

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY JAN 19: 2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

- 1:00pm CFC-YFL (School Gym)
- 2:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)
- 6:10pm EPIC Journey (Church Basement)

MONDAY JAN 20:

- 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
- 6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

TUESDAY JAN 21: ST. AGNES

- 7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
- 7:00pm CWL (School Gym)
- 7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY JAN 22:

- 3:00pm St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex)
- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
- 7:00pm Building Committee (Rectory Dining)
- 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY JAN 23:

- 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 JAN 24: ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

- 6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
- 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY JAN 25: CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

- 9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory Basement)
- 10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
- 2:30pm Baptism (Church)
- 2:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)
- 3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
- 7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
- 7:00pm CFC-YFL (School Gym)

SUNDAY JAN 26: 3RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

- 12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
- 6:10pm EPIC Journey (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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WHO'S CALLING THE SHOTS?

During a prayer meeting, one person received the message, very likely from the Lord, "Many call upon Me (for their own needs), but very few answer My call." How true it is! Look, we try to use God for our own goals and plans and wants. We try to fit Him in our own projects, but we seldom try to fit ourselves into His plan for us, we seldom answer His call.

In deliverance ministry, I often pray for people who have been lured into New Age and its various forms of occultism. Without knowing it, they use powers other than God's, and energy that is from evil powers. At first, it does them good, and even enables them to do good to others. But when this starts failing (because they don't hear God's guidance anymore), they try to go back to their faith and the evil forces start to harass them, preventing them, through fear to be set free.

Now, New Age is just an example of the general contemporary mentality, a false "spirituality" that has been around for thousands of years. That "spirit" is a desire "to be self-reliant, in control, our own boss; 'don't let other people push you around, be a leader, not a follower, assert yourself, set the tone for your own life, go where you want to go.'" (Listen to Fr. Barron's sermon 210 in 2005, and sermon 573 in 2001.) Already in the 18th century, Kent's spirit was, "Dare to know in your terms, be your own person, think your own thoughts, throw away the constraints of the past and of authority." Even some contemporary forms of Christianity in some of the mainline liberal protestant churches have fallen into this "spirituality versus religion" pattern, tailored to the culture of self-reliance, self-assertiveness, and self-actualization. We are taught to listen to our own little voices, instead of God's voice. So we get all confused in the maze of

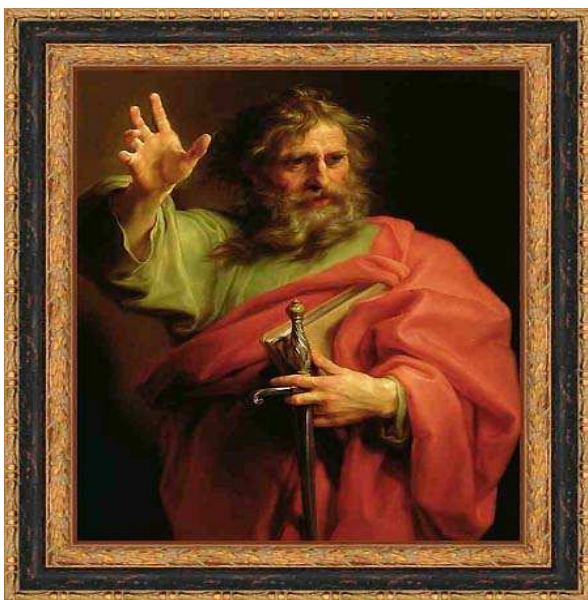
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our own conflicting desires. Our motto, even in religion is, "Try to love, be yourself, be gentle with yourself."

What is wrong with this spirituality? The problem is that, "We don't know who we are, until we find our own (special, unique) vocation (or calling) from God. (H.U.V. Balthasar.) Before that finding, you have a partial identity but not your full, real identity. St. Paul, in his letter to Corinthians, read today, starts by telling us his identity, "Paul, called by the will of God, to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus." Paul is not the one who sets his own agenda. His life is not about himself, he doesn't listen to his own little ego-centered voice. His life is not about aggrandizing himself, it's not about being the star of his own personal autobiography. His life is hooked, connected to a Power and a Person that stretches infinitely beyond himself. Paul is incorporated into a plan, the divine plan of God for the Universe. Why and how? It is because Someone other has seized him and defined who he is to become. Paul has become a letter to us, that is the meaning of the word Apostle, to be posted, as a letter, a unique message to be delivered. Will you refuse to be the letter? Will you accept to be free of the narrow confines of self-reliance and self-promotion, and self-indulgence?

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY APPEAL TICKETS



Knights of Columbus will be selling Charity Appeal tickets in the Church foyer after all Masses. This is your chance to win one of three brand new cars, or \$50,000 in cash! All rebates for tickets sold will be donated to the Parish Building Fund. Thank you for your support!

GRACE THAT REIGNS SOCIETY-PRAYER FOR PRIESTS



Please join us in prayer for the priests of Fraser Valley East Deanery on Thursday, Jan 23 at 7:40pm. More info at <http://www.gracethatreigns.com/>.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW

All boys and girls ages from 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level competition for the 2014 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held on Saturday, January 25 at 9am at the School Gym. Entry forms are available in the Church foyer. For additional information contact: Lebie Curate at 778-881-0619 or Resty Brotonel at 778-903-5606.



SPARK (GR. 6-8): TURNING THE OTHER CHEEK

Oftentimes, we find it hard to forgive someone for hurting us because we cannot forget the suffering they have caused us. But is holding a grudge worth our spiritual health and physical well-being? Let's hear what you think on Mon, Jan 20th 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement. See you there!

YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING

Come and sing praises to the Lord! Be filled with His love and receive healing on Thurs Jan 23rd 4:30-6pm at the Church basement. Doors along Euclid Street are open from 3:30pm. Refreshments are provided.

NO JUNIOR & SENIOR YOUTH BASKETBALL (GR. 6-7)

There is no basketball practice on Sat, Jan 25th. The next one is on Feb 1st.

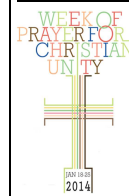
FLAME (GR. 8-12): SHARING OUR FAITH

Our faith story is like our fingerprints; it is unique to each of us. Although we share a common faith story in salvation history, each of us has experienced God working in and through us in special ways. Join us on Fri Jan 24th 6:30-9pm in the Church basement and find out how exciting sharing our faith can be!

Share Your Faith!

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

HAS CHRIST BEEN DIVIDED?



The theme of the 2014 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan. 18-25, is "Has Christ been divided? (1 Cor. 1:13). During this week, prepared by Churches and Christian communions in Canada, we are called to celebrate our diversity and be faithful to Christ's call for the unity of his Church. All are invited to join with brothers and sisters of various churches in prayer, song, and witness to unity as followers of Christ. The main prayer service is taking place Sun. Jan. 19 at 7pm at First Lutheran Church, 5745 Wales Street, Vancouver with Archbishop Michael Miller and other Christian leaders attending. For more info and other events: www.rcav.org/christian-unity/ or mbobnar@rcav.org, 604-468-2871 ext. 229.

MASS FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Archbishop Miller will celebrate a Mass of Anointing to commemorate World Day of the Sick on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 11am at Our Lady of Sorrow Church, 555 South Slocan Street in Vancouver. This celebration is being organized by the Catholic Health Association of BC. Everyone is welcome.

LIVE-IN RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Silent live-in retreat for women interested in discerning a call to religious life from 7pm Friday, Feb 14 to 3pm Sunday, Feb 16. For further info or to register, contact Sr. Denece at 604-985-4872 (dbillesberger@shaw.ca) or Sr. Linda at 604-936-2875 (bechardlinda@gmail.com). Space is limited so register early.

2014 ONE CONFERENCE

Featuring world-class speakers Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, Christopher West, Dr. Josephine Lombardi, and closing Mass with Archbishop Miller. The conference will be at the Vancouver Convention Centre on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 9am-5:30pm. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online at <http://rcav.org/one/> or at the parish office.

DONATIONS TO THE MEN'S HOSTEL



We host over 100 men daily at our Catholic Charities emergency homeless shelter. Your help is requested to make our guests a little more comfortable. They are in need of winter socks, underwear, hoodies, jackets, umbrellas and your prayers. We thank you for your generosity. Please drop off your gifts at 150 Robson St., Vancouver; call 604-443-3292; email menshostel@rcav.org.