

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



### **SUNDAY SEP 13: 24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Dining)

### **MONDAY SEP 14: EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

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

### **TUESDAY SEP 15: OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

7:00pm CWL (Seminar Room)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)  
7:00pm CCO Faith Study (Rectory Library)  
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church basement)

### **WEDNESDAY SEP 16: STS. CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN**

6:30pm Bible Study (Church basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Ministry (Crying room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **THURSDAY SEP 17:**

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm RCIA (Church basement)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **FRIDAY SEP 18:**

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:00pm Migrant Ministry (Rectory basement)  
7:40pm Healing Ministry (Crying room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **SATURDAY SEP 19:**

10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)  
1:00pm Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)  
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)

### **SUNDAY SEP 20: 25TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)  
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Dining)

## 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 / 3pm (**Tagalog**) / 5pm / 7pm

**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 & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:** Coordinator: Rocelyn Catris

Email: youth.smarv@rcav.org

**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 5pm

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### **PASTORS & STAFF**

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

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

**Pastoral Assistant:** Vesna Jankovic (ext. 6)

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

**Youth & Young Adult Ministry:** Rocelyn Catris (ext. 247)

**RCIA/PREP Coordinator:** Edwin Cruz (ext. 5)

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**SEP 13, 2015**

**Pastor's  
Corner**

**THAT'S THE DEAL!**

A very close friend should not be "used" for personal advantage. Especially if this best friend happens to be way richer and more powerful than ourselves. A deep friendship can be destroyed when used for financial assistance or to get a better job. That is what Peter discovered the hard way when Jesus rebuked him.

Peter, helped with the grace of God, had just recognized Jesus as "the Anointed One," the great Davidic Messiah, the Warrior King, who would free Israel from its enemy, unite the twelve tribes of Israel, and make Israel "the light of all nations." And Peter saw himself as the friend of that great man, Jesus. Therefore he dreamed of glory, power, privilege, fame, money, success.

Let us not judge Peter and condemn him. We are all like him, tempted to use God for our own purposes without regard for *His* purposes. If we fall into that trap, we lose everything. By trying to gain the world for our selfish purposes, we would lose our relationship with Christ, so we would lose our soul, that is our very identity in this world and our eternal life in the next one. (see Mark 8:36)

That is why Jesus rebuked Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." (Mark 8:33) Jesus may seem harsh here, but He is trying to save Peter... and all those who will fall into the same temptation. Don't ever think that you are spared from it or that this rebuke concerns only Peter and the priests, bishops, Pope. In fact Jesus clarifies this immediately. Jesus called the crowds with His disciples and said to them, "Whoever wants to become my follower (my friend) let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever loses their life for my sake, and for the sake of the Gospel, will save it." (Mark 8:34-35)

That's the deal! But it's not about suffering for the sake of suffering. It's for the sake of true joy, for the fulfilment

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of our true self in Christ, in the Kingdom of Christ. We are to die to our false self, our egotism, not to our true self. To have that kind of relationship with Christ, true God, true man, that total, unconditional friendship is great privilege, but a paradoxical one. That friend Jesus is the one who created us and the Good Shepherd who offered His life for us and for all the people. To receive what He wants to give us, we need to give Him permission to take everything He wants. Therefore we will resolve to use each thing according to God's purpose and we will not expect from these things and human relationships the fulfilment of our own lives. Only God will satisfy us. But when we accept this, everything will be given. After the stripping of the Cross comes true joy and true fulfilment. Jesus will come, wash our feet, and serve our meal, His very own Self.

*God bless you, Fr. Pierre*



## PARISH NEWS

### **COUPLES FOR CHRIST CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM**

We invite all married couples, singles, single parents, divorced, separated, widowed to a Christian Life Program (CLP) sponsored by Couples for Christ. The program starts Saturday Sep 19 at 7:30pm in the Church basement. Refreshments served, no fee. Bring your children to join Kids for Christ-Christian Life Program. More info: Chris/Julie 778-996-4420, Andy/Cheng 778-988-3835 or Dannie/Eden 604-710-6211 or email [chriscanilanza@yahoo.com](mailto:chriscanilanza@yahoo.com).

### **PROJECT ADVANCE**

Donations are at \$104,263 or 52% of our parish goal! Please continue to give through the Sunday collection or online at [rcav.org](http://rcav.org). Blank pledge forms are available at the registration desk for first time donors. Thank you for your support!

### **DISCOVERY FAITH STUDY**

Discovery helps you to build your relationship with God by getting back to the basics, and leads you closer to answering the question that is on all of our hearts. What is our mission or purpose in life? So if you feel like you are stuck in the routine of weekly Sunday mass and you are looking to dig a bit deeper, come join us Tuesday, Sept 15 at 7pm in the Rectory Library. More info: Kimberly 778-952-8962.

### **SENIOR YOUTH BASKETBALL**

Youth basketball is open for grades 8-12 from 10am-12pm in the School Gym. Visit <https://goo.gl/tG5FYQ> for schedule.

### **SPARK EVENT (GR.6-8)**

Welcome back to Youth Ministry 2015-2016! Get ready to be energized and witness what faith, fun and fellowship look like at youth events. Come to our opening night on Monday, Sept 14 from 6:30-8:15pm in the Church basement. Bring friends!

### **CAMP FLAME: RANSOMED (GR.9-12)**

Have you been hurt before? Most of us, if not all, certainly have been. Perhaps you or someone you know could benefit from receiving healing through this upcoming retreat on Sept 25-27 in Camp Capilano, North Vancouver. Space is limited, so reserve early. For info, contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext.247 or email [youth.smarv@rcav.org](mailto:youth.smarv@rcav.org).

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### **ST. PADRE PIO EVENING OF PRAYER AND HEALING**

On the Feast Day of St. Padre Pio, we invite you to venerate St. Pio's Relic and ask him to intercede for the priests of the Archdiocese, for yourself, your family and friends. Jacqueline Loh of Grace that Reigns Society will offer a short talk and healing prayers. Your sponsorship/offering for this event will continue the work of Grace that Reigns in their renewal of our sense of wonder. Wednesday, Sept. 23 in the Church. Mass at 7pm, followed by talk, veneration of St. Pio's relic and healing session.

### **MIGRANT MINISTRY**

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry and ISSofBC will hold an information session on "Career & Employment Options in Canada" on Sunday Sep. 20 from 1-3pm in the school seminar room. Freda Fernandes, Manager Skills Connect Program at ISSofBC will be the speaker. Everyone is welcome. Please register with Lenn Castro at [stmarysmigrant@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmigrant@gmail.com) or Chit Arma at [resochita.arma@issbc.org](mailto:resochita.arma@issbc.org) or 604-684-7498 ext. 1666.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### **ARCHDIOCESAN VOCATIONS FAIR**

Join us on Sunday, Sept. 20 from 1-5pm at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Vancouver for an Archdiocesan Vocations Fair. Come celebrate the many different religious orders in the diocese, both men and women, followed by Mass in the Church celebrated by Archbishop Miller. Visit [vocationsvancouver.ca](http://vocationsvancouver.ca) for more details.

### **SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS**

Development & Peace has a large scale program supporting Syrian refugees in Lebanon, Turkey and Jordan, which together are hosting over 3.5 million refugees. In light of the deterioration of the crisis in Syria, it also launched a petition to call on the Canadian government to increase aid and to act for peace in Syria and throughout the region. Canadians can contribute by calling 1-888-234-8533, donating online [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org) or sending a cheque made out to Development & Peace 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. W., 3rd Floor, Montreal, QC, H3G 1T7. Please indicate on your cheque European Refugee Crisis or Syria Crisis.