

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



# 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **SUNDAY AUG 17: 20TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church Basement)

1:00pm Handmaids (School Gym)

### **MONDAY AUG 18:**

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

### **TUESDAY AUG 19:**

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

### **WEDNESDAY AUG 20: ST. BERNARD**

7:00pm Mass (Church)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **THURSDAY AUG 21: ST. PIUS X**

7:00pm Mass (Church)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **FRIDAY AUG 22: QUEENSHIP OF MARY**

6:00pm CFC-SFL (Seminar Room)

6:00pm Handmaids (School Gym)

6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)

7:00pm Mass (Church)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **SATURDAY AUG 23:**

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

10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)

10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)

2:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church basement)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)

6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church basement)

6:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory basement)

### **SUNDAY AUG 24: 21ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

## 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 from 9am-9pm

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

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### **PASTORS & STAFF**

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**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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**AUGUST 17, 2014**

*Pastor's  
Corner*

### **IF AT FIRST GOD REMAINS SILENT...**

When I came to St. Mary's as an assistant pastor, fourteen years ago, a Filipino man told me with a smile, "A Filipino will not take no for an answer. He will come back again and again, with a mix of humility and boldness until you say yes!" Today's Gospel shows us a foreign woman with a similar attitude. She is a Canaanite, who knew she was hated by the Jews, and despite the triple rebuke of Jesus and His disciples, gets bolder and bolder until she gets from Jesus the healing of her daughter.

Everywhere in the world, vulnerable foreigners who try to get a work permit or a permanent resident status are put to the test and submitted to great humiliations. I myself have tasted a bit of that in France, when I stayed there for 18 months. At restaurants, the waiters would talk to me with disdain, making fun of my French Canadian accent, pretending they could not understand my French, mocking my choice of dishes on their menu list. "No, Monsieur, you can't drink that kind of wine, with that fish." And if I would require some paper from their government, a clerk would examine all the required documents and say, "Monsieur has forgotten to make 3 copies of that paper. Go back home and get your paper right." But I could see their copier just a few feet away. "No Monsieur, ca ne se fait pas." "It can't be done! Go back home and try again."

Today's Gospel, reminds us of the dignity of foreigners, especially those who are vulnerable, and have no recourse. And those who speak our language with a strong accent. Don't treat them as if they were stupid or less educated. But, wait a minute, was Jesus being mean to that Canaanite woman? No, He is testing her! Is she there just for a quick fix, wanting a magical solution to her p

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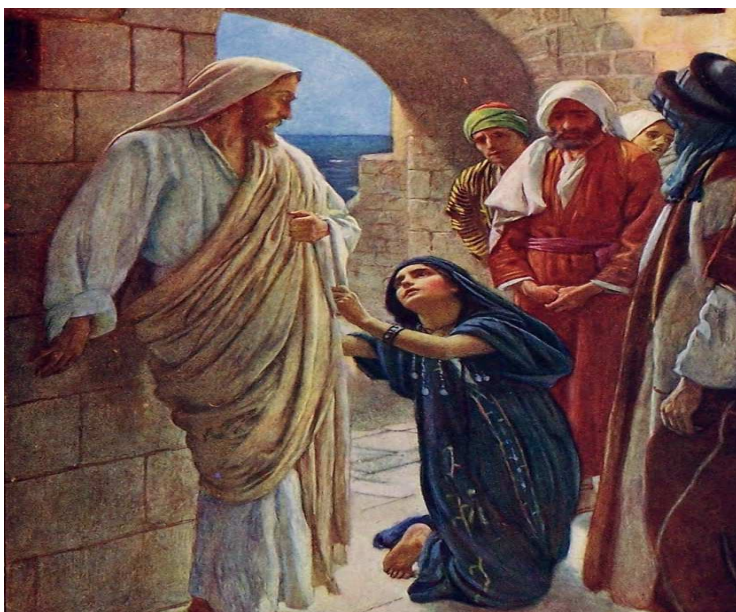


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problem, treating Jesus like a witch doctor? Of course, He knows what is in her heart. He is God, after all! But He wants to strengthen her by resisting her requests. He also wants to teach His disciples— and that includes you and me— a good lesson about prayer.

Listen. If your child wants first class baseball equipment, you will first buy a used, cheap one and see how he perseveres. You will throw the ball stronger and stronger at him, and let him compete with boys and girls who have an edge because of their equipment. Then you will buy him what he needs, God does the same. He doesn't answer right away our request. He lets our desire for what we need grow stronger and stronger...until we get that mix of humility and boldness with Him. He wants us to acknowledge that He is Lord, and we have no bragging rights on Him. Everything is a free gift, that we don't deserve. But also He wants us to be bold with Him in our requests like a son and daughter are bold with their mother and father. He is both our God and our closest friend. Does our prayer reflect this relationship?

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



## PARISH NEWS

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Are you an adult in need of Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation? Or would just like to learn more about your Catholic Faith? This is your opportunity to join the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA for 2014-2015. If you are interested or need more information, please contact the RCIA Coordinator at the Parish Office.

### PREP TEACHERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy teaching children? Are you knowledgeable and passionate about your Catholic faith? If this sounds like you, please consider volunteering in St. Mary's Parish Religious Education Programme or PREP. We are looking for teachers and assistant teachers. The classes are every Tuesday and Wednesday evening starting in the second week of September. If you are interested, please call the PREP Coordinator.

### PREP REGISTRATION

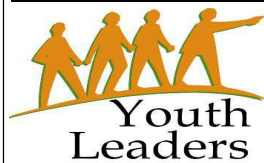
PREP is accepting applications for Grades 1-7. There will be special registration on Aug 23, from 10am-3pm at the School Gym entrance. Deadline for registration is Sept 1.

### CAMP FLAME (GR. 9-12)

Do you want to be energized, filled with hope and radiate with joy? Have you tried different ways to fill yourself but did not find satisfaction? Then, this weekend is for you! Join us on Sept 12-14 at Camp Capilano, North Vancouver and experience something remarkable. See Youth Ministry bulletin board or contact YM for details. Registration is due on Sept 5. Space is limited. Don't miss out!



### YOUTH LEADERS NEEDED (18+)



'God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called.' If you sense God calling you to be His instrument of love to young people, this is your chance. No experience required. The only requirement is that you have an authentic relationship with the Lord and that you are committed to service. Times are flexible. Please contact Rocelyn at 604-355-9611.

## PARISH NEWS

### ST. MARY'S STREET MINISTRY 10TH ANNIVERSARY

You are all invited to St. Mary's Street Ministry's 10th anniversary on Thursday Aug 21. Mass at 7pm, followed by snacks, entertainment and games in the Church basement. This is a joyous occasion to celebrate God's graces upon us and to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our volunteers, prayer partners and supporters. Please feel free to bring some snacks or beverages to share. We hope to see you there!

### ADORATION



St. Mary's Street Ministry is hosting an Adoration night on Saturday Aug 23 from 7-8pm to pray for all the volunteers in the parish and their families. We will also pray for the intentions of Street Ministry including an end to sex trafficking, all the people we minister to, and for more volunteers to join us. Don't miss this opportunity to pray together and storm heaven for our loved ones!

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

### MIDDLE EAST CRISIS RESPONSE

Archbishop Miller is asking all parishes in the Archdiocese of Vancouver to include our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East in your prayers. Please encourage your Member of Parliament to urge the Government of Canada to do even more for the Middle East- by providing Canadian emergency and reconstruction assistance, by making it easier for our country to accept refugees, by participating in international efforts to foster justice and peace in the region, and by insisting on respect for freedom of conscience and religion, as well as respect for the rights of minorities. Three Canadian Catholic agencies are fundraising for the suffering people of the Middle East. These are the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace at [www.devpo.org](http://www.devpo.org), CNEWA Canada at [www.cnewa.ca](http://www.cnewa.ca), and Aid to the Church in Need-Canada at [www.acn-aed-ca.org](http://www.acn-aed-ca.org). Catholics are encouraged if possible to support all three agencies in their work.

