

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



### **SUNDAY NOV 2: COMMEMORATION FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

- 1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church Basement)  
1:30pm CFC (School Gym)  
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

### **MONDAY NOV 3:**

- 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)  
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)  
7:30pm Lay Apostle (Church)

### **TUESDAY NOV 4: ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO**

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

### **WEDNESDAY NOV 5:**

- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **THURSDAY NOV 6:**

- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **FRIDAY NOV 7: FIRST FRIDAY** (All day Adoration – Church)

- 6:30pm Dev & Peace (Rectory Dining)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **SATURDAY NOV 8:**

- 9:15am DNA (Rectory Basement)  
10:00am CFC-YFL (Church basement)  
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)  
2:00pm CFC Youth (School Gym)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)  
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)  
7:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

### **SUNDAY NOV 9: DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**

- 12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church Basement)  
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)  
1:30pm CFC (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 Sunday 3pm

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:**

Wednesday 6pm

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:**

Thursday: 7:20am & Saturday: 8am

**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

Phone: (604) 437-1312 Fax: (604) 437-1193

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

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### **PASTORS & STAFF**

**Pastor:** Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P. (ext. 6)

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**Finance & Property Manager:** Ossie Fernandes (ext. 7)

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**NOVEMBER 2, 2014**

*Pastor's  
Corner*

### **PURGATORY: A MYSTERY OF HOPE AND MERCY. WHY SHOULD I PRAY FOR MY BELOVED DECEASED?**

Today, All Souls Day, is a "day" of a great joy in heaven. Many souls in purgatory are finally made ready to withstand and behold the great Beauty and Love of God without fear of being blinded or controlled. They are being freed from self-sufficiency (like "I know better than God that which works!") They are now able to surrender to that extreme Love that God has for them, to the fierce flames of that fire of love. Those flames that cause the torment of those in hell, because they hate Love; those same flames that cause purification in purgatory, now cause joy in heaven, The souls who are now passing from purgatory to heaven are no longer enclosed within themselves out of fear of Love. Their "I" can now be situated in God, completely given to a loving, transforming union with Him and with all the Saints.

How can this be? And how can our prayer help the souls in purgatory, especially the souls of our deceased loved ones? To answer this, we must understand the effects of our sins, in this life and in purgatory. When we sin, we not only hurt others and offend God, but we damage our own inner core, our soul. Our will becomes weaker and inclined to fall into the same sin again and again. It gets more and more difficult to desire God. Holiness of life becomes repulsive. Self-centeredness governs our choices, instead of love. The more we sin the more we see love as an unrealistic option. These are some of the long-term "side effects" of sin in us. We are like a smoker who stopped smoking but still has to clean his lungs of nicotine and restore his body of all the side effects of the habit of smoking.

How can we heal this? We repent, confess our sins and live according to the Word of God. We are forgiven, but the side effects of sin are still there. Just like the ex-smokers, we still need healing. And it takes time and effort. Prayer,

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penance (fasting) and alms giving are ways proposed by Jesus. These must be done out of love for God, for others, for our soul. Every act of love is healing. Slowly, by living a life of love, as Jesus tells us in today's Gospel, our inner being, our soul will be healed. The things of the Kingdom of God will become desirable again. We will be set free. We will be purified. We should strive to do this before death.

What happens if we die before this purification is completed? In this case we are not ready to see God, because God is Love. We need to be rehabilitated in the ways of love. That is what purgatory is for. A "time" given to us to lower our resistance to God's love, so that we may accept fully the healing embrace of God. It won't be easy, because we will feel so unworthy of it. Our souls will still resent God's love. That is until we surrender in love. Little by little, God shows a deeper and deeper glimpse of Himself.

This is why the souls in purgatory need our loving prayers. Especially the souls of our loved ones. They need to be forgiven of the wrongs they did to us.

They need to be comforted in our love and encouraged to surrender to God's love. How can we reach out to them? Christ is our messenger, he is the bridge between earth and purgatory. Remember that the souls in purgatory are still members of Christ's Body. We are all interconnected!

We are related still to them in an even deeper way than when they were on earth. They are not far from us, somewhere else in the Universe. Of course in a sense they are gone: they are no longer available to us in the ordinary means. But they did not fade away like their dead bodies. They exist in the deeper, eternal realm of God.

So if we are connected to God, to the realm of God, then they, our beloved deceased, "can relate to us, perhaps in a more intimate way than when they were alive." (Fr. Barron's homily for All Souls 2008.) They know the hurts they have caused us. Maybe their purification consists in seeing the faces of all those they have hurt, and asking forgiveness through Christ. Hence, we can and we should grant them forgiveness and also ask forgiveness for the hurts we have caused them.

*God bless you. Fr. Pierre*

## PARISH NEWS

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HALLOWEEN CANDY DRIVE**

Save Halloween Candies for the poor! St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Society is running a Halloween candy drive for the month of November. If you have any excess Halloween chocolates or candies to donate, please drop them off in the candy boxes in foyer. Thank you for your generosity.

### **FLAME (GR. 8-12) - FAITH & FRIENDSHIP**

Do you have friends that do not practice their faith? How can you keep your faith and also share it with others? Let's gather as one community this Sunday, Nov 2 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement and learn how to be equipped in dealing with our friends.

### **SPARK (GR. 6-8) - SECRET ADMIRER II**

Our Secret Admirer revealed Himself to us on many occasions. Come this Monday, Nov 3 from 6:30-8:30pm to the Church basement to see how God has been pursuing His people from the beginning of time.

### **THANK YOU FROM ST. MARY'S YOUTH MINISTRY**

Youth Ministry thanks parishioners for supporting last week's fundraising. Your contribution will help us continue providing service to the young people of our community. May God bless you.

### **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.

### **FLU VACCINATION CLINIC**

The flu shot will be given by Shopper's Drug Mart on Sunday Nov 16 from 8:30am-2:30pm. Those who qualify for a free shot are seniors, pregnant women, health care workers, live in residents for assisted living, aboriginals, people diagnosed with a chronic illness and anyone who lives in the same household or who comes into contact with any of the aforementioned. On the day of the flu shot please bring your care card with you as we need this information. Shots will take place in the Church basement library.

### **ST. MARY'S RECEPTIONIST POSITION**

St. Mary's Parish is looking for a receptionist. Details on the parish website. Only those individuals selected for interview will be contacted, no phone calls please. Submit applications to parish.smarv@rcav.org.

## PARISH NEWS

### **ST. MARY'S MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT**

All married couples are invited to St. Mary's Parish Marriage Enrichment Retreat on Nov 29 from 8am-4:30pm in the Church basement followed by Holy Mass and renewal of vows at 5pm. Strengthen and enhance your marriage relationships and have a better understanding of God's plan for your marriage and family life. There is no fee and lunch/snacks will be served. To register, please contact Rick/Rocky 778-855-0398, Elhy/Jona 604-782-4802 or Dannie/Eden 604-710-6211.

### **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 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!

### **ONE VOICE...ONE HEART...ONE SPIRIT**

St. Mary's Parish presents the musical Concert, "One Voice...One Heart...One Spirit," hosted by St. Mary's Ministries, on Saturday December 6 in the School Gym. The first showing is at 1pm and the second showing at 7pm, ticket price is \$12 or \$45 for a package of 4 tickets. Come and enjoy the show, it will be a wonderful experience and a great way to celebrate the upcoming Parish Feast Day, Feast of the Immaculate Conception. For tickets/information please contact Edna Abustan at stmpraisefest2014@gmail.com or Teresa Lung at tky.lung@telus.net.



## 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.

### **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.