Immaculate Conception School? This year we have three positions to be filled. Interested applicants may pick up a nomination form from the school or parish offices. Those eligible to vote for the Parish Education Committee are Catholics who have reached the age of 19 and who are registered, participating members of the parish. The voters' list will be available at the back of the church after each Mass on the weekends of May 13/14 and 20/21. For more information, please contact one of the nominating committee members: Theresa Dudar, Ann Kishor and Suzanna Topic or by emailing the school office at info@icdelta.com.

USE OF SUNDAY OFFERATORY ENVELOPES

Parishioners are requested to **write** clearly the name, address and amount of donation; **circle the amount** printed on our Sunday collection envelopes. This is required to reconcile the donation amount for tax receipt and accounting purposes. *Thank you.*

I.C. COMMUNITY FAIR – JUNE 10

Just a weekly reminder about the Fair. There will be Games2U with their spectacular rides and big games, magic shows, karate display, carnival games, BBQ and a vendor market. There are still a few more vendor tables left and we are looking for volunteers to help with the event. Sponsorships and donations are needed for entertainment and prizes. If you are interested to help make this another successful Fair or you (or your company) are interested in being a Sponsor/Donor, please contact **Jane Rashed** at jane_hidalgo@hotmail.com. Sponsorship and Vendor forms are also available at the Parish office.

I.C. SCHOOL – DRAMA CLUB & CHOIR



Come see the Broadway Junior version of Disney's The Lion King Jr., put on by the Immaculate Conception School Drama Club and Choir. The production will take place on **Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:30 pm, Thursday, May 4th at 1:30pm and 7:30pm and Friday, May 5th at 7:30pm** in the school gym. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 & under. Tickets can be ordered through the school office at 604.596.6116. Order your tickets soon!

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

For most post-abortive women, the forgiveness of God is a concept which they can mouth, yet difficult for them to digest. How can they feel forgiven when every instinct in their nature says they *cannot* be forgiven, even *should not* be forgiven? God can forgive any sin, even abortion. Come experience God's merciful forgiveness on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Next Retreat is May 2017. For confidential information and to register call 604.525.0999.

12 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE

Join the Catholic Women's League (CWL) for 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on May 4, 2017 and be a profound witness to the sanctity of human life. On this day, we encourage everyone to pray either at home or with your CWL parish council for palliative care and sign the petition to the House of Commons asking that hospice and palliative care be included as a defined medical service under the Canada Health Act. Petition is available online or at select parishes. To ensure that your parish will be participating, please contact your CWL parish council or visit <http://rcav.org/palliative-care/> for more info.

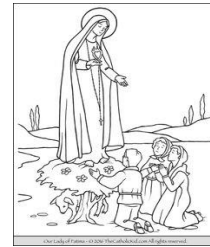


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MARCH FOR LIFE

MARCH FOR LIFE in Victoria will be on Thursday, May 11, 2017. Please join with us for this annual confirmation that life is sacred and abortion is a terrible sin and desecration of what it means to be a human being. Phone Mike 604.592.5110 to sign up to come with us, and for details. Thanks to all who have already done so.

100th ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA



IC Prayer Group is inviting everyone for a presentation to celebrate the centennial (1917-2017) of Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday, May 6th after the 9:00am Mass at the Church. The presentation of our invited guest who personally met the visionary, Lucia will consist of:

1. Why is the message of Fatima more important than ever?
2. A brief look at history: before, during and after the apparition in Fatima.
3. A 20-minute video clip of Fatima, narrated by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC.
4. PowerPoint presentation on: The Centrality of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Eucharist and the Rosary; The importance of Prayer and Penance; the reality of Heaven, Hell and Purgatory; Consecration to Our Lady.
5. What is our response and why is it critical?
6. Question and answer period.

Contact Lennie at 604.594.7296.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Parish Youth Ministry Coordinator, All Saints Parish (Part Time) This position will report to the Assistant Pastor and the Youth Ministry Advisory Board.

Administrative Assistant, Chancellor's Office (Full-Time & 1-year contract position) The Archdiocese of Vancouver is looking for two administrative professionals who are excited to work in a faith-based environment.

Parish Administrative Assistant, Holy Cross Parish (Full-Time) Holy Cross Parish in Burnaby is looking for a full-time Administrative Assistant. This position is the first point of contact for the parish.

For more information please go to rcav.org/employment/

