

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING!**

### **SUNDAY OCT 13: 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

10:00am Handmaids (Rectory Dining)  
12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
3:00pm Filipino Mass (Church)  
6:20pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

### **MONDAY OCT 14: (PARISH OFFICE CLOSED)**

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm YM Spark (Church Basement)

### **TUESDAY OCT 15: ST. TERESA OF JESUS**

7:00pm Catholic Forum (Church)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)  
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Basement)

### **WEDNESDAY OCT 16: ST. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE**

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **THURSDAY OCT 17: ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH**

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **FRIDAY OCT 18: ST. LUKE**

6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)  
6:30pm Dev & Peace (Rectory Dining)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:30pm CCO (Church Basement)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **SATURDAY OCT 19:**

12:00pm YM Basketball (School Gym)  
1:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)  
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)  
2:00pm Youth for Christ (School Gym)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)  
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)  
7:30pm ARC (Church)

### **SUNDAY OCT 20: 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
1:00pm Handmaids (Rectory Dining)  
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)  
6:20pm Bible Study (Church)

## PARISH INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

**SUNDAY MASS:** Anticipated Mass Saturday 5pm

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

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

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:**

Wednesday 6pm

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:**

Thursday: 8am & Saturday: 8:30am

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

**FIRST FRIDAY:** Adoration throughout the day after morning Mass  
**CONFESSION:**

Weekdays: After all Masses (except Thursday Evening Mass)

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

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 for children attending public schools on Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6:30pm-8pm / 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

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

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 Chadarévian, 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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**OCTOBER 13, 2013**

*Pastor's  
Corner*

### **GRATITUDE: THE KEY TO FULLNESS OF LIFE**

On Thanksgiving Day, you will prepare delicious food for your children. The younger ones will swallow everything in a few minutes, then go back to their i-pads without even looking at you and say, "Thank you Mom." Hours of working in the kitchen will be gone in a few minutes at the dining table! Nine of the ten lepers cured by Jesus acted in a similar way. While going to the priests, they realized that they had been completely cured. Immediately they rushed back to their former life, to their family to enjoy everything apart from Jesus. Only one carried through the spiritual healing to its completion, the one who immediately returned to Jesus to thank Him, to praise and worship Him. He is the only one who was spiritually healed, made whole, and made fit for heaven. "Your faith has made you well," said Jesus.

Something like that happened to me last March. Rushed to the hospital by friends who saved my life, I had 50-50 chance of survival. It could go either way, life or death! I saw that God was giving me a chance to be whole, spiritually and humanly speaking. Those twelve days at the hospital were very life giving, blessed, beautiful. I came back many times to the ICU to visit the nurses and doctors, and to shower them with gratitude. There was, there still is a blessed connection with them...and with those few allowed to visit me, and with all of you who prayed for me. I never knew that you cared so much for me.

Most of all, I was blessed with God. In His own way God said to me, like He said to the Samaritan leper who came back to worship Him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well." Since that time, I have been receiving everything...well almost everything! - as a real gift! There is a new appetite for life, a new zest, a new zeal to serve Him relentlessly. Not out of guilt, but out of gratitude. There is a new patience, with people and circumstances, a new interior freedom, a new love for God.

*Pastor's Corner Continued...*

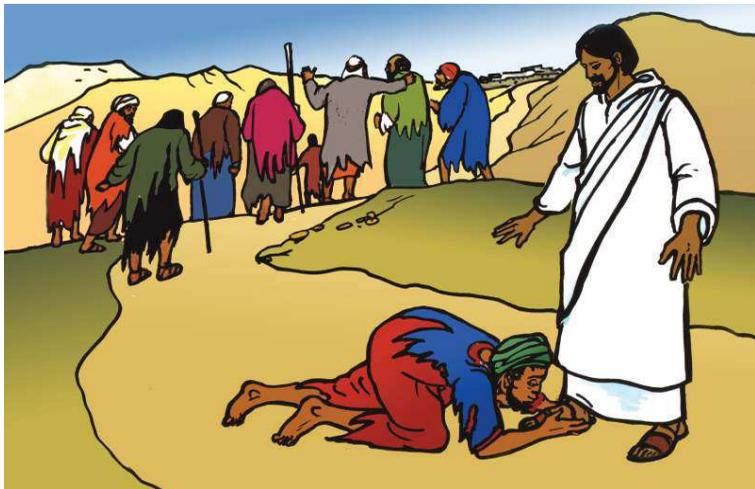
Pastor's Corner Continued...

"Lord, I thank you for what you have done. Now my whole life is centered on you and on your people. I want to dedicate myself to thankfulness as your apostle Paul recommended us. My whole body, my whole life, every breath I draw, every thought I have, every accomplishment that is mine, every achievement, all is ultimately a gift from You, God. The Source of that exists, You, who keep recreating me very split second."

Like the Samaritan leper, my spiritual life began in weakness and led me to a life made whole by gratitude and praise. Will you do like the nine lepers who were content with their physical cure – and probably became bitter for the years lost due to their leprosy? Or will you come back to Christ, to your Creator and Saviour, to shower Him with gratitude and love? Will you be like that man who was angry at his doctor because he had saved him from his attempted suicide?

Dorothy Day, while she was still an atheist, became pregnant. And she felt the desire "to have someone to be grateful to" for the mysterious life that was growing in her womb. Her boyfriend wanted her to abort. She dumped him and became a Catholic. If there were no Creator, no God, to whom could you be grateful? To the biological mechanisms of the universe??? No, we can only be grateful to a Person, not to a blind, impersonal energy.

*Blessed Thanksgiving, Fr. Pierre*



## PARISH NEWS

### 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.



### HEALING MINISTRY—THURSDAY NIGHTS

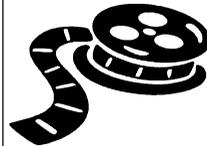
Starting this Thursday, October 17, Healing Prayer will now be offered on Thursday evenings at 7:40pm in the crying room, following Mass. This is in addition to the existing Wednesday and Friday night schedule.

### CHOCOLATES AND MEN'S SOCKS FOR HOMELESS

St. Mary's Street Ministry is asking for donations of wool socks for men and individually-wrapped chocolates for our homeless outreach. Please bring your donation to the boxes in the foyer. Thank you for your generosity!



### LADIES MOVIE NIGHT



St. Mary's Catholic Women's league would like to invite all ladies in the parish to a movie night on Friday, Oct 25 from 6:30pm-9pm in the school gym. This is a ladies only fun evening to enjoy with your friends, or to make new friends. A light dinner will be provided, along with popcorn for the movie. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer by Oct 20. The movie is "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide." This documentary series shot in 10 countries along with an A-list of celebrity advocates, introduces women and girls who are living under some of the most difficult circumstances imaginable and fighting bravely to change them. An inspirational and moving movie that you all will enjoy. Thank you and hope you will join us!

### ST MARY'S CRAFT FAIR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Join us on Sunday Nov. 17th from 9am- 3pm. Pancake breakfast will be served all day until closing (small \$2/large \$3). Start your Christmas shopping with crafts, baking, gifts and more! Table rental costs \$15 for a single table, additional tables are \$10. Please contact Eileen Hardy at 604-436-3655.

## COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS

### LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP MILLER

Dear Friends in Christ:

At Baptism, each of us is given the responsibility to be a missionary: to share our faith joyfully with those near to us and those in distant lands.

World Mission Sunday, celebrated on October 20, gives us the opportunity to reach out in faith to more than two thirds of the world's people who have yet to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ or to experience – through the word and witness of missionaries – his abiding love. On World Mission Sunday, at Mass, we can offer our prayers. Through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, we can offer our financial support for making Jesus known "to the ends of the earth."

World Mission Sunday does not just happen here in our local Church, it is truly a universal celebration, a worldwide recommitment. It unites Catholics throughout the world to the Church's evangelizing mission.

Please be as generous as your means will allow in the collection for our missionaries. Above all, continue to pray that all of us in this Archdiocese will be joyful and effective witnesses of Jesus in our world so in need of his love and peace.

With my blessing for you and your families, I remain Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ J. Michael Miller CSB*

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Archbishop of Vancouver



## COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS

### BC CHRISTIAN MEDITATION COMMUNITY

Invites you to "Community of Love" day of reflection and sharing our gifts, Saturday October 26 from 9:45am-2pm at Good Shepherd Church, 2250-150th St., Surrey. Bring bag lunch, refreshments provided. Admission is free. Please register at [bcchristianmeditation@gmail.com](mailto:bcchristianmeditation@gmail.com).