THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY AUG 18: 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)
6:20pm Bible Study (Church Basement)
MONDAY AUG 19:
6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
TUESDAY AUG 20: ST. BERNARD
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
WEDNESDAY AUG 21: ST. PIUS X
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm YOUCAT (Church Basement)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
THURSDAY AUG 22: QUEENSHIP OF MARY
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:30pm Prayer for Priests (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
FRIDAY AUG 23:
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
SATURDAY AUG 24: ST. BARTHOLEMEW
10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
10:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
1:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church)
6:30pm CFC (School Gym)
SUNDAY AUG 25: 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

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.
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Pastor's Corner

JESUS CHRIST, THE TROUBLEMAKER IN A DYSFUNCTIONAL HUMANITY

Jesus said in today's Gospel, "Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three, they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother…" (Luke 12: 52-53)

In a dysfunctional family, a child who is abused by his father or mother, may try to seek help from one of the parents or a sibling. But ninety percent of the time, he will be told that he is lying and to shut up in order to save the family peace. But is this peace authentic? No, it is a false peace, that required complicity of its members to stifle the victims, so to save the honour and good reputation of the family. It is a peace that is built on lies and FEAR. Fear of being punished if I speak out, fear of being rejected, of losing my home. It takes someone from the outside of the family to break that false peace, that false order in order to build an authentic peace based on truth and love. Love isn't real until it is based on truth. Now, that outsider who came to break those lies and rebuild the family on solid foundations will, at first, be perceived by everybody as a troublemaker. He will divide the family, he will face rejections, even from the victim he is trying to help.

That is what Jesus did for us and He is still doing it. He looks like a troublemaker because He has to destroy the false peace, the false order, to bring God's peace and God's order. Our world is like a large dysfunctional family. Fr. Robert Barron reminds us of G. K. Chesterton's famous line, "We are all on the same boat and we are all seasick." Jesus has to come in and expose our sins, our lies, our false security, our sinful pride. He has to burn away all that is keeping us from Him. And then we can, with His Grace, get rid of the

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burden of sins, of all that is pulling us in opposite directions, so that we can run freely, our eyes fixed on the Kingdom of love, truth and fruitfulness. That is why Jesus came to cast a fire on earth. That fire may be felt or perceived by us as harsh punishment, if we are in the false peace. But it will be perceived as a loving embrace when we are in the true peace. It is for us to choose!

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL SALES

The International Festival is only 3 weeks away! After all Masses this weekend we are selling tickets for the Gala night, and veils for the Marian procession. Please see the volunteers in the foyer.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers (by shift) in the following areas: entrance ticket gate, cashiers, photo booth, filling balloons with helium. Please see the volunteers in the foyer.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL CHILDREN REQUIRED

We are requesting all children who received their First Communion this past May to participate in the Marian procession on Sept. 6. Please see the volunteers in the foyer.

CALLING ALL SENIORS

Calling all seniors to serve coffee, tea and baked treats at the International Festival! Senior Chalet tent will be provided. Please see the volunteers in the foyer.

MINISTRY PHOTOS

All ministry photos taken last Sunday will be available for sale in the foyer after all Masses this weekend, Aug 17/18.

PARISH NEWS

COUPLES FOR CHRIST—CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

Couples for Christ is inviting all married couples, widows or widowers, and separated Catholics to a Christian Life Program that will start on August 31 at 7pm in the Church Basement. Fellowship and free light snacks follow. The program is free but preregistration is requested. To register or to inquire, please call: Andy Palanca 778-988-3835; Choco Gonzales 604-307-5719 or Ricky Ysonza 778-855-0398.

HANDS OF VERONICA

We visit and bring Holy Communion to those confined at home or are in care facilities. If you think you might be called to serve the parish in this ministry please contact Barry Desmond (thomasde@telus.net) or 604-327-5425. We can always use more willing hands.

RCIA

If you have family and friends who are interested in becoming Catholic, the RCIA program is currently accepting registration. The program is also for Catholics who want to rediscover and deepen their faith. For more information, please contact the RCIA coordinator at 604-435-9611 ext. 5 or email rcia.smarv@rcav.org.

RCIA NEEDS SPONSORS

Do you desire to help someone journey toward faith in Jesus Christ and His Holy Catholic Church? RCIA is looking for devoted, faithful Catholics to be sponsors for inquirers who want to learn about the Catholic Faith. If you sense the Lord calling you to this important ministry, please contact the RCIA coordinator at 604-435-9611 ext. 5 or rcia.smarv@rcav.org for more details and information.

RCIA NEEDS MONTHLY FOOD PROVIDERS

We are in need of volunteers to provide treats for our RCIA sessions. If interested, please contact the RCIA coordinator at 604-435-9611 ext. 5 or rcia.smarv@rcav.org for more details and information.

STREET MINISTRY

St. Mary's Street Ministry is looking for midnight outreach volunteers. Volunteers must be female, non-judgmental, able to stay calm in all situations, able to follow leader's instructions, good listeners, team players, prayerful, adhere to the teachings of the Catholic Church, and preferably have a car. Opportunities available Tuesday to Saturday from around 10:30pm –1am. If interested, please contact Mildred 778-885-9611 or email mmoy_ca@yahoo.com.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

This Sunday, Aug 18, is the last session of the BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY. Join us at 6:20pm in the Church basement.

YOUCAT

This Wednesday, August 21, in EXPLORING YOUCAT, we will learn the many different Ways to Pray, why it is important to enter into conversation with God and make it a part of our everyday routine. Join us in the Church basement Wednesday evenings after Mass.

GRACE THAT REIGNS: PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

John Paul II wrote, "O Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ and Mother of priests, accept this title which we bestow on you to celebrate your motherhood and to contemplate with you the priesthood." Please join us to pray for the priests of North Shore Deanery on Thursday August 22nd at 7:30pm in the Church.

YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Come and be filled by the Holy Spirit! All youth in Grade 6-8 are invited to experience fun, faith and friendship on Thurs. Aug 29 from 9am to 9pm. Admission is free and meals are provided. Pre-register by **Aug 27** by contacting Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext. 247 or email youth. smarv@rcav.org.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

FAITH FORMATION & MINISTRY TRAINING FOR ADULTS

Archdiocesan Summer Institute offers one-day faith formation and ministry training for adults. Faith formation topics include: Basics of the Faith & Discovering the Gospels. Ministry training offered for RCIA and PREP. Aug. 24 at Holy Cross Secondary School, Surrey from 10am to 4pm. Cost $35, includes lunch. All are welcome. For more information and registration visit: www.rcav.org/oc/summer.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

The guest speaker Fr. Trevor Nathasingh is a prophetic voice to the Church and the Charismatic Renewal. Wherever he speaks there has been healing, conversion and renewal. Do not miss this powerful exciting conference. St. Matthew's Parish, Surrey on Friday, Sept. 20 from 7pm-9:30pm and Saturday, Sept. 21 from 10am to closing Mass at 7pm with Archbishop Michael Miller. Tickets $10. For information visit www.vccrs.ca or call 604-597-8227.