

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### SUNDAY SEP 1: 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2:00pm Int'l Festival Volunteers Meeting (Church Basement)

### MONDAY SEP 2: LABOUR DAY (Parish Office closed)

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

7:00pm Lay Apostle (Church Basement)

### TUESDAY SEP 3: ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

### WEDNESDAY SEP 4:

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

7:40pm YOUCAT (Church Basement)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### THURSDAY SEP 5:

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (Seminar Room)

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### FRIDAY SEP 6:

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

8:00pm International Festival Procession (Parking Lot)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### SATURDAY SEP 7:

9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)

10:00am International Festival Talent Show (Outdoor Stage)

2:30pm Baptism (Church)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)

6:00pm Gala Night (School Gym)

### SUNDAY SEP 8: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Int'l Festival Cultural Show (Outdoor Stage)

**St. Mary's INTERNATIONAL Festival**

**Sept 6, 7 & 8, 2013**

**WELCOME EVERYONE!!!!**

FRIDAY, SEPT 6	SATURDAY, SEPT 7	SUNDAY SEPT 8
8pm - Procession "A Walk with Mary" - Witness the "Floating Rosary Balloon" Collingwood Park, Van, BC	8:30am - Mass 10am - Festival Official Opening by Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP 10am-5pm - Talent Show Director: Rocelyn Catris 6pm-12am - GALA NIGHT Award/Recognition, Choir Music Rendition Dinner Dance	8am - Food Concession - 4pm 1-4pm - Cultural Show Directors: Riz Geronimo Nelia Guerrero

Coordinator: Lynda Quezon Tamayo Tel: 604-563-5262 Email: lyndaqtamayo@yahoo.com

Food Concession • Beer Garden • Senior Chalet • Diner's Chalet • Face Painting • Cotton Candy • Auction-Auction

## 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**

Principal: Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff Website: www.stmary.bc.ca

Phone: (604) 437-1312

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

Phone: (604) 435-9611

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Website: www.stmarysvancouver.ca

### PASTORS & STAFF

**Pastor:** Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P. (ext. 6)

**Assistant Pastor:** Fr. Gabriel de Chadarevian, O.P. (ext. 3)

**Pastoral Assistant:** Vesna Jankovic (ext. 6)

**Finance & Property Manager:** Ossie Fernandes (ext. 7)

**Youth Ministry Coordinator:** Rocelyn Catris (ext. 247)

**RCIA/PREP Coordinator:** Edwin Cruz (ext. 5)

**Reception:** Edwin Cruz (ext. 0)



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Pastor's  
Corner

### BECOMING FREE LIKE A CHILD

Once in a while, you can watch a very young child, not yet self-conscious, who walks around in St. Mary's Church during a big Sunday Mas. The child is not aware of being looked at. He will gaze with awe and joy at the choir, or at my chasuble, or at the bells. He doesn't try to make an impression on us. He is lost in wonder at the world he sees and hears. How I wish we could stay like him forever. But soon, we all lose that innocence, that absence of self regard— all of us except Mary and Jesus. Noticing the admiring look of people, of mom and daddy towards us, we soon become addicted to praise and honour. We start to manipulate them in order to get more and more praise. In the process, we become self-absorbed and forgetful about the beauty of the world around us. The quest for honour, recognition, prestige, become the greatest addiction, one that can never be satisfied and one that depends on the constant approval of others. But the opinion of others is very fickle and fleeting. We then live in fear of losing the recognition. We become envious of others who get more affirmation than us. They become a threat. The great hope of God for a fraternal humanity seems to be shattered. In the process of our addiction to honour, we have lost the ability to enjoy the Universe for what it is— a truly beautiful gift from God.

What went wrong? What went wrong is that we have made recognition something to be grasped by manipulation rather than a free gift from God. Look— we all need affirmation from others, especially from our parents. The lack of affirmation in a child leads to neurosis and personality problems later. But that affirmation should be accompanied by a celebration of the Giver of our identity and beauty. That celebration doesn't need to be always conscious and always expressed in words. But in the end, we should become able to

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say, "Yes, I am good, and beautiful and loving and faithful. But I have received everything from God. I am a reflection of Him and of the Universe He created." Then we remain like the child who walks through the world, free to admire and love all that is a reflection of God's Beauty.

The Litany of Humility shows us a path toward the freedom to live free of fear.

*God bless you. Fr. Pierre*

### **Litany of Humility**

O Jesus! meek and humble of heart, **Hear me.**

From the desire of being esteemed,

**Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the desire of being loved...

From the desire of being extolled ...

From the desire of being honored ...

From the desire of being praised ...

From the desire of being preferred to others...

From the desire of being consulted ...

From the desire of being approved ...

From the fear of being humiliated ...

From the fear of being despised...

From the fear of suffering rebukes ...

From the fear of being calumniated ...

From the fear of being forgotten ...

From the fear of being ridiculed ...

From the fear of being wronged ...

From the fear of being suspected ...

That others may be loved more than I,  
**Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.**

That others may be esteemed more than I ...

That, in the opinion of the world,

others may increase and I may decrease ...

That others may be chosen and I set aside ...

That others may be praised and I unnoticed ...

That others may be preferred to me in everything...

That others may become holier than I,  
provided that I may become as holy as I should...

## PARISH NEWS

### **INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL FOOD PRE-SALES**

This weekend, Aug 31/Sept 1, Gardenia Trading Company will have pre sales of their food products in the Church basement after all Masses. This is a preview for the Festival.

### **INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL FOOD OFFERINGS**

All ministries who pledged food, please deliver on Sept 8 to the Church basement by 10:30am. The Handmaids of the Lord and Legion of Mary will be there to receive your food.

### **INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL MARIAN PROCESSION**



Last call for children who received their First Communion this year, please join the procession wearing your First Communion clothing. Following the procession, food will be served, as sponsored by the International Festival Committee.

### **INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL GALA NIGHT**

The Gala Night is sold out! Doors open at 6pm, dinner will be served exactly at 6:30pm. Following dinner will be the award presentation and the dance. There will be a cash bar available. Please come in your native costumes, as this is an International event!



### **INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL PARKING**

The Church parking lot will be closed for the Festival next weekend Sept 7/8. There will be limited parking in the school parking lot. You are encouraged to take public transit. Below is a map of access to the school lot.

## PARISH NEWS

### **SPARK SOCIAL NIGHT (GR. 6-8)**

As we start the new school year, join us in a fun and welcoming event on Mon Sept 9, 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Church basement.

### **YOUTH BASKETBALL**

There will be no youth basketball on Sat, Sept 7. The next one will be on Sept 14, from 12pm-2pm.

### **YOUCAT**

This Wednesday, September 4, is the last session of EXPLORING YOUCAT. We will view the final talk on prayer, the Our Father. Join us in the Church basement this Wednesday evening after Mass.

### **TALITHA KOUM**

Thank you to St. Mary's for your generous contributions of \$6498.00 last weekend. To donate on-line or send a cheque please see: [www.talithakoumsociety.org](http://www.talithakoumsociety.org).

### **FILIPINO MASS**

Just a reminder of the Filipino Mass every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 3pm, celebrated by Fr. Reynaldo Usman.

## COMMUNITY AND DIOCESAN NEWS

### **CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE**

Guest speaker Fr. Trevor Nathasingh is a prophetic voice to the Church and the Charismatic Renewal. Do not miss this powerful exciting conference at St. Matthew's Parish on Friday, Sept. 20 from 7pm-9:30pm and Saturday, Sept. 21 from 10am to closing Mass at 7pm with Archbishop Miller. Tickets \$10 available at the parish office. For information visit [www.vccrs.ca](http://www.vccrs.ca) or call 604-597-8227.

### **CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE—BUS**



St. Mary's will be providing bus transportation to the Conference. Tickets are for \$8 for both days (or \$4 per day). Tickets available at the parish office. Limited seats available, so act quickly! For info: call 778-885-9611.

### **DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR YOUNG WOMEN**

The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia would like to invite you to join us for a day of recollection for young women- Mass, Adoration, prayer, Reconciliation, spiritual talks and reflections, and vocation discernment on Saturday, Sept 21 at Rosemary Heights from 9am-8:30pm. RSVP Sister Mary Jacinta at [smjli@op-tn.org](mailto:smjli@op-tn.org) or call 604-475-4122.