

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



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)

MONDAY NOV 10: ST. LEO THE GREAT

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

TUESDAY NOV 11: REMEMBRANCE DAY (Parish Office Closed)

6:00pm Baptism Prep (Church)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY NOV 12: ST. JOSAPHAT

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

THURSDAY NOV 13:

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

FRIDAY NOV 14:

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

SATURDAY NOV 15:

9:00am Vocations Committee (Rectory Dining)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
12:30pm Knights of Columbus (Seminar Room)
2:00pm CFC Youth (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:30pm ARC (Church)

SUNDAY NOV 16: 33RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Craft Fair (School Gym)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (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: 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

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

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PASTORS & STAFF

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

Assistant Pastor: Fr. Gabriel de Chadarevian, O.P. (ext. 3)

Pastoral Assistant: Vesna Jankovic (ext. 6)

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*Pastor's
Corner*

OUR NEED FOR A SACRED SPACE

There is something about a church building that resonates with us. For instance, a significant number of St. Mary's newcomers felt something like a presence or a sense of peace, right at the first time they came in. They say they knew right away that this church was their home, or that it was a place of prayer and healing. Someone told me that the inner walls of St. Mary's Church were saturated with prayers. They help that person to pray, in communion with all those who prayed here, who have received sacraments here, who were touched by God's grace here.

For me, there is one church where I received awesome grace, between age 16 to 45. There was a particular spot within that Trappist chapel, in the balcony at the back, where I received a decisive grace of faith and it became my sacred space where I would go twice a year. I wish I could go back there but that Church no longer exists!

Today we celebrate a sacred space that began its existence in year 324: the first church building of the Roman Empire, the first basilica of the Popes. It is there, that, still today every newly elected Pope goes to take possession of his office. It is called St. John Lateran. The chair where the Pope sits is there in the sanctuary. So many Popes sat there! This is like the birthplace of Catholicism. There is an inscription on the outer wall: "This Church, the Mother and Head of All Churches of the City and of the World."

Of course, we know that the church with a capital C, is not a building of stone, but the living Body of Christ, to which we are grafted at baptism, becoming part of the mystical Body of Christ, which is the Church, filled with the fullness of the divinity and humanity of Christ. But the church building is where we have been baptized, confirmed, married or ordained. And it is the place where our ancestors have been

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sent to heaven. It does make this building a very sacred place, more sacred than English Bay at sunset, or Whistler Mountain top at sunrise.

Of course, we know that God is everywhere, including in nature, the workplace, and your car. But the church building is a sacred place where we meet God, and one another through Christ. The Eucharist makes the Church with a capital C, makes it grow in intensity and quality, until all is in Christ, and Christ is in all. Then Christ will go to the heart of the Father bringing the Church with Him and in Him. We will become the New Jerusalem, the New Temple where God dwells forever.

Those two dimensions of the Church have an impact on how we design, maintain and use our church buildings. The building should be beautiful inside and outside, it should help us to adore in silence, but also to celebrate together in joy of the world to come, the New Jerusalem, that is already present here and now in "seed" form. We go to the Church building for silent adoration, especially on weekdays during exposition. But we also go there to reconnect with our brothers and sisters, and joyfully celebrate the living Christ present in our community.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



St. John Lateran Cathedral, Chair of St. Peter, Rome

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FLU VACCINATION CLINIC

The flu shot will be given by Shopper's Drug Mart on Sunday Nov 16 from 8:30am-2:30pm in the Church basement library. 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. Please bring your care card with you as we need this information.

2015 SUNDAY ENVELOPES

The 2015 envelopes are now ready to be picked up from the Church basement. If you cannot locate your envelopes, or there are errors in the name or address, please fill out the appropriate form at the table advising same.

PROJECT ADVANCE

Total pledges to date are \$123,874 or 62% of our parish goal. You may donate through the Sunday collection, or online at rcav.org. Pledge forms are available in all the pews. You have until December 31 to donate in order to claim a 2014 tax credit. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. MARY'S STREET MINISTRY VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Come join us in the Homeless Outreach Volunteers Training and Fellowship on Sunday Nov 16 from 2:30-4:30pm in the School Seminar Room. All who are interested in homeless outreach, along with our current volunteers, are invited. Refreshments provided.

JR. BASKETBALL CANCELLED

There will be no Junior youth basketball until Dec 2014. Parents will be updated if it will resume in 2015.

SPARK (GR. 6-8) - MOVIE: THE GREATEST MIRACLE

Do you know what happens during Mass? Watch this entertaining animated film on Monday, Nov 10 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement. Be amazed at the beauty of Holy Mass, with the help of angels! Popcorn provided.

YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit has been present since the very beginning of creation. Follow stories from the Old Testament that show His power, goodness and wisdom on Thursday, Nov 13 from 4:30-6pm in the Church basement.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-35) - HOMELESS OUTREACH

Join us Sunday, Nov 9 at 10:30am in the rectory to pack donations and head downtown for outreach. Return time is flexible. Please contact Roman at 604-721-1158 for more info.

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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.

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 each, 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

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.