

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



The Greatest Commandment Matt. 22:34-40

SUNDAY OCT 26: 30TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

6:15pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

MONDAY OCT 27:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

TUESDAY OCT 28: STS. SIMON & JUDE

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory library)

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

WEDNESDAY OCT 29:

6:00pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)

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

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY OCT 30:

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY OCT 31:

6:00pm CFC Youth (Rectory Basement)

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

7:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY NOV 1: ALL SAINTS

9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)

10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)

2:30pm Baptism (Church)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)

7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

*** TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE BED! ***

SUNDAY NOV 2: COMMEMORATION FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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 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

Principal: Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff Website: www.stmary.bc.ca

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

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*Pastor's
Corner*

THE SECRET OF JOY

It is both amazing and discouraging—if not for grace! Jesus is asked by the Pharisees which commandment in the Law is the greatest! We think it is easy to answer that? No way, the Jews had over 600 precepts and commandments! Pharisees and scribes argued which one was the pivotal commandment around which everything was organized. Some would argue that it was the Sabbath precept, just like today some Catholics argue that the Sunday Mass is the most important. After that, it is just surplus or optional over-time! Others would argue that the most important are laws regarding ritual purity, others circumcision. But Jesus says it is love of God, and the second commandment is like the first, love your neighbor as yourself. On those two commandments Jesus said, “hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Easy to say, discouragingly difficult to do—if it were not for grace! In fact these two commandments could terrify us or at least overwhelm us. Think that we will be judged according to these! Look! How can you love God, that you cannot see, “with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, with all your mind!” Honestly, I cannot, without grace. But we know, from the Bible and from the experience of the saints and sometimes from our own personal experience, that “God doesn’t want (or ask) anything from us that He has not Himself first given us.” (October Magnificat) God has first loved us, even while we were rebelling against Him. He has first loved us in such a way that we want to respond love for love. Love can only be satisfied by love in return. Even for God Himself! And God makes it “supremely possible for us to love Him as He demands.” (October Magnificat)

Try it! Loving is not first a feeling. Don’t judge your love for God by the intensity of your feelings. Love is first of all an act of the will, a willing of the good of the other as other – not just for my own self interest; for example, not to be

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loved in return, not to be praised or not to be admired. And then to do something real about it, about really bringing something good to the other. We sometimes can love another human being like that, but not consistently and for life, if it were not for the grace of God. And how can we love God like that? He doesn't need anything! Yes but you can "savour the infinite goodness that He is." wrote Fr. Barron (October Magnificat, page 357) "You can rest in His Love and Splendour. You can praise Him and thank Him for that." And you can return love for love and that is what He wants since He is Love in Himself. The greatest love you can give to a lover is to receive his/her love and return love for love. Impossible: yes. "For man it is impossible, but with God, everything is possible" said the Angel to Mary at the Annunciation. God loves you in such a deep way that you want to love Him back. That felt knowledge of God for you makes it "easy" to surrender all to Him. "It makes you yield so subtle and profound a consent to all His demands, that you don't perceive what He, God, is doing, and seems to be done effortlessly. (A paraphrase of Jean Nicolas Grou, S.J. from Meditations Upon the Love of God, 1875)

I wrote that love is not primarily a feeling, but it is often accompanied by feelings, at the beginning of the spiritual life and at the end, at the summit of the transformative way. Don't get discouraged. If God doesn't give you the feeling, He will give you the "willing" the desire, and this goes farther than the feelings, and it yields more fruits, fruits that you can share with others.

What about the second commandment? It flows from the first. When you love God, you want to love all those that God loves, as much—if it were possible! as God loves them. And God loves even the worst sinner with infinite love. Your visceral compassion for others will be grounded and built upon the visceral compassion of God for others, and upon His visceral reaction to injustice and oppression. In loving God (with and through His Grace, you will feel the feelings of God: compassion for the poor and the oppressed (see today's first reading from Exodus 22:21-27) and you will become a saint, a joyful one.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

"God, you put into my heart a marvelous love for your people." (Psalm 16:3)

p.s. See Fr. Barron's homily for the 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time at wordonfire.org.

PARISH NEWS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY APPEAL TICKETS



Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal Tickets are now available, and will be on sale this weekend after all Masses. Rebate for the tickets sold will be given to various charity organizations. For more information, please contact Rey Castro at 604-8037808 or Romy Cadvido at 604-837-5401.

PIANIST REQUIRED

The Sunday 7pm Choir is looking for a new pianist. If interested, please contact Lina at linactys@yahoo.com.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

It is the time of the year again - St. Mary's Street Ministry needs donation of individually wrapped mini size chocolates with non-Halloween wrapping (no devils/ghosts), socks, shaving cream, razors and juice boxes for the homeless. We are also looking for a donation of a stroller for a 4-year-old child; please call 778-885-9611 to coordinate drop off of stroller. Thank you and God bless!

YOUNG ADULTS (18-35) - SACRED PATHWAYS

Does your prayer life need a boost? Join young adults in discovering different spiritual walks that can draw us closer to Christ. The next topic is *Loving God through Confrontation* on Sunday, Oct 26 from 11am-12:30pm in the rectory library. Register at yam.smarv@gmail.com or call/text 604-355-9611.

TALITHA KOUM SOCIETY

We thank you for your support of Talitha Koum Society last weekend and for your generosity. If you did not have a chance to make a donation, there are envelopes in the pews with inserts to fill out your information for an income tax receipt. Please place in the collection basket. You can also give online at: www.talithakoumsociety.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - THANK YOU!

St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Mary's Conference would like to thank all parishioners for your generous donations in our annual collection (Sept 6/7, 2014). We collected approximately \$5900. It is a real privilege to distribute these offerings to those in desperate need. Thank you and God bless.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come join us on Sunday Nov 16 from 9am-3pm for a delicious pancake breakfast and start your Christmas shopping early. Table rentals \$15 or 2 for \$25. Contact Nancy at 604-434-7246 or nanbec@telus.net or Eileen 604 436-3655.



PARISH NEWS

SISTER ANN SHIELDS COMING TO ST. MARY'S!!!

Mission Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group is offering a special day with Sr. Ann Shields on Saturday, Nov 22. She will be teaching on "More of the Holy Spirit" and "Deeper Conversion", from 9:30am-4pm at St. Mary's Church. Tickets are \$10 and are available after all Masses this weekend, and at the Parish Office. All are invited and welcome to hear a deeper call to conversion through all that the Holy Spirit has to offer!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Reminder to move your clocks back one hour next Sunday November 2.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

MAN ALIVE

Man Alive is back on Friday, Nov. 7 at St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver at 7:30pm. Join us for a powerful evening with speaker Matt Fradd. Tickets: www.rcav.org/manalive.

LIVE IN RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Silent live-in retreat for women interested in discerning a call to religious life from Friday Nov 7 to Sunday Nov 9. For more information or to register contact Sr. Denece at 604-985-4872 or dbillesberger@shaw.ca. Space is limited.

LIVE IN RETREAT FOR MEN

On the weekend of November 14-16, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission. For more information call 604-826-8715.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Make your good marriage better by attending an intimate weekend with your spouse. Hear testimonies from couples and a priest in a series of talks that will get you communicating in a new way! Nov 14-16 at Best Western Plus, 3070-264th St., Aldergrove. Call Steve and Mary Bohnen to register 604-876-7298 or e-mail wwwmevancouverbc@gmail.com, or visit www.wwme.org.

LUKE 15 FUNDRAISER

Come and join us for a night of fellowship, buffet dinner, silent auction, door prizes, live entertainment and life changing testimonies. The event will take place at Grace Point Community Church, 3487 King George Blvd., South Surrey on Friday, Nov. 21 at 7pm. Tickets are available at the parish office. More info at www.luke15house.com.