

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY AUG 31: 22ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

1:00pm Handmaids (Church basement)

MONDAY SEP 1: (Parish Office Closed)

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

7:00pm Lay Apostle (Church)

TUESDAY SEP 2:

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)

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

WEDNESDAY SEP 3: ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

7:00pm Mass (Church)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY SEP 4:

6:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Seminar Room)

7:00pm Mass (Church)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY SEPT 5: (First Friday—All day Adoration)

6:00pm Handmaids (Church basement)

7:00pm Mass (Church)

7:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

7:00pm CFC-SFL (School Seminar Room)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY SEP 6:

9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)

9:00am Legion of Mary (Church basement)

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (School Seminar Room)

7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

SUNDAY SEP 7: 23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Handmaids (School Seminar Room)

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church basement)

1:30pm CFC (School Gym)

6:30pm Youth Ministry (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 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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*Pastor's
Corner*

CHOOSE LIFE!

If we are not attentive to what is happening to us, little things can imperceptibly grow in importance and take over our lives: attachments to "small" stuff...minor addictions...personal habits that lead us to sin. We become obsessed with things that hide the big picture of who we are and who we are called to be. Cars, kitchen renovations, athletic performances, smartphones, sex, food, romance, popularity...And we become miserable instead of joyful; anxious because we don't have what we want and fearful of losing the little we have gained. We spend our energy, time, talents and resources trying to secure things that we think are indispensable. But in that process, we lose everything that is genuine and real.

"For those who want to secure their lives will lose it, and those who give their lives out of love for my sake will secure it" (Matthew 16:25) Do you believe those words of Jesus? Not so easy! Original sin has programmed our minds to believe that we cannot trust these words, that we cannot trust God Himself. So we get into all kinds of diversion and distractions, seeking our happiness without reliance on God's Word and Presence. Without Him, we fall into discouragement.

We need to return to our origin: God. We were created in His own image, made for sacrificial love, like Jesus. There is no other way to true joy and fulfilment: to love God and His children more than ourselves just as Christ loved His Father more than Himself, and gave up His life for us. Do you want to wake up everything with the desire to do something beautiful for God and for others?

But there is more to it. If we rather choose the evil path of self-centeredness and self-absorption, we will become a stumbling block for our loved ones, for the Church, for those who are placed in our life, private and public. Christ

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will say to us, like He said to Peter, "Get behind me Satan. You are a stumbling block to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things, but on human things." (Matthew 16:23)

How often, have I been a stumbling block for others in the Church, throughout my life! It is never too late to change that. I keep thinking of the "good" thief who entered paradise with the Crucified Jesus. I try to identify with Paul who wrote "I can do everything in Him who strengthen me."

But here's the Good News. The way of self sacrificing love is contagious. It will eventually, in God's time, remove all the evil of this world. "The gates of Hades will not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18) The devil said about St. John Vianney: "Just three men like him and my kingdom would be ruined." Obviously we didn't get those three men like him. Could we not find these three persons in our parish? Or maybe three hundred "ordinary" saints? The reward for them is to receive in this life a hundred times all they will have given away and eternal life in the Kingdom of God.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



*Nothing is more practical than finding God,
i.e. than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way.
What you are in love with,
what seizes your imagination, will affect everything.
It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what
you will do with your evenings,
how you spend your weekends,
what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and
what amazes you with joy and gratitude.
Fall in love stay in love, and it will decide everything.*

Fr. Pedro Arrupe, S.J.

PARISH NEWS

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Are you an adult in need of Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation? Or would you 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 REGISTRATION

Registration for the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) has been extended until September 10. Applications can be submitted at the Parish Office, Monday-Friday from 12-5:30pm. We will also accept registrations during the opening day of classes on Tuesday, Sept 9 and Wednesday, Sept 10 from 6:30-8:00 pm at the School office. For further information, please contact the PREP Coordinator.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-35)

Are you restless? Do you seek belonging? St. Augustine mentioned that only God can fill our restlessness, but how do we even connect with Him and let Him fill us? In *Sacred Pathway*, Author Gary Thomas explains that there are 9 ways to achieve that. If you are interested to discover these 9 pathways with other young adults, register at yam.smarv@gmail.com RE: Sacred Pathways.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST- CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

Attention: all single men and women, married couples, single parents, divorced, separated men and women, widows and widowers: We invite you to a Christian Life Program sponsored by Couples for Christ, starting Saturday, September 13 at 7pm in the School Gym. CLP is an integrated course on the basics of Christianity leading to a renewed understanding of God's call to us as Christian individuals and/or couples. Refreshments will be served and no fee required. You may bring your children so they can join the Kids for Christ CLP. For more information, please contact: Dannie Raymundo at 604-710-6211 or Jun Morales at 604-561-9007.

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8AM SUNDAY CHOIR – MUSICIANS WANTED

We are in need of Musicians–pianist, guitarist, violinist or those playing other musical instruments that will complement our music at the 8am Mass. Musicians should have good sight reading skills and be able to commit to this Mass each week. Dominic Lau will be available in the foyer after the 8am Mass, if you have questions or wish to indicate interest. We practice for 1.5 hours, directly after the 8am Mass. Please contact Amalie 778-836-4187 or amalie.livera@telus.net or Dominic Lau 778-885-0818 or dl1230@hotmail.com.

CHRISTIAN LIFE SEMINAR

Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life (CFCFFL), an international private association of lay faithful, invite you to a Christian Life Seminar (CLS) in the School Gym for 9 consecutive Fridays beginning on Sept. 5, 2014 from 7-10pm. CLS is an integrated course leading to a renewed understanding of God's call to Christian couples and individuals. It is open to married couples, widows or widowers or those separated or divorced. There is no cost.

MIGRANT MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Please join us for a much requested, free and interactive workshop on "Employment Standards Act and Related Issues" to be presented by St. Mary's Migrant Ministry and ISS of BC on Saturday, September 6 from 1-3pm in the School Seminar room. Wages, overtime payments, and termination of employment are some of the topics to be discussed by the speaker, Ai Li Lim, a staff lawyer and executive director of Westcoast Domestic Workers' Association. Registration is required. Please contact Chit Arma at 604-684-7498 ext1666 or email resochita.arma@issbc.org or Lenn Castro at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com.

HANDS OF VERONICA

Fall Meeting on Wednesday, September 17 from 9:30-11:30am in the Rectory Dining Room, followed by light pot-luck lunch. For info contact Barry at 604-327-5425 or bardes36@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY

Join us for an in-depth 8 session study of "Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother" beginning Sunday, September 14 in the Church Basement at 6:15pm. For more information or to register for the study, call the parish office at ext. 0.