

AUGUST 27, 2017

**21ST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

*“You are Peter, and on this rock
I will build my Church.”*

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!

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; Ernesto Hidalgo; Alex Cameron; Lawrence Cameron; Almira Steeds; Joanne McLeod; Vivian Tepoorten; Mildred Tamondong; Melody Carruthers; Roger Charbonneau; Maria B; Cliff Maxwell; Brian Vint; Todd Hounsel; Sandrine Hanna & Celeste Racanelli.

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

Tom Valentin & Giuseppe Ghilarducci

PRO-LIFE

Annual Surrey Delta Pro Life WALK FOR LIFE will be held on Saturday, September 16 from 10:00am at the Cloverdale Catholic School, 17511-59th Avenue, Surrey. Please get together with your friends and come out and support Pro-Life, by walking for life. Rides available from Immaculate Conception Church - call Mike 604.592.5110.

I.C. CHANGE INITIATIVE

Please encourage your children to donate some of their loose change in the two boxes marked ‘I.C. Change Initiative’ located at the entrance of the church and the other next to Our Lady’s statue. The proceeds will be forwarded to our Building Fund.



Tonight, Sunday, Aug. 27, 8pm – 10pm: “Movie Night”

We’re going to watch an outdoor movie behind the church! Bring a lawn chair, a blanket, bug spray and a snack to share. If the weather is wet, we will still be showing the movie, but moving it indoors.

Please pray for the 6 youth and 1 adult leader from our parish going to Searching in the Spirit this coming week, that they may have a fruitful and safe week.

We’re looking for adult leaders (aged 19-30 years old) who are interested in working with teens and pre-teens. If that’s you, contact Faye or keep an eye out for the Life Teen promotion week-end.

IC Life Teen is open to all those who are in high school and those who just finished off their Grade 7 year.

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



PARISH LIBRARY

Summer fun and prizes in the Parish Library after Mass today! Join in the Summer Reading Adventure! Only 2 weeks left! Read a book and enter to win! Also, can you answer this week's Quiz Question for another chance to win! **Question:** What term describes the changing of bread and wine into the Precious Body and Blood of Christ? (Hint: not Consecration) Correct answers receive an instant prize!

Visit www.icparishlibrary.com for more details.

DONATION OF PLANTS

We would like to enhance the appearance of our gardens around the church. If you have any **perennial** plants or small shrubs **preferably floral**, that we could use, please leave them in pots, next to the bell tower near the rectory. Thank you for your generosity.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION FOR VOCATIONS

Every Parish in the Archdiocese is asked to host a Forty Hours devotion, which is especially offered for vocations. This year we will once again be using the special Monstrance of the Vocations office. Come and pray before the Lord who is present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Our three designated days are:

Wednesday Aug. 30 - 12noon – 6:30pm
Thursday Aug. 31 - 12noon – 9pm
Friday Sept. 1 - After 8:15am Mass – 6:30pm

LUKE 15 HOUSE: HEALING SEMINAR

Join us for a healing seminar with Andrew Pigg who currently lives in Auckland, New Zealand, and has had a healing ministry for over 30 years. The seminar will be held at our Parish on September 11 and 12, from 6:45pm to 9:30pm on both nights. As part of Luke 15 House 25th anniversary celebrations the primary focus is healing from the bondage of addiction. All are invited.

TIME TO REGISTER (OR VOLUNTEER) FOR PREP

Catechism (PREP) welcomes public school children in grades 1–7 back to classes on Tues., Sept. 12 at 6:30 pm. Register now by phone, or pick up a blue registration form in the church.

Call Yvonne Valiant at 604-596-4004 or email icprep@dccnet.com if you have an older child with no catechism or need class on another evening. Please register/renew before Sept 1 to ensure your child can participate on the first evening of classes.

If you can help us share God's message of love, we always need help, in the form of classroom teachers (catechists) or classroom assistants. Support is available for those new to teaching – call soon!

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Star of the Sea school is looking for an intermediate classroom teacher for the 2017-18 school year. Any interested applicants or inquiries may be directed to Nicole Regush at nregush@starofthesea.ca or 604.531.6316.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Discover human nature as the "Gift of Self" in our relationship with God and one another through 'Theology of the Body'. Sessions begin this fall: Sept. 11, Sept. 13 and Sept. 14. For venue, timings and registration, please visit online at rcav.org/tob.

PROJECT ADVANCE APPEAL 2017

Our parish is making steady progress towards our Project Advance goal of \$3 million and our parish goal of **\$82,000**.

Our participation rate is at **19.1%** which is **382 families participating**. It is not too late to make a gift. Every gift no matter the size will make a difference in our community. **Please consider making a gift today to Project Advance.**

Gifts can be made online at www.projectadvance.ca where you can designate our parish as the recipient or by completing a pledge card and returning it to the parish. **Thank you so much for your support.**



RCIA PERIOD OF ENQUIRY

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) You can pre-register at the Parish office. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic, or already Catholic and would like to learn more about their faith, or have not made their First Communion or been Confirmed, then this program is for you. There is no registration fee & materials are provided. If you would like to serve the Lord as a sponsor by journeying with someone who is going through RCIA, please call the Parish Office: 604.591.2271.

Sept 6th :Registration and Welcome: Expectations and Overview: Q & A
13th: The Existence of God / God: Our Loving Creator
20th :Jesus: Lord and Messiah / Jesus: Teacher and Saviour
27th :Holy Spirit: Power of Love
Oct 4th :The Blessed Trinity : Unity in Community
11th: People of God / The Church: One , Holy, Catholic & Apostolic
18th:Mass Explained Celebrating the Paschal Mystery
25th: The Communion of Saints and the Blessed Mother
Nov 1st: Salvation History
8/15th : Church History I, II
22nd : Christian Destiny: Last Things
29th : Advent

While we encourage Parishioners to attend the course in full, drop-ins are welcome. Classes start at 7.30pm every Wednesday.

MEN'S RETREAT

On September 29th till October 1st, men from all over the Archdiocese will be gathering for the Archdiocesan sponsored Men's Retreat at Rockridge Canyon, Princeton-BC. Cost is \$285 and registration opens on August 1st until September 15th. For more info and to register, visit www.liferestoration.ca/mens-retreat.