

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Sunday, August 27th, 2017

21st 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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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.

Stewardship Reflection:

“Who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?” – Rom 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot **give** the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is **return** a portion of God's many gifts back to him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!

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Curious about the role of Permanent Deacons?

A unique and special vocation, Deacons are official teachers and preachers of the Gospel, and they may preside at baptisms, marriages, funerals, and other forms of community prayers. They also share in the pastoral responsibilities of outreach, such as visiting the sick, the homebound, those imprisoned and in need. Men interested in this ordained ministry, along with their wives, are invited to an introductory seminar covering the history, theology and practicalities of the Permanent Diaconate. Sessions run Saturdays on Sept. 23rd, Oct. 28th and Nov. 19th. Register at www.stmarkscollege.ca/programs/deacon.

Pro – life Mass & Prayer Vigil

All Masses at 9:00 AM – Rosary to follow at nearby hospital

Sept. 2 nd	All Saints Parish, Coquitlam
Oct. 7 th	St. Andrew's Parish, Vancouver
Nov. 4 th	Immaculate Conception, Delta
Dec. 2 nd	Holy Family Parish, Vancouver
Dec. 28 th	Annual Mass for Life, Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver
	Rosary at 11:30 am, Mass at 12:10 pm

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.