

APRIL 16, 2017

**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD:
EASTER SUNDAY**

“I have risen, and I am with you still.”

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Each year at Easter Vigil we renew our baptismal promises. Our baptism changes us forever. Baptism calls us to be Disciples of Christ. Responding to the call to follow Jesus involves many choices – choosing a lifestyle of stewardship is the response of an authentic disciple. Stewardship is to walk the road of joy. When we take care to cultivate and share our gifts we experience the joy of returning our gifts to God with increase. Today we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection, which changed our world forever. How might your discipleship and stewardship change your world, and the world around you this year?

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.

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

Janet Forsey, Agnes Ong

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. Sign up sheets will be located in the Gathering Area after all Masses.

I.C. PRAYER GROUP – PRESENTATION

The IC Prayer Group is inviting everyone for a presentation to celebrate the Centenary of Fatima on Saturday, May 6 after the 9am Mass in the Church. Why is the message of Fatima more important today than ever? What is our response and why is it critical?



PASTOR’S EASTER MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is alive! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

I would like to express a warm welcome to all of you and to everyone visiting with us from other places or faith backgrounds. Today our celebration is the greatest of all feasts, for in Easter everything is fulfilled. The scripture is fulfilled in Jesus’ resurrection. Because of Jesus’ rising to life, we too are brought to life.

As we receive new life in God this Easter, how can we nurture it and enjoy it fully? How can we share this new life with others so that they may also have new life to cherish and to share? Let us strive to: **Be a person of faith.** It is faith that would lead us to accept that God is the source of all life and of everything. **Be a person of hope.** Even if what we asked from God is not realized, we will still pray and hope for it. A hopeful person puts their faith and complete trust in the Lord. **Be a person of love.** Love changes everything, love transforms lives. It is love that makes us persons; that makes us more selfless and kind; that leads us to commit to a cause and help others. Love is the reason why God created us, saved us, and sanctified us.

At the Easter Vigil, we warmly welcome 11 new Catholics into our parish family. They have finally arrived at the celebration they have been preparing for. We look forward to walking with them on their journey of faith. May God grant them light and strength to follow Christ with a resolute heart and to profess the faith of the Church.

On behalf of Fr. Camillus and Fr. Paul, I would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all choir members, ushers, greeters, lectors, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, decorators, altar servers, sacristans, religious education teachers, IC School Community, and our staff of workers for their dedicated and loving service to our parish. Indeed, we are blessed with selfless and loving followers of Christ.

May the Risen Lord bless each and everyone of you and your loved ones. Happy Easter!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Amador M. Abundo

Next 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, SnapChat, 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

CWL MEETING

CWL Meeting on Thursday, April 20. Mass begins at 6pm followed by the meeting at 7pm in the Gathering Area. Kindly bring finger food to share.

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.

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!

WOMEN IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The question of whether or not women should be pastors and deacons is under debate within many churches. Both sides of the argument stir strongly held beliefs, which is why the role of women in the Church is a top issue. Learn about these issues and how best to handle the questions: What positions should women hold within the Church? Some say women can serve in the highest office of Church leadership while others would prefer to exclude women. What does the Bible say? This workshop is presented by Ikponwosa "I.K." Ero, a member of Catholic Voices Academy who works as an international advocate and legal officer for a Christian charity. Course cost is \$40 and includes lunch on Saturday, April 29, from 10am to 4pm at Holy Cross Secondary, Surrey. For more information and registration visit: <http://rcav.org/oc-spring>.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Maintenance Handyperson, St. Anthony of Padua Parish (Full Time)

St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Vancouver is looking for a Maintenance Handyperson to support the parish, which includes the school, church and rental property.
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.

Accountant, Diocese of Prince George (Full-Time)

The Diocese of Prince George is looking for an Accountant. This position reports to the Financial Administrator.

For more info, see rcav.org/employment