

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### **SUNDAY SEP 15: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

1:00pm CFC-YFL (School Gym)

2:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)

### **MONDAY SEP 16: STS. CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN**

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

### **TUESDAY SEP 17:**

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

7:00pm CWL (School Gym)

7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

### **WEDNESDAY SEP 18:**

9:30am Hands of Veronica (Rectory Dining)

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

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **THURSDAY SEP 19:**

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **FRIDAY SEP 20: STS. ANDREW KIM & COMPANIONS**

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

7:00pm CWL Trivia Night (Church Basement)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **SATURDAY SEP 21: ST. MATTHEW**

9:30am Lector Training (Church)

12:00pm YM Basketball (School Gym)

2:00pm CFC-YFC (School Gym)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)

6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)

7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

### **SUNDAY SEP 22:**

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

1:00pm CFC-YFL (School Gym)

3:00pm Filipino Mass (Church)

6:20pm Bible Study (Church)



## 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.marisyouth.com

**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

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

Phone: (604) 435-9611

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### **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)

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*Pastor's  
Corner*

### **GOD THE SUGAR DADDY OR GOD THE TYRANT**

Churches, parishes, families have always been divided in their understanding of God. The most conservative tend to value God's justice and His demands on us. But they often do this at the expense of God's mercy. The more importance they give to the justice of God, the less they give to His mercy. On the other end, there are those who give more importance to the mercy of God at the expense of justice. They are more influenced by the Vatican II council and by great contemporary saints like John Paul II, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Mother Teresa, Saint Faustina. Sometimes you can see in your own family the division splitting generations. Mothers and fathers stress the demands of the God of Justice, while the younger ones stress the forgiveness of God.

So we have two competing images of God. The God of justice, when imputed of His mercy, looks like a tyrant, who broods over us. He could send us to hell anytime for an impure thought and maybe He is seeking an occasion to get us. We know that this is not the God of Jesus.

On the other hand, we have the God who is mercy itself but not just. That God would not make any demand on us. He would not call us to perfection. He would be satisfied with leaving us in the mud of our sins and miseries, and save us after death. That is not the God of Jesus. It is a "sugar daddy God" who doesn't challenge us to be perfect as He is.

Neither of these two views of God are faithful to who God is. Why? Because God is both infinitely just and infinitely merciful at the same time. Yes God is infinite. This means that everything about Him is infinite, in every way. Whatever He does, He does infinitely. He loves both the sinner and the just infinitely. He loves Hitler as much as He loves Mother Teresa.

"God is not a distant figure, very hard to please." (Fr. Barron) His mercy is not conditional. Of course, we need to

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accept this mercy so that it may bear fruit in us. God comes to us, not us to Him. He runs after us, like He did run towards the Prodigal Son. He comes into our space. That is what the Incarnation is about. "He who had no sin was made sin for us." (2 Cor. 5:21) He will follow us down, no matter how low we fall, to pick us up, like the eagle dives to catch her little one falling into the abyss.

"The more we run, the more He runs after us. The more we hide, the more He looks. The more we resist, the more He persists." (Fr. Barron) St. Thomas Aquinas said that God's mercy is more important because it is the face that Love takes when turned toward us. And God is love. Everything in God, yes even His justice, must be understood through His Mercy. Because He is Love. St. Therese of Lisieux said "In the end, do you want to be judged by Mercy or by Justice?" Myself, I prefer to rely on His Mercy."

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



## PARISH NEWS

### INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL THANK YOU

The Festival Committee would like to thank all volunteers, parishioners, advertisers, sponsors, those who donated food, time and money, and anyone else who helped in any way, THANK YOU!!! The event was a great success, and a wonderful time was had by all.



### INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL PHOTOS

If anyone has good photos from the International Festival, please share them through email to Vesna at the parish office: parish.smarv@rcav.org.

### CWL TRIVIA NIGHT

St Mary's CWL is happy to announce the return of the popular parish TRIVIA NIGHT! Come and have fun with friends, family, and your community for only \$5 per person (including refreshments). Save the date: Friday, September 20, 7pm-9:30pm, Church Basement, for an evening of laughter and learning.

### EPIC: A JOURNEY THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY

We are inviting everyone to join us on an Epic Journey through our Church History. This will be a 20 week adventure learning the story of the Catholic Church. Topics include: the Crusades, Spanish Inquisition, Protestant Reformation, and more. 1st session will be on Sunday, September 22, 6:20pm in the Church basement.

### SATURDAY 5PM CHOIR

The Saturday 5 pm choir would like to invite singers and musicians to consider joining our choir to praise God through the ministry of music. We are especially looking for a piano player or guitar player. For more info, please contact Catty at frozentriqui@gmail.com.

### CAMP FLAME (GR. 9-12)

It's time for camp again! Join in this 3-day retreat to have fun, create and strengthen friendships, relax, and let God fill your thirst and hunger for Him. The event is on the weekend of Oct 11-13, at Camp Capilano. For details and registration, contact Rocelyn at youth.smarv@rcav.org or 604-435-9611 ext. 247. Early registration ends on Sept 30.

### SPARK (GR. 6-8)

If you own a house, how would you decorate it? Tell us in the next Spark event on Monday, Sept 16 at 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Church basement. Join us in games and learn about the house that Christ Himself built.

## COMMUNITY & 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 after all Masses Sept 14/15 and 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 after all Masses Sept 14/15 and at the parish office. Limited seats available, so act quickly! For info: call 778-885-9611.

### ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST

A life changing Encounter with Christ Series starts Oct 9th-Nov 27th at 7:30pm at St Francis de Sales, 6610 Balmoral St., Burnaby. It is a 7 week DVD teaching and small group sharing discussion series, leading participants into a life changing encounter with Jesus. There is no fee, but pre-registration is required: email [mcammayo@telus.net](mailto:mcammayo@telus.net) or call 604-528-0654.

### 2ND ANNUAL MEN'S CONFERENCE – MAN ALIVE

Ever wish you could be watching football instead of attending Mass? Do you think the Church or prayer is irrelevant in your life? The 2nd Annual Men's Conference, MAN ALIVE, has the answers you need. It is taking place on Oct 5<sup>th</sup> at the Chandos Pattison Auditorium in Surrey. This full day Catholic conference is an opportunity for men to explore the purpose of their faith through inspiring and informative talks from exciting Catholic speakers including Dr. Ray Guarendi, famous for his insightful shows on EWTN. Tickets cost \$40 (including lunch) and will be sold after all Masses next weekend, Sept 21/22, or online at [www.rcav.org/manalive](http://www.rcav.org/manalive).

### TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE - 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The campaign will run at BC Women's Health Centre between 6am-8pm. Opening Mass: Sept. 23 at 7pm at Holy Name Parish. Take a stand for life will begin on Sept. 25 and end Nov. 3. For more information visit [http://www.rcav.org/RLO/40\\_Days\\_for\\_Life/](http://www.rcav.org/RLO/40_Days_for_Life/).

