

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Your talent is Gods
gift to you
What you do with it is
your gift back to God



SUNDAY NOV 16: 33RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Craft Fair (School Gym)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church Basement)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)

MONDAY NOV 17: ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

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

TUESDAY NOV 18: *NO 8AM MASS*

7:00pm Mass (Church)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)
7:00pm CWL (Seminar Room)
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY NOV 19: *NO 8AM MASS*

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/ NO Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

THURSDAY NOV 20: *NO 8AM MASS*

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

FRIDAY NOV 21: PRESENTATION OF MARY *NO 8AM MASS*

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

SATURDAY NOV 22: ST. CECILIA

9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory Basement)
9:30am Sister Ann Shields (Church)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
3:00pm Knights of Columbus (Rectory basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church)

SUNDAY NOV 23: CHRIST THE KING

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
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 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

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NOVEMBER 16, 2014

*Pastor's
Corner*

BE A "GO-GIVER" NOT A "GO-GETTER"

Father Mark Link, S.J. presents this beautiful story meant for many of us (I am one of them) who, saying they have little to give, decide to give nothing, or having little talents to use, decide to wait for a time when they will be more competent, more able.

"A little girl returned home after visiting the family of a classmate who had died suddenly. Her father was annoyed, saying, "Why did you go over there at this time?" The child said, "To console her mother." Her father said, "But what could you do?" "Nothing," said the child, "so I sat in her lap and cried with her."

Fr. Link, S.J. concludes, "The story of the child and Jesus' parable invites me to ask myself, "To what extent do I end up doing nothing to advance God's Kingdom because I feel I can do so little?"

Indeed, the little girl's tears probably did more to help the mother, than the clever words of a social worker, or of a priest.

There are many things in my life that I have never done, and could have done if I had been less perfectionist, or less prideful. For example, I refused opportunities to preach, to teach, to evangelize, because I felt I was not competent, not ready. I said to myself, "If only I could read this or that big book, then I could teach that subject. I know some priests who don't want to start doing deliverance ministry because they feel they should read this or that book, listen to this or that CD album, before ever praying for deliverance. Meanwhile people suffer in their chains.

Think about the talents you have: if you don't use them, you will lose them. On the other hand, if you use them for the good of others, and/or for the Kingdom of God, they will grow stronger, deeper, more beautiful, richer. The early

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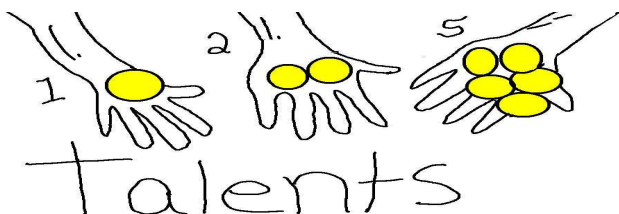
Dominican friars believed they were like a "pipeline" of God's grace, an aqueduct. They understood that the aqueduct can only receive as much water as it is able to give away. If the aqueduct would "say," I want to keep all this water only for me, the water would leak through the cracks of the pipeline and soon it would be empty of water. You can only receive God's grace on the fly. As soon as you receive it you must share it, give it away. Otherwise it dies in you. It becomes a dead burden like the precepts of the scribes and of the Pharisees. They turned the Word of God into something burdensome.

Dare to look at the fountain of living water welling up into your heart (see John 4) and share it. You have a talent to sing, join the choir. You can teach, then join RCIA or PREP, or a Faith Education group. You are a good organizer, or good at marketing, join the fundraising committee. Or a good intercessor, join a prayer group. If you want to discern your gift and be guided through our ministry booklet, see our volunteer coordinator, Vesna Jankovic at the Parish Office. Or talk to one of the priests, if ever you can get hold of us!

There are many talents that we bury out of laziness, perfectionism, procrastination, fear of failure, of ridicule. But our greatest talent and treasure is our ability to love. Father Simeon wrote in the November 2014 issue of Magnificat that "In this enterprise (of loving,) the champion is the greatest risk taker, which means the one most willing to invest himself where the odds appear most against him. The absolute victor is Jesus Crucified." (page 211) Yes, Jesus Christ "did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped. Rather He emptied Himself taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness...even to accepting death, death on a cross." (Phil. 2:6-8)

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

"For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it." (Matthew 16:25)



PARISH NEWS

WEEKDAY MASSES NOVEMBER 17-21

Mon: 8am Mass / **Tuesday-Friday: NO 8am Mass**

Tues: 7pm Mass (*NO Adoration/ NO Confession*)

Wed: 7pm Mass/ Adoration (*NO Confession*)

Thur: 7pm Mass/ Adoration (*NO Confession*)

Fri: 7pm Mass/ Adoration/ Confession/ Benediction

FLU VACCINATION CLINIC - TODAY

The flu shot will be given by Shopper's Drug Mart today 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.

ST. MARY'S MIGRANT MINISTRY

Please join us for a free and interactive workshop on "Co-op Housing - an Alternative Affordable Rental Housing," presented by St. Mary's Migrant Ministry and ISSofBC on Sunday, Nov 23 from 1-3pm in the School Seminar room. Advantages of living in co-op housing, eligibility, application requirements, and the process, are some of the topics to be discussed by our speaker Chris Whyte, from the Cooperative Housing Federation of BC. Registration required. Please contact Chit Arma 604-684-7498x1666 or email resoquita.arma@issbc.org or Lenn Castro at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com.

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) - FAQ

How did the Bible come about? Do you know how many books are in it? More questions will be answered this Monday, Nov 17 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement. Fun games and good food are included!

ST. MARY'S SIMBANG GABI

Simbang Gabi is fast approaching, and we are in need of sponsors and volunteers. If you are able to help, please sign up in the foyer.

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.

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 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.

L'ARCHE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT

The concert featuring VanDeca is on Sunday, November 30 at 3pm at Sherbrooke Mennonite Church, 7155 Sherbrooke St. Vancouver. Admission is free.