

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

For the Son
of Man came
to seek and
save those
who are lost.
Luke 19:10



SUNDAY NOV 3: 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church Basement)

1:30pm CFC (School Gym)

6:20pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

MONDAY NOV 4: ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)

7:00pm Lay Apostle (Church)

TUESDAY NOV 5:

6:00pm KOC Memorial Mass (Church)

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 6:

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

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY NOV 7:

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY NOV 8:

6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

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

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY NOV 9: DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

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

12:00pm YM Basketball (School Gym)

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)

2:00pm Youth for Christ (School Gym)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)

6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)

7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

SUNDAY NOV 10: 32ND 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 Basement)

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

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ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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*Pastor's
Corner*

THE PROOF THAT GOD LOVES YOU

One of the most precious moments of my teenage life was right after losing a six hour bicycle race in college. There were only two teams of two racers remaining in the course. But we were losing ground. We still had two and a half hours to go, when I decided to quit. I felt so humiliated, so embarrassed, because I had publicly challenged the best athletes.

I went to the Church and prayed in front of the tabernacle. Then I became aware that I was only a grain of sand among a billion others in the presence of God almighty. A pretentious, defeated, grain of sand in the presence of the Infinite God. Yes, but God was looking at me with great love, as though I were unique. Under the gaze of God, I had the courage to accept myself, to let go of my crushed pride and to live again joyfully.

Now, I know this "experience" is confirmed by today's first reading of the book of Wisdom. In 11:22 we read, "The whole world before you, O Lord, is like a speck that tips the scales, and like a drop of morning dew that falls on the ground." Yes, compared to God, the whole universe is like a drop of dew on a grass blade. Do we watch for a drop of dew when we walk on the grass on a wet morning? No, we keep walking right over it.

But God loves even this tiny drop. Wisdom 11:24 says, "Lord you love all things that exist, and detest none of the things you have made, for you would not have made anything if you had hated it." Here it is, God loved everything into existence, into being. He loved you, and me, before we existed. In fact that is why He created us. But you may be thinking, "Yes but after all I have done, He doesn't love me anymore. Maybe God even regrets having created me!" Here is God's answer in Wisdom 11:25, "How would anything have endured, if you had not willed it? Or how would anything not

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called forth by you have been preserved?" Yes! All things, including you and me, continue to exist only under the influence of God. Therefore, you and I are, from moment to moment being loved continually into existence. The sign that God is loving you now, is that you exist. If God did not love you, you would stop existing, you would disappear. I remember saying that, in a maximum security prison in Abbotsford. In fact the volunteer altar server at the Mass had been a serial killer! They were much moved by that reality of God's merciful love. I had a confession line up after Mass.

Fr. Barron in his homily 669 for today quotes a Dominican theologian, "The world exists and is sustained in being the same way that a song exists and is sustained in being by a singer." So you and I are God's song. If He stops singing, we stop being. But God wills us into eternal existence. He will sing forever. Forever God is relentlessly pursuing you by His Love. Read the beautiful poem by Francis Thompson, The Hound of Heaven. We sometimes believe that God is pressuring us with His anger and his revengeful punishment. Yes God punishes us but it is so that we may abandon our idols, our powerless idols, and turn to Him who alone can love us and save us. That is what today's first reading is saying in Wisdom 12:2, "Therefore you correct little by little those who trespass and you remind and warn them of the things through which they sin, and put their trust in you, O Lord."

God bless, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE



go directly to our Parish Building Fund. Thank you for your generosity!

We've come to the last sprint of our Project Advance campaign. We are still at 63% of our goal of \$200,000. You will find envelopes in the pews to donate to the collection basket from now until mid December. You may also donate on line at rcav.org and give monthly as well. Remember all proceeds we now receive will

PARISH NEWS

EPIC JOURNEY

In tonight's session we will see how the practice of paganism was finally outlawed in the Empire and how the Holy Spirit animates ecumenical councils forging authentic expression of the core doctrines of the Faith. We will see how France became the "Eldest Daughter of the Church." Come join us at 6:20pm in the Church basement.

SPARK NIGHT: TEACHER, TEACHER! - GR. 6-8

How do we know that what we learn at Church is correct? Learn about the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on Monday Nov 4, 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement. This free event includes refreshments.

FLAME NIGHT: MASTERS OF CREATION - GR. 8-12

All things bright and beautiful, all things great and small, all things wise and wonderful...the Lord God made them all. Join Mark Norbury on Friday Nov 8, 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Church basement, as we explore the wonders of God's creation and our call to stewardship. Bring your friends and meet new ones too!

CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA

For over 100 years, Catholic Missions in Canada has provided support to Catholic missionaries serving throughout Canada. The Most Rev. Gerald Wiesner, Bishop Emeritus, formerly of the Diocese of Prince George, will visit our parish and speak at all Masses next weekend, Nov 9/10. Please be sure to come learn more about the work of Canada's missionaries. To receive a free magazine and free 2014 Catholic calendar, call 1-866-937-2642 or visit their website at www.cmic.info.

MIGRANT MINISTRY

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry in collaboration with ISS of BC will hold a free and interactive workshop on "Family Sponsorship and Related Issues" on Saturday, Nov 9, from 1-3pm in the School Seminar room. Guest speaker: Tim Bailey, immigration and refugee lawyer. Please contact Chit Arma 604-684-7498 ext.1666 or email resoquita.arma@issbc.org, or Lenn Castro at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com to confirm attendance or for any other questions. Light refreshments will be served.

LOVEWORKS

Will you be an angel for baby Heny? Loveworks Charity humbly asks for your support in fundraising to provide surgery needed by 2 year old Heny Hidalgo, born with a heart condition. We will be selling religious articles after all Masses next weekend Nov 9/10, proceeds will be used for her surgery.

COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS

PHILIPPINE EARTHQUAKE

The recent earthquake killed over 200 people, and caused the destruction of 350 year old Catholic Churches. Donations can be made by cheque to Development and Peace (note: Philippine Earthquake) and sent to Dev & Peace 1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd. West, 3rd Floor, Montreal QC, H3G 1T7; or give online www.dev.org/emergencies.

LET ME LOVE YOU

Presentation by Christopher West at Our Lady of Good Counsel on Saturday, Nov. 9. Mass at 8am celebrated by Archbishop Miller. Tickets: \$30/workbook \$12. The workbook is integral for the conference, as Christopher West uses it during the sessions. For info and reservation 604-270-9463 or email cfcvanc@cfc.ca.

LUKE 15 FUNDRAISER

Come and join us for a night of fellowship, buffet dinner, silent auction, door prizes, live entertainment and life changing testimonies. The event will take place at Gracepoint Community Church, 3487 King George Blvd., South Surrey on Friday, Nov. 15 at 7pm. Tickets available at the parish office.

FAITH IN ACTION

The Ecclesial Movements and New Communities will host a gathering to celebrate the Year of Faith on Nov. 16 at St. Matthew's Parish, Surrey. Mass at 9am with Archbishop Miller. Abbot John Braganza will speak on the role of laity, and Archbishop Miller will speak about Archdiocesan priorities and goals. Cost \$15 per person includes lunch and break. Tickets at the parish office.

INAUGURAL ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Come together with Catholic Women for the First Archdiocesan Women's Conference on November 23 from 8:30am to 5:30pm at Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre. Speakers include Teresa Tomeo, Author, Syndicated Catholic talk show host, and motivational speaker; Therese Polakovic, Founder and Executive Director, ENDOW; and Cheridan Sanders, Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation. Tickets available online at <http://rcav.org/womenconference/> or at the parish office.

MEN, COUPLES, FAMILIES AND ABORTION

On Saturday, November 23, from 10am to 3pm there will be a free lecture, "Men, Couples, Families and Abortion" by Kevin Burke, co-founder of Rachel's Vineyard, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission. For more info call 604-826-8975.