

# August 27th, 2017 Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today's *Gospel* deals with leadership in the *Church*. Jesus calls Peter "the rock," on which Christ will build his Church, and he promises Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven."

This Sunday, I suspect many Catholics will think of the papal transition which took place after the death of John Paul II. That event focused the world's attention on the papacy, and connects directly with this *Gospel* story.

Matthew's account reminds us that the Church, while established in the here-and-now, points to a further reality. Our faith is incarnational—it is rooted in both the human and the divine. Unfortunately, we often concentrate on the human aspects: The temporal business of the Church sometimes preoccupies all of us, including our leaders. The challenge of God's Word today is to keep a "heavenly" perspective in our understanding of leadership and service—for all who have that role in the Church.

Fr. Greg Friedman, O.F.M.



## Pre-authorized Debit

We offer pre-authorized debit as a way to simplify your Mass donation on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month and/or the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. If you are interested, please pick up a pre-authorized sheet from the Church foyer and hand it in to the parish office with a **void cheque**.

**We must sow the seed, not hoard it.**  
St. Dominic

## Ministries Sept. 3rd

9 am

### Lectors

Ann Daigle  
Patti McIntosh

### Extraordinary Ministers

Dan Burri  
Claudette Burri  
Warren Gaffney

### Intercessory Prayer

Joanne Wilczek

### Offertory Family

Chrobot

### Music

Donncha

### Altar Servers

Jakob. H.  
Liam F.  
Logan S.

### Hospitality Sunday

Elaine Hauck  
Ricci Dalton  
Gloria LePage  
Cathy Fedyk

11 am

Chris Paulsen  
Ursula Morris

Margaret Fuller  
Germaine Westle  
Arlene Zobl

Catherine Nolin-Hanlon

Hanlon

Bob

Veronika I.  
Finola H.  
Trayecen B.

Monica I.  
Beata Humphreys

## Parish Ministry

In a few weeks we will be asking you to be good stewards of your time and talents. We will be asking you to sign up for ministries in our Church – **Extra-ordinary Ministers of Communion, Lectors, Coffee Sunday, and Children's Liturgy**. We want to strongly encourage more of our young people to take on these ministries. More to come.

## Immaculate Conception School

The theme for the year is "**Caring for Everyone in Our Common Home.**" We are excited for the start of the school year. First day of classes is **Wednesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>**. We have some spaces available in Grades 5 & 6. For more details, please contact the school office at 250-964-4362.

## Children's Collection From the Water Bottle

The children raised from the water bottle **\$ 2,293.24** from July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017. The money was divided between:

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| Holy Childhood Association | \$764.41 |
| Children in Peru (MAMI)    | \$764.42 |
| Northern Uganda            | \$764.41 |

### Pictorial Directory

Pictures for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Parish's Pictorial Directory will be taken on:

**Friday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>** from 2 pm – 8 pm

**Saturday Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>** from 10 am -5 pm

**Sunday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>** from 2 pm – 6:30 pm

**Monday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 1:30 pm – 8:30 pm

**Tuesday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 1:30 pm – 8:30 pm

**Wednesday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>** from 1:30 pm – 8:30 pm

**Thursday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>** from 1:30 pm – 8:30 pm

**Friday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>** from 1:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Please phone Jean at the parish office to book your appointment at 250-964-4898. Anyone interested on working on this project, or for more information, please call Eva Gillis, 778-349-7001.

### RCIA/COME AND SEE

If you are one of the many non-Catholics who are part of Immaculate Conception and feel at home here, maybe you are considering becoming a full member of our Roman Catholic community, or you might just want to learn more about the Catholic Church, we will be starting an inquiry group on **Thursday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>**. For more information and registration email Fr. Chris at [frchrislynch@yahoo.ca](mailto:frchrislynch@yahoo.ca)

### Catechesis for Children

Children who are not registered in a Catholic School and wish to receive the sacraments here at Immaculate Conception will have to join the Family Faith Formation Program at St. Mary's. The program will begin on **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** from **2:30pm – 4pm** in St. Mary's School Gym. Please register at [stmarys.parish@shawcable.com](mailto:stmarys.parish@shawcable.com)

### First Holy Communion and Reconciliation 2017-2018

The dates for these Sacraments for children going into Grade 2, whose families are registered and regular members of Immaculate Conception Parish, will be announced later in September.

**Please note**, at Immaculate Conception we will no longer be doing First-and-Last Holy Communion. Please check other churches for that.

### Employment Opportunities

Teaching Positions with CISPG go to: <http://cispg.ca/employment-opportunities/>

Diocese of Prince George is seeking a Student Assistant for Youth and Young Adult Ministry. For more info, please call 250-964-4424.

### Refugees

The refugee family that we are sponsoring from Syria has arrived. Our family of 5 consists of two parents, 2 teenage boys, and a daughter.

### Wanted

Campbell soup labels with the UPC symbol intact, post cards, and used stamps, with 1/2" border. The proceeds from the sale of these items are used to provide cancer dressings to those patients in need, free of charge. Please place your items in the small black baskets on the table in the church foyer. Thank you!

### Development & Peace – Young Adult Retreat

This retreat "Journey to Justice" will take place on **September 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>** at St. Joseph's Parish, Salmon Arm, B.C. This is an opportunity to:

- Train and inspire young adults who are interested in taking on a leadership role with D & P.
- Create a network of diocesan Youth Reps who can support one another throughout the year.

The plan is to arrange car pools to cut costs and environmental impact. Billets will be provided in Salmon Arm to save on the cost of accommodation. Applicants must be 19 and older and the registration deadline is Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jeremy Laurie at 604-683-0281, ext. 50748 or email at [jlaurie@devp.org](mailto:jlaurie@devp.org) <<mailto:jlaurie@devp.org>>

### WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES (WMOF2018)-- August 2018 in Dublin, Ireland

The WMOF2018 website has been launched and can be accessed at the following links:

: <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>

The following link to the official promotional video on YouTube is also available:

: <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>

Online registration for individual pilgrims and families is now open. *Registration for parish/diocesan groups and organizations will go live during the coming week.*