

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY NOV 24: CHRIST THE KING

- 12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
- 1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church Basement)
- 3:00pm Filipino Mass (Church)
- 6:20pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

MONDAY NOV 25:

- 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

TUESDAY NOV 26:

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 27:

- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
- 7:00pm Building Committee (Rectory Dining)
- 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY NOV 28:

- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
- 7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)
- 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
- 7:45pm Prayer for Priests (Church)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY NOV 29:

- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
- 7:00pm Jim Murphy Conference (Church Basement)
- 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY NOV 30: ST. ANDREW

- 9:30am Jim Murphy Conference (Church Basement)
- 10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
- 12:00pm YM Basketball (School Gym)
- 2:30pm Baptism (Church)
- 3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
- 5:00pm CFC Kids (School Gym)
- 7:00pm CFC-FFL (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

Email: youth.smarv@rcav.org Website: www.marysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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TRUE POWER

The Solemnity of Christ the King presents a big challenge for us in the 21st century. We see Christ as someone more like Pope Francis, than like the corrupted royal families around the world. These ones appear to us as puppets of the political powers, puppets to their own slavery to possessions, power, prestige and pleasure. Christ was nothing like that during His last days of earthly life. He was dragged before the rulers of Israel and of the Roman empire. He died in a garbage dump outside the city, called Golgotha. There he was surrounded by a band of slaves - soldiers who specialized in cruel torture. Abandoned by His followers, mocked by the rulers who said, "He saved others, let Him save Himself if He is the Christ of God, God's chosen one." The soldiers also mocked Jesus, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself." There was an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews."

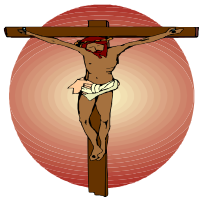
How strange is our King. We tend to see kingship as the power to save oneself from any evil, from any embarrassment. Everything is organized to protect the king in our society; to protect the king from losing his power, his prestige, his possessions. After all, he needs all that to rule. But not Christ, He who deserved the protection from God didn't ask for it, and apparently didn't receive it. Is He a false king? No, He is the only one who is truly king. The only one who deserves the title. Listen to what Paul said about Him in our second reading, "He is the image of the invisible God." Yes, God remains invisible, but if you want to know what God looks like, look at Christ. Paul continues, "For in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible." Christ is not a creature, He was before creation. More to it, everything was patterned after Him. He is the Logos, the Word, the organizing principle of all that exists. In

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Him everything persists in being, continues to exist, and is held together by Him. Christ holds all the fullness of God in Him.

That is the man who was pinned to the terrible instrument of torture, the cross. Abandoned, alone, ridiculed. He died saying, "Forgive them Father, for they do not know what they are doing." Kingship is not what the world tells us it is. True power is the power of self emptying love, and it is this power that holds the universe together and sustains us in being, every microsecond of our lives. Real power, real kingship is not the power to save oneself, not the power to do what we please. It is the power to give oneself in love, to forget oneself in love; not the power to fill ourselves up, but to empty ourselves out. Fr. Robert Barron concludes his sermon 202 for Christ the King in 2004, saying, "If you want power in your life, stop living in a self protective way. Start reaching out in love and protect somebody else. If you want to live in the power that makes the whole universe, perform the simplest act of love. In this, you become a loyal subject of Christ the King and you receive the secret of true power."



God bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

MILDRED MOY – PAPAL AWARD

Today at 2:30pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Archbishop Miller will award Mildred with the Papal Benemerenti Medal. All are welcome to attend the Awards Mass. Next weekend, Nov 30/Dec 1, we will have a reception after all Masses in the Church basement to mark this momentous occasion, and to give everyone an opportunity to greet and congratulate Mildred!



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Will be celebrated on Monday, Dec 9 beginning with Mass at 7pm, celebrated by Archbishop Miller. After the Mass, Archbishop Miller will lead the Living Rosary. After the Living Rosary there will be a potluck in the Church basement, all are welcome.

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ADVENT BOOKLETS

After all Masses this weekend we will be selling Advent booklets for \$2 each. These booklets provide a daily reflection to help you prayerfully journey through the season of Advent.

2014 ENVELOPES

The 2014 offering envelopes are ready for pickup in the Church basement. Please look for envelopes by last name. If your address has changed, please fill out the forms at the envelope table.

SPARK NIGHT (GR. 6-8)

There is no Spark event on Nov 25. The next one is Dec 2.

YOUTH PRAYER GATHERING (GR. 6-10)

Come and sing praises to the Lord! Be filled with His love and receive healing on Thursday Nov 28, 4:30-6pm in the Church basement. Doors along Euclid Street are open from 3:30pm. Refreshments are provided.

YOUTH CHALLENGE DODGE BALL (GR. 8-12)

Join the biggest dodge ball tournament in Edmonds Community Centre on Saturday, Nov 30 from 3-7pm and win prizes. Permission forms are required for this event. Please contact Youth Ministry or check the YM bulletin board for details.

YOUNG ADULT BOARD GAMES (Ages 18-39)

Games are not only for youth! Join other young adults for a night of board games on Sunday Dec 8 from 6:30-8:30pm in the rectory dining room. Please access through the back door and bring snacks to share.

SENIOR'S ANOINTING MASS & CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mass of Anointing will be on Saturday Dec 7 at 11am. Anointing is for those 60 years of age or over. Seniors Christmas Dinner follows at 12:30pm in the School Gym. If you are 60 years of age or over join us for a delicious turkey dinner, along with entertainment by St Mary's School Choir, and a visit from the "man in red". RSVP by Dec 4 to reserve your spot with Eileen 604-436-3655 or Nancy 604-437-1312.

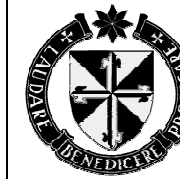


ST. MARY'S SIMBANG GABI

All parishioners are invited to celebrate Simbang Gabi with Fr. Rey Usman from Dec. 16-24, daily at 6am. As per the Filipino tradition, there will be a salo-salo (traditional foods and refreshments) after Mass. We invite and welcome those who wish to sponsor one of the Masses and/or the salo-salo (food and refreshments) after Mass. Please contact Ven Azarcon at 778-323-8242 or venusius@yahoo.com.

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CATHOLIC FORUM: SALVATION AND NON-CHRISTIANS



Catholic Forum invites you to explore the topic: "Salvation and Non-Christians" through presentation and discussion with Father John Tritschler, on Tuesday Nov 26 at 7pm in the Church, by donation. For info: <http://dominicanlaity.ca/forum> or contact Dr. Paul Ungar 604-588-5696 or email Cathy at ve7cld@shaw.ca.

EPIC JOURNEY

Tonight we will see why Charlemagne was considered one of the most important figures in Western Civilization and why the foundation of the monastery at Cluny was one of the most significant events in the history of the Church and Western civilization. Join us at 6:20pm in the Church basement.

EVANGELIZING THE FAMILY & NEW EVANGELIZATION

A conference by Jim Murphy on these important topics will be held on Friday Nov 29 from 7-9pm and Saturday Nov 30 from 9:30am-4pm in the Church basement. Info 604-597-8227 or www.vccrs.ca.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve refreshments at the Jim Murphy conference on Friday Nov 29 and Sat Nov 30 in the Church basement. If you can help, please contact Mildred 778-885-9611 or email mmoy_ca@yahoo.com.

ST. NICHOLAS COOKIES

Grade Six has a goal of raising \$1,000 towards building a school in Kenya. We also want to revere an inspiring bishop who lived in the 4th century, St. Nicholas, who secretly cared for the poor. Please purchase a wrapped St. Nicholas cookie (\$1) to surprise a loved one on his feast day, Friday Dec 6. Sales are after Masses on Dec 1.



COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS

L'ARCHE BENEFIT CONCERT

Please join us as we start off the holiday season with joyful song at our Christmas Benefit Concert featuring the Gallery Singers on December 8 at the Sherbrooke Mennonite Church, 7155 Sherbrooke St. Vancouver. Concert from 3pm- 4:30pm, followed by a reception from 4:30pm-6pm.

