

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY JUN 16: 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm CFC-YFL (School Gym)

6:20pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

MONDAY JUN 17:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

TUESDAY JUN 18:

6:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

7:00pm CWL (School Gym)

7:00pm Hands of Veronica (Rectory Dining)

7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY JUN 19:

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

7:40pm YOUCAT (Church Basement)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY JUN 20:

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY JUN 21: ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY JUN 22:

9:15am DNA (Rectory Basement)

12:00pm YM Basketball (School Gym)

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)

1:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)

6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

SUNDAY JUN 23: 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church Basement)

2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

3:00pm Filipino Mass (Church)

6:20pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

PARISH INFORMATION

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS: Monday - Friday: 8:00am

Weekday Morning Rosary 7:00am / Weekday Morning Lauds 7:30am

WEEKDAY EVENING MASS: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7pm
followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:00pm

SATURDAY MASS: Our Lady's Mass 8:30am

SUNDAY MASS: Anticipated Mass Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am / 9:30am / 11:15am / 1:00pm / 5:00pm / 7:00pm

FILIPINO MASS: every 2nd & 4th Sunday 3:00pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:

Wednesday 6:00pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:

Thursday: 8:00am & Saturday: 8:30am

DIVINE MERCY: Friday 3:00pm & 6:15pm

FIRST FRIDAY: Adoration throughout the day after morning Mass

CONFESSION:

Weekdays: After all Masses (except Thursday Evening Mass)

Saturday: 9:00am-9:30am, 4:15pm- 4:55pm, 6:10pm- 7:00pm

Sunday: Before & After all Masses

An appointment for confession may be made through the Parish Office

HOLY COMMUNION: Available to shut-ins. Contact Parish Office.

BAPTISM: To register your child, see website or contact Parish Office.

MARRIAGE: One of the couple must be Catholic and a parishioner of St. Mary's Parish before requesting the sacrament of marriage. Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the wedding date to register for the required diocesan Marriage Preparation Course.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

Coordinator: Edwin Cruz

Email:rcia.smarv@rcav.org.

PREP/TEEN PREP: Catechism Program for children attending public schools on Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm/ Teen Prep Tuesdays only

Coordinator: Edwin Cruz

E-mail: prep.smarv@rcav.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Coordinator: Rocelyn Catris

Email: youth.smarv@rcav.org

Website: www.marysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 6:00pm

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PASTORS & STAFF

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*Pastor's
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LOVE OR CONDEMNATION?

Today's Gospel speaks about the encounter of Jesus, a Pharisee and a public sinner. The Pharisee is a "religious enforcer." You have met them in today's life. The "religious enforcer" is quick to detect all the sins of others, whether these sins are moral, liturgical or doctrinal "error." These "law enforcers" usually see confessions as a laundry job, prepared by a long examination of conscience, checking a list of 99 possible sins.

Pope Francis in his homily of April 29 said the Confessional is not a "dry cleaner" where our sins are automatically washed away...and then we get dirty again, and go back. Even though we have to confess the same sins over and over again for many years— and that has been my case too! - there is a better way to understand sin and confession. Rather than focusing on each individual sin committed, let us think of sin as a state of sin. We are all sinful not because we are full of a big number of sins, but because we are marked through and through by a state of sin. St. Augustine defined sin as being "caved in on oneself." Dante described it as being stuck in ice, being frozen. In the 20th century, we use words like alienation and separation. Fr. Barron said in his homily #492, that "to be in sin is to be cut off from the deepest source of life. It is to have severed your link to God." Certain things will follow from that state of sin. If you are cut off from God, the source of life, you will become afraid and live your life defensively, "caving in around yourself" (St. Augustine.) And then, in your fear, you will start grasping and clinging to those things that you think you need in order to survive. Those things are usually power, pleasure, money and possessions, prestige and honour and recognition. You try to fill up your life with more and more of these, to avoid sadness and a sense of failure.

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What else follows from being cut off from God? You will see your fellow human beings as threats! Yes, because other people can take the title of power, job, pleasure, money and honour that is out there to get. It is a scarce environment. So you attack others, defend yourself against them. You are led to icy alienation and separation. So we can see that sin, being cut off from God, conduces to all the familiar sins, all those forms, of hatred and cruelty, all gossiping, all slander, all maliciousness, all adultery. These come from that underlying state of being in the state of sin, of being cut off from God. Good confessors and spiritual directors learn to look beyond symptoms to underlying causes. Much like a doctor who does not simply treat symptoms but looks to the underlying disease.

Jesus is interested in that deep down spiritual disease that manifests itself in the numerous sins on the surface. But we tend to tell others "Stop doing these sins, you are so bad." This is not very helpful, because we, sinners, know that to be aware of a particular sin and to stop doing it are two very different things.

How does this work? What do I mean when I say we need to be re-connected to the very Source of Life? Suppose you are dealing with the sin of lust. Listen to what you are feeling inside when you are most tempted. Is it loneliness or anger, or a sense of being rejected, not wanted? Is it fear, or a sense of failure, or hopelessness? What are the circumstances that trigger your sin? Ask Him to unblock that Source which wants to flow in your heart. Jesus said in John 7, "Those who believe in me, their hearts will drink to that fountain of Living Water (The Holy Spirit) which flows in them" and He said, "Whoever drinks this water (possessions, power, honour) will get thirsty again, but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life." (John 4: 13-14) What is that Source of Living Water? The Holy Spirit who is Love. That is why the sinful but forgiven woman abounds with love, joy and gratitude, while the Pharisee is grumbling against Jesus and shows no love. The woman chose to live from the abundance of the Source. The Pharisee lives in a world of scarcity and condemnation.



God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE

We are now at \$100,530, having reached the Diocesan goal. Now we focus on our Parish goal of \$200,000! All funds received after this first \$100,000 remain at the parish for the parish building fund, except for the \$6000 administration expense paid to the Archdiocese. Please continue to give online at rcav.org and through the pledge forms found in the pews. Thank you all for your generosity!



FOOD PREPARATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Youth Ministry offers opportunities for people with interest and/or skills in food preparation. No experience is required. Please share your time and/or talents with the young people of our community. To apply, contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext. 247 or email youth.smarv@rcav.org.

BIBLE STUDY

In the BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY today, we will study the return from exile of the remnant of God's people. The books of **Ezra and Nehemiah** narrate how they revived the worship of God in the Temple. Join us Sunday evenings at 6:20pm in the Church basement.

YOUCAT

This Wednesday, June 19, in EXPLORING YOUCAT, we will learn about the **Sacrament of Holy Orders** - what it means, why it is important in the history of the Church, who can be a priest, why do priests live a celibate life, and what is the universal priesthood. Join us in the Church basement Wednesday evenings after Mass.

PRO-LIFE COLLECTION

Next weekend, June 22/23 there will be a special collection for Pro-Life. Please give generously.

INTERNATIONAL FAIR PROCESSION

Children who received their First Communion in May are invited to participate in the Marian procession on Friday, Sept. 6 at 8pm, wearing their First Communion attire. They will lead the procession. Please contact Lynda Tamayo at lyndaqtamayo@yahoo.com for more details and to register your child.

USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of ushers at the Sunday 5pm and 7pm Masses. If interested, please fill out the yellow volunteer form found in the foyer or on the parish website.

PARISH NEWS

ANGELIC WARFARE CONFRATERNITY

Do you struggle to keep chastity? Stop battling alone and join the undefeated army of saints and angels! The Angelic Warfare Confraternity is a supernatural fellowship of men and women of all states of life bound to one another in love and dedicated to pursuing and promoting chastity together under the powerful patronage of St. Thomas Aquinas and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Everyone is welcome to the Enrolment Ceremony on Monday June 24 at 7pm in the Church. Bring \$8 for the cord, medal and booklets. Before the ceremony, please read the Catechesis on the website to learn more: www.angelicwarfareconfraternity.org.

"ALLELUIA" AN INSPIRING CBC DOCUMENTARY

Jonathan, Simon, Daniel and Julian are all 19 to 24 years old. After radical conversions, they decided to become Dominican friars. The film follows their unique stories as postulants and novices, with a thoughtful look at the presence and relevance of religious life in the present day. Everyone is welcome on Thursday June 20 at 7:40pm in the Church basement. Watch the Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/54477946>.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday, June 18 will be our last prayer session before summer. We will resume our regular weekly prayer meetings starting September 3, 2013, same time and place.

ARC CHARISMATIC LEADERS' MEETING

On Sat Jun 29, there will be a charismatic leaders' meeting organised by ARC (Archdiocese Renewal Committee) at St. Francis de Sales parish, 6610 Balmoral Street, Bby., from 10am-noon. Fr. Gabriel will give a talk. The meeting is for current and future leaders. All are welcome.

KIDNEY DONATION APPEAL

Long time parishioner seeking donation of a kidney. If this is something you would consider, please contact St. Paul's Hospital 604-806-9027, donornurse@providencehealth.bc.ca or Shirley at 604-488-2803.

DIOCESAN NEWS

VOCATION LIVE-IN FOR MEN

There will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life July 5-7, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission. More information call 604-826-8715.