

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY SEP 14: EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church basement)

6:15pm Bible Study (Church basement)

MONDAY SEP 15: OUR LADY OF SORROWS

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

TUESDAY SEP 16: STS. CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)

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

WEDNESDAY SEP 17:

9:30am Hands of Veronica (Rectory Dining)

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

7:00pm Building Committee (Rectory Dining)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY SEP 18:

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY SEPT 19:

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

7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)

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

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY SEP 20: STS. A. KIM, P. CHONG & COMPANIONS

9:00am Vocations Committee (Seminar Room)

10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)

10:00am Knights of Columbus (Church basement)

1:30am CFC Youth (Church basement)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)

7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church basement)

SUNDAY SEP 21: 25TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (School Gym)

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church basement)

6:15pm 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 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. Email the Parish Office: parish.smarv@rcav.org 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*

IS THE CROSS REALLY A TRIUMPH?

Some artists wear the cross as a piece of jewelry. For many among us, it is an object of piety. For the contemporaries of Jesus, it was an object of horror. It would be the equivalent of an electric chair, or any other terrifying instrument of torture. A symbol of human cruelty. Speaking of the triumph of the Cross or of the "Exaltation of the Cross," would not make any sense before the Resurrection. And it took a long time before the Cross became an object of veneration. Could you imagine yourself wearing a replica of an electric chair as a piece of jewelry? Or entering into a Church where an electric chair would be exposed on the sanctuary wall instead of the Cross? The electric chair is not where we seek to find the glory and power of God! Neither was the Cross before Christianity.

The Cross was terrifying and was meant to be a form of "State-sponsored terrorism" to deter anybody from trying to undermine the "Roman authority." The criminal would be flogged, stripped of all his clothes, exposed to mockery of the soldiers. The cross was elevated in a very public space by the road side. The crucified would die of asphyxia after days of laboring to raise his body to breathe. Can you imagine yourself trying to breathe if all your body was hanging from your extended arms? The crucified would have to rock his body up and down on these huge nails that were planted in extremely sensitive parts of the body.

Jesus died after six hours on the Cross. That was considered fast. Because He had been tortured so much, and had lost so much blood even before reaching Calvary. Without the Resurrection, the Cross seemed like the triumph of unspeakable human cruelty against the Son of God. The triumph of mistrust, anger, institutional corruption, betrayal, denial, fear, scapegoating. The Son of God took flesh in order to enter into that extreme panoply of human dysfunction

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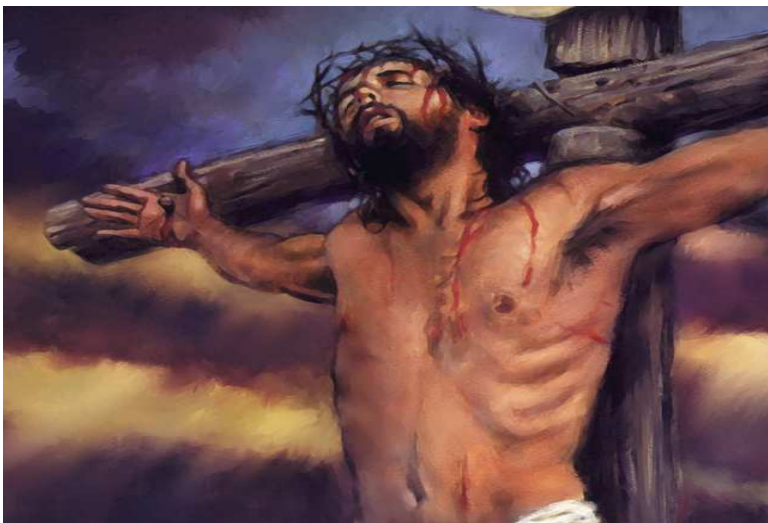
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and sin.

The evidence of the Resurrection forced the apostles to look at the shameful death that preceded it. They began to see it as a triumph of Love, not as a triumph of human cruelty. St. Paul "read" the Cross in the context of the bigger picture of God's plan to save the human race. Since the fall of Adam, we all inherited this tendency to grasp the power of God in order to elevate ourselves, and make ourselves self-sufficient. To save us from this upward movement of self-justification, self-absorption, self-glorification, God Himself went down and down to the most humiliating death. By this, He showed us that His love is more powerful than all the sin and dysfunction of the world. God's self emptying absorbed our human pride by offering Himself as a victim of it and then rising up from it in the Risen Body of Jesus.

Through faith and through the Sacraments received in faith, we connect with the Love of God for us that was displayed on the Cross. Therefore, *"neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God..."* (Romans 8:38-39)

The apostles were freed from human dysfunctions to the point of not being afraid of dying on the cross themselves.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



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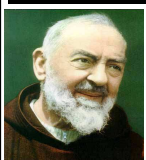
ST. MARY'S MIGRANT MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Are you feeling overwhelmed with life's daily pressures and want to learn strategies to cope with your stress? Join us for free interactive training to learn about "Finding a Balance in Life-Wellness Workshop." This 3-session course runs Sunday Sept 21, Sept 28 and Oct 5 from 1-3pm in the School Seminar Room. It will be facilitated by staff from ISSof BC, jointly with St. Mary's Migrant Ministry. Commitment to attend the 3 sessions is very important not only to gain skills, but to build friendships and establish a network among participants to serve in gaining support as you face different challenges in Canada. Registration is required. Please call Chit Arma 604-684-7498 ext 1666 or email resochoita.arma@issbc.org or Lenn Castro at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com.

CWL TRIVIA NIGHT

St Mary's CWL is happy to announce TRIVIA NIGHT is back for the fourth year! Have fun with friends, family, and your community for only \$5 per person (includes refreshments). Save the date, Friday, September 26, from 7-9:30pm in the Church Basement.

GRACE THAT REIGNS

 Grace that Reigns Society presents an evening of prayer for Archbishop Miller and our priests as we celebrate the Feast of St. Padre Pio on Thursday, September 25. Come for Mass at 7pm, followed by devotional prayers, healing and graces. Good-will offering is appreciated! <http://www.gracethatreigns.com/>.

SPARK (GR. 6-8) – EVENT POSTPONED

The first Spark event of the school year will be moved to Monday, October 6.

YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT (GR.6-10)

"I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions" (Acts 2:17.) Youth Ministry's newest group—Youth in the Spirit (YIS) aims to support, encourage and affirm youth in their journey to discovering their own spiritual gifts (charisms.) Come and experience the Holy Spirit's invitation on Thursday, Sept 25th, 4:30-6pm in the Church basement.

THANK YOU

Youth Ministry thanks everyone who participated in the Living Rosary on September 8 for the Feast of the Nativity of our patron saint, the Blessed Virgin Mary.



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EXCITING UPCOMING PARISH EVENT-DECEMBER 6

Mark your calendar and make sure you and your family are free to enjoy a special event hosted by the different parish ministries. We promise that it will be an exciting event you don't want to miss. It will include a very special guest, so stay tuned, more details to come!

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Annual General Assembly titled "Sow Much Love" on Friday September 19 from 6:30-7:30pm. Guest Speaker Fr. Michael Stogre, S.J. On Saturday 9:30am-4:30pm the Fall Education Workshop will be conducted by Ms. Elena Wright, D&P Head Office. Events to be held at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Kingsway and 10th Avenue, Burnaby, everyone is welcome!


ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

Focus is on Physical Healing with Fr Richard McAlear, three major talks and a healing service. Archbishop Miller will be the main celebrant of the concluding Mass. Friday, Sept. 19 from 7-9:30pm and Saturday, Sept. 20 from 10-8:30pm at St. Matthew's Church, Surrey. Tickets \$10 available at the parish office. For more info contact Lennie at 604-597-8227 or www.vccrs.ca. Bus service available on Saturday Sept 20 at 8:30am at the back of the rectory. \$10 round trip, first-come, first-serve, must have exact fare, no change will be available. In the event that the bus is full, directions for taking public transit will be available, which takes about one hour.

FAMILY WEEKEND LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

St. Peter's Parish, New Westminster. Introduction and Registration, Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7pm. Seminars 1 & 2, Friday, Sept. 26 at 6:30pm-9:30pm. Seminars 3, 4, & 5 Saturday Sept 27th 10am-4pm (lunch provided), Seminars 6 & 7 Sunday Sept 28th 12pm-4pm. Free/Donations Register: Ashanti 604-526-9910.

THE HEART OF A WOMAN – WOMEN'S RETREAT

Come be transformed and re-formed as you discover  the mystery and beauty of your own heart along with other women eager to grow in their spiritual life. Saturday, October 18, from 8:30am-6pm at Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Port Coquitlam. Cost: \$40 (breakfast and lunch). To register call 604-942-5522 or assumptionofmary.ca/retreat.php.