

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Sunday, August 20th, 2017

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) – 5:00 pm

Sunday – 8:30; 10:00; 11:30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri: - 9:00 am

****No Mass on Monday's**

Immaculate Conception School

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Special Prayers: As a Parish family let us hold the Gacek family in our love and Prayer. This past week +Rosa, the daughter-in-law of Ed and Mary Gacek and beloved wife of Richard died after a long battle with cancer. She was a young mom. The soul of her family is flooding with tears... in this dark night of the soul may our care, love and prayer hold them gently.

Funeral Prayers - Tuesday - 8 pm

Funeral Mass - Wednesday - 10 am

St Francis Of Assisi Parish

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy,
Hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this land of exile.
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us;
lead us home at last
and show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus:
O Clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Franciscan Retreat: The Franciscans – Friars Paul, Reg and Carlos will all be away from the Parish late Sunday evening until Friday. They will be gathering with the other Friars from across western Canada for their annual Retreat at Mount St. Francis just outside of Calgary. Our good and faithful Father Ken will be the Pastor here at Immaculate until the friars return. Please keep the Franciscans in your prayers while they are on Retreat. And take good care of our beloved Fr. Ken who is always such a blessing to our parish family here at Immaculate.

New Faces here at Immaculate!

A) We are pleased to announce that Kathy Mok will be the new Parish Office Manager here at Immaculate. She comes to us from the parish office over at OLPH! She will take over from Diane at the end of August.

B) Ruben and Rita – our school caretakers – whom many of us already know – will take over the care of the Parish Center and Church along with the School. They have already taken over from Ida who recently retired.

C) Franciscan Father Manoj Xalxo ofm will be our new associate Pastor come Sept. 1. Fr. Manoj comes to us from our Franciscan Friary in Edmonton. He was associate Pastor at the Basilica in the Archdiocese of Edmonton. Fr. Reg will continue to be in residence here at Immaculate but will now do Ministry among the international seafarers at the various Vancouver seaports.

Diane Kennedy has managed our Parish Office for the past 5 years. The kids in the parish especially appreciated the candy bowl that she kept filled on her desk for both young and old to enjoy. (She also kept dog treats in her desk drawer!) Diane's husband Don recently retired and now both of them will have the freedom to do more gardening, traveling, dance more and enjoy their family and grandchildren.

Ida Nardi has been here at Immaculate doing housekeeping and a thousand other tasks behind the scenes for 15 years. Knowing Ida she will be busier than ever caring for and loving her family, friends and Church. No doubt there will be some travel to be with family in Palm Springs too!

Fr. Regi Mathew has only been with us for a year (luckily he is too young to retire) – this September he is taking on a new Ministry for the Archdiocese. Fr. Regi will stay in residence here at Immaculate but minister outside of the Parish. (Another Franciscan priest, Manoj Xalxo will take over as Associate Pastor with Fr. Paul here at Immaculate. Fr. Regi will be working for the Archdiocese doing Sacramental Ministry and Pastoral Care as a team ministry with a married Deacon and lay ministers at the 4 major 'Seaports' within and surrounding Vancouver.