

September 20, 2020

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time



I once heard a quotation, and I'm sorry I don't remember its source. But it went: "To believe in God is to know that all the rules will be fair, and that there will be wonderful surprises." Today's Scripture readings seem to turn such a saying upside down, or at least make us re-think, "What's fair."

The prophet Isaiah quotes God: "My thoughts are not your thoughts... your ways are not my ways." In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about a boss who insisted on paying everyone a full day's wage, including those who didn't work a full day. The response from some of the workers: "It's not fair!" In terms of Jesus' story, God's fairness is different from theirs.

Life often isn't fair, and people frequently blame God for that. The death of loved ones; God's seeming silence in response to prayers; the flaws in nature that give rise to disasters—all raise questions about God's "fairness." And yet there is also the amazing surprise ending to the parable—the generosity of the employer. Is Jesus trying to tell us something about God's fairness?

Today's Responsorial Psalm hints at it: It speaks of God's graciousness, mercy and kindness. Perhaps we're meant to delve deeper into what "fairness" means in human terms, so that we can understand it in God's terms—and to be open to God's "wonderful surprises."

From Father Greg Friedman, OFM
Sunday Soundbites



Today is Stewardship Sunday

What is Stewardship? It is about being caretakers of what we have. Caring for the material and human resources given to us and using them responsibly. Stewardship is giving of time, talent, and treasure. See insert for more.

Today we will review the "treasure" element of stewardship in our parish. Please see insert.

If you are able to share your time and talent find out the ways you can do that by calling the parish office or check out the **Ministries** tab our webpage or email frchrislynch@yahoo.ca.

How can you share your 'treasure'?

With one of the following:

1. **Envelopes:** Many have envelopes, continue to drop it in the basket when you come to Mass, mail or drop at the parish office. Office is open Monday to Friday from 9.30AM to 2:00PM. If you don't have an envelope and would like one, see Martha in the parish office.
2. **Pre-Authorized Debit:** To simplify your weekly giving; consider having your offering come directly from your account to ours. This option is available on a bi-weekly or monthly basis. If you are interested, please pick up an application form from the church foyer or access it on our webpage at <https://www.icparish.ca/> and [fill in your PAD application](#).
3. **E-transfer:** This is at your fingertips you can make the offering online. Registered through icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca for a direct deposit.

**A TAX RECEIPT WILL BE ISSUED FOR ALL DONATIONS.
THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO GET A BIT OF A TAX BREAK
AND TO SHARE YOUR TREASURE.**

Thank you for sharing your TIME, TALENT and TREASURE with Immaculate Conception Parish.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Sunday Collection of:	Sept 13, 2020
Envelopes	2623.00
Loose Change	166.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$2789.00
Holy Land	310.00
Children's Collection	\$ 15.50
Building/Grounds Collection(for roof)	\$ 490.00

Please make cheques payable to **RCEC IC Parish** or **RCEC Immaculate Conception Parish**.

SUNDAY MASSES

BEGINNING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020 AT 6:00PM THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL MASS IN ANTICIPATION FOR THE SUNDAY LITURGY, AS WELL AS OUR REGULAR SUNDAY MASSES AT 9:00AM, 11:00AM AND 7:00PM.

Please continue to go online or phone the office to register for Sunday Masses at regular times. We are trying to keep the number at 50 max according to Provincial Health guidelines.

Regular Daily Mass is celebrated at 9:00AM Monday thru Saturday.

Annual Appeal-Called Together



This year the focus of the appeal, **Called Together**, has changed in order to support those areas of the Diocese that require the most assistance in order to withstand the effects of the pandemic. Assistance will be given to smaller parishes, camps in the diocese and reduced support to youth and young adults program.

In addition, reduced amounts will go to our Catholic Schools, Outreach and Evangelization from the remaining balance.

The goal total goal for the Diocese is \$200,000.

OUR PARISH GOAL IS \$19, 804.00 .

Monthly Adoration

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, the 13th October** at the Domano Chapel.

Mass will be celebrated at **7:30AM** and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from **8:00AM – 8:00PM**.

Women's Discernment Group

All women ages 19-35 are invited to join the Women's Discernment Group for Vocations to Religious Life

This is a time to gather together, to enter into conversation, to grow, and to allow for discernment.

Over a sixteen-week period, beginning in October, a reading of Mother Clare Matthias' book '**Discerning Religious Life**' will take place.

Where ever you are in the Diocese, you are welcome to join (ZOOM will be used as the way to connect!) Please contact Lisa at lvfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca or phone 250-964-4424 (ext. 2109) for more information or to register.

Rachel's Vineyard Fall Retreats 2020

For a psychological & spiritual journey for healing.

If you or someone you know is suffering from post-abortion trauma, there is no need to suffer in silence.

Rachel's Vineyard is here to help!

[Visit Facebook Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna](#)

Kelowna Retreat: October 16-18

Call/email: 250-762-2273
info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

Cache Creek Retreat:

October 21-23

Call/text: 250-267-5081

rvkamloops@yahoo.ca

RCIA

Are you or anyone you know interested in the Catholic Faith?

The RCIA is a journey of faith for: Unbaptised Adults, Baptised Adults from another Christian Faith, and Baptised Adults from the Catholic Christian Faith who have not received their First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

Please contact at 250-964-4898 or email Fr. Chris at clynch@pgdiocese.ca - tentative start date for the formation program is end of October.

National Catholic Health Care Week 2020

October 4 – 10, 2020

This year, National Health Care Week seeks to build understanding, connection and trust about our mission and contribution as a Catholic health community in Canada's pandemic response. Please use the following resources to raise awareness in your organization and community

2020 Virtual Men's Retreat

October 3rd, 12:00 PM to 5:00PM

Sword & Shield "Our Sword is prayer, we are all called to lead in our faith"

Special guest speaker: Brett Powell

See poster in foyer for more details.

Please register by September 30, 2020 via email at 2020.sword.shield@gmail.com

Upcoming Parish and School Events:

- First Communion Celebrations, September 29, 30 & October 1, 2020
- Confirmation Celebrations October 6, 7 & 8, 2020

These will be celebrated with the children and their families only, this is to comply with Covid-19 protocols.