

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

INCREASE OUR FAITH



LUKE 17:5-10

SUNDAY OCT 6: 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church Basement)

1:30pm CFC (School Gym)

6:20pm Bible Study (Church)

MONDAY OCT 7: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

7:00pm Mass (Church)

7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining Room)

8:00pm Lay Apostle (Church)

TUESDAY OCT 8:

6:00pm Baptism Prep (Church)

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY OCT 9:

2:00pm Willingdon Mass (4435 Grange)

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

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY OCT 10:

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)

7:30pm Estate Planning Workshop (Church Basement)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY OCT 11:

6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)

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

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY OCT 12:

9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory Basement)

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)

1:30pm Youth for Christ (School Gym)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)

6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)

7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

SUNDAY OCT 13: 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

1:00pm Handmaids (Rectory Dining)

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.marysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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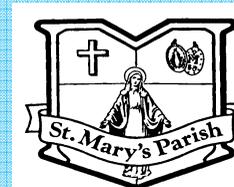
Pastoral Assistant: Vesna Jankovic (ext. 6)

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

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OCTOBER 6, 2013

*Pastor's
Corner*

WAS JESUS A NEW AGE POWER SEEKER?

Just before today's Gospel, Jesus has asked His disciples to forgive their brothers, seven times a day. Likely, the disciples felt they could not do it. So the apostles ask, in today's Gospel Luke 17:5, "Lord, increase our faith." The reply of the Lord is disturbing, at least for me, "If you had faith like a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted into the sea, and it would obey you." (Luke 17:6) What disturbs me, is that the disciples asked for a spiritual power, the capacity to forgive always, and Jesus speaks of a physical power, the kind of stunt that gurus would like to do! Please note that Jesus said, "You COULD ask for this, if you had faith," but He never did such a thing Himself. Indeed a few times, He did spectacular miracles to help people believe He could do spiritual ones. One of them is the healing of the paralytic brought down through the roof of a house, He said to the Pharisees, "What is more difficult to say to this man, "Your sins are forgiven", or "Get up and walk?" And He forgave the sins and He healed the man. Jesus also calmed the sea, when the disciples woke Him up, in the boat. At the end of His ministry, He cursed a fig tree which withered away within twenty four hours, to teach the disciples a lesson about Israel, that wasn't giving the fruits that the Father expected.

What teachings Jesus had in mind for us through these verses? Firstly, He reveals something of His inner awareness, that is of being always aware of the power of God flowing through Him and being made available at all times, provided He remains united to the Father's will.

Secondly, He is saying "You too can be connected to God's power by being connected to me. If you strive to do my will, (in this case, to forgive), you will receive the power of God to do it over and over again. "Faith will lift you up out of the little narrow world that you live in and connect you with

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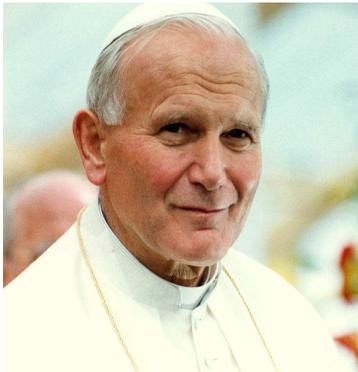
the power and mystery of God.” (Fr. Barron, Sermon 40, 2001) Therefore you are connected to the source of enormous power that creates all that exists. You are also connected to God’s purpose for it all, if you have the obedience of faith, that is trust in Him.

We see this happening in the saints who did, and are still doing, miracles over and over. Not to show off their own power but to advance the Kingdom according to God’s vision, God’s purpose and God’s plan. The saints have access to the physical, moral, and spiritual power of God because they were detached from their personal ambitions. They had re-centered their life on God’s will, not on their ego.

Therefore, they would not be disturbed by their success, neither by their failures. They were not tied to the goods of this world. Nothing could seduce them or scare them away from God.

Therefore God was free to let His power and His love flow through John Paul II, who will be canonized on April 27, 2014, was one of those saints. He faced one of the great superpowers of this world without violence, the U.S.S.R.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

St. Mary’s will have a special Mass on Monday, October 7 at 7pm in honour of the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. Please join us in honouring our Blessed Mother.



PARISH NEWS

YOUTH BASKETBALL

There will be no youth basketball on Oct 12. Basketball practice will resume on Oct 19, 12pm-2pm in the School Gym.

SPARK (GR.6-8) - POPULARITY

We sometimes find ways to be popular in school or among our friends. We seek the approval of others, thinking this will truly make us happy. Will it? Join us on Mon, Oct 7 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Church basement and find out for yourself.

CAMP FLAME 2013 (GR.9-12) - ENERGIZED

Join this year's most exciting camp and be energized by the power of the Holy Spirit! Grow deeper in faith, hope and love for Christ, while having fun in games and meeting friends. This 3-day weekend youth retreat is on Oct 11-13 at Camp Capilano. Please contact Youth Ministry or see brochure at the foyer. Early registration ends today (Oct 6.) *Financial assistance may be available upon request.*



DRIVERS FOR CAMP FLAME 2013

Youth Ministry is looking for volunteer drivers to bring and pick up youth to and from Camp Capilano, a 30-min drive from St. Mary's on Oct 11 at 5pm and Oct 13 at 1pm. We need 10-12 vehicles to fit the retreat team, participants, and some equipment. Please contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext. 247 or email youth.smarv@rcav.org.

OFF SITE PRAYER INTERCESSORS NEEDED

In order to have a successful Camp Flame youth retreat on Oct 11-13, we invite dedicated prayer intercessors to commit a minimum of 1 hour of prayer during the retreat weekend. You are welcome to pray wherever you choose. Please sign up in the foyer or go online at <http://is.gd/ipucib>.

CHRISTIAN LIFE SEMINAR



Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life (CFCFFL), an international private association of lay faithful, invite you to a Christian Life Seminar (CLS) at the Church basement for 9 consecutive Saturdays beginning on October 12 from 7-10pm. A CLS is an integrated course leading to a renewed understanding of God's call to Christian couples and individuals. It is open to married couples, widows or widowers or those separated or divorced. There is no cost involved. To register, please contact Jun and Fannie de Vera at 604-436-3628.

PARISH NEWS

ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP

John Nixon, Director of Development of the Archdiocese, will present an estate planning workshop that covers will preparation, powers of attorney, advance care planning, funeral and burial instructions and more. This presentation will deal with matters you may not have thought about before but will help you gather your thoughts before you write your first will or prepare to update your will. This session will present facts and information. No investment services or insurance will be promoted or sold. Each participant will receive a free Estate Planning Guide to take home. The presentation will be on Thursday, October 10, at 7:30pm in the Church basement. No registration required.

CATHOLIC FORUM

The Catholic Forum invites you to explore “The Song of Creation from Genesis to Tolkien” with Dr. C.S. Morrissey from Redeemer Pacific College. Bring your questions and a friend! Tuesday October 15 at 7pm in the Church. By donation. For information, see <http://dominicanlaity.ca/forum>, or contact Dr. Paul Ungar 604-588-5696 or Cathy ve7cld@shaw.ca.



CHOCOLATES AND MEN'S SOCKS FOR HOMELESS

St. Mary's Street Ministry is seeking donations of men's socks and individually wrapped chocolates. Chocolates must be within 3 months of purchase. Please drop off all donation in the boxes in the foyer. May God bless you for your generosity!

PROJECT ADVANCE

Our Project Advance total stands at \$125,000. We encourage you to keep giving, through the Sunday collection in an envelope marked ‘Project Advance,’ or on line at rcav.org. Remember you can give monthly by credit card through rcav.org, according to your budget. All proceeds over \$100,000 will come back to the parish for our building fund. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH BAZAAR

We invite everyone for some fun; refreshments; specialty foods and drinks; children's activities; and many booths offering a variety of items, on October 19 from 11am-3pm, 6350 Nanaimo St. Vancouver. For info call Maria 604-324-9312.