

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### SUNDAY SEP 27: 26TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Dining)  
2:30pm CFC (Church basement)

### MONDAY SEP 28:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

### TUESDAY SEP 29: STS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL

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

### WEDNESDAY SEP 30: ST. JEROME

6:30pm Bible Study (Church basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:00pm Building Committee (Rectory Dining)  
7:40pm Healing Ministry (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### THURSDAY OCT 1: ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (Rectory basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### FRIDAY OCT 2: HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS *\*First Friday all day Adoration*

6:00pm CFC-SFC (Seminar Room)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Ministry (Crying room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### SATURDAY OCT 3:

9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory dining)  
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)  
2:30pm Baptism (Church)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)  
7:00pm Psalm 98 (Church)

### SUNDAY OCT 4: 27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)  
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Dining)  
1:30pm CFC (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 / 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

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**SEP 27, 2015**

*Pastor's  
Corner*

### ARE YOU SEASICK?

Last Sunday, the Liturgy of the Word (readings) spoke about envy and ambition. Today we are reminded how much these give rise to turf wars within the Kingdom of God on earth: we spend our energy fighting against one another instead of focusing on our mission to serve the Lord and fighting the real enemy of humankind. We know about the burning jealousy of King Saul against David, even though David was on his side. The civil war that resulted lasted for years, even after Saul's death, and prevented the people of God from fighting against their real enemy, the Philistines. As a result God's work was not being done. On the contrary, it was being undone and God's people became an easy prey for the other nations. "Divide and Conquer" is one of the preferred strategies of the devil in our communities, from the family to the worldwide Church and all humankind.

Let me tell you a modern parable that I read five years ago about this. A passenger ship sank at sea relatively far from the coast. People boarded the one available rescue boat. It was long and narrow, with such a small engine that its passengers had to row to plow against the wind. At first, things went okay. People were united by the necessity of survival. Those at the front of the boat would guide the captain at the back, towards the remaining people adrift in the water. Later a person at the back would shout the tempo so that everybody would row in sync. Then they saw a distant island and all agreed to head there for safety and rest. But the more they rowed, the more they realized that the island was very far. Discouragement settled in. Some people at the front of the boat argued that the captain should head towards the coastland instead of the island. Those at the back heartily disagreed. As exhaustion and fear of perishing increased, rivalry increased between the opposing groups. The front accused the back people of being lazy and not putting real effort to the oars. The back threatened the front with their

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oars. The rescue boat was no longer moving forward. In fact it drifted back. Then the front people noticed a growing water leak at their feet. As they were frantically trying to seal the leaky front, somebody at the back shouted triumphantly, "Praise God this leak is on their side. Were it on our side, we would be doomed."

In the parable, the rescue boat symbolizes all human-kind, feeling adrift in that perilous rescue operation. Chester-ton said that we are weathering a big storm and we are all seasick. Indeed instead of pushing ahead toward the shore (God's Kingdom) we fight against one another. Deceit, diversion, division, discouragement— the devil's preferred strategies called the four "d's"— overwhelm us and we don't have enough time and energy to seal the leaks. We don't even notice them anymore. Our jealousy, fears, and desire for more control make us forget our ultimate mission and instead we focus on our inner and outer conflicts.

We see this happening in the first and third reading today. In Mark 9:38-39, we learn that even John the Apostle, who was still a man like us, ambitious and envious, was trying to stop someone doing a good deed in the name of Jesus — casting out demons— because that person wasn't part of the disciples' "in" group.

But Jesus answers him. "Do not stop him, for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us! See how Jesus is inclusive? Sometimes we are upset to hear the Church teaching about the possibility of salvation outside the Catholic Church. The Church believes that God can save anyone He wants and by the means He chooses. Otherwise He would not be God. We are part of the normal channel of salvation, but God can use other means. Our whole labour of love within the Catholic Church is not to be rewarded by the exclusion of those outside of it. Moreover, we need the contribution of all Christians, Protestant and Orthodox. Our mission is that all might be saved, because God put us all in the same boat, our planet Earth. It is that whole boat, that God wants to bring to Himself. But we can refuse salvation for ourselves by making impossible for others to stay on that boat. That would be a tragedy for ourselves and for those outside. Let us remember who our real enemy is and let us not forget our mission by becoming absorbed by internal conflicts.

*God bless you, Fr. Pierre*

## PARISH NEWS

### MIGRANT MINISTRY WORKSHOP

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry and ISSofBC will hold a workshop on "Employment Standards Act and Related Issues" on Oct 4 from 1-3pm in the Seminar Room. Theresa Etmanski, Legal Advocate of Westcoast Domestic Workers' Association will be the speaker. All are welcome. Please register with Lenn Castro at [stmarysmigrant@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmigrant@gmail.com) or Chit Arma at [reso-chita.arma@issbc.org](mailto:reso-chita.arma@issbc.org) or thru 604-684-7498 ext. 1666.

### MVA FEDERAL ELECTION ACCOUNTABILITY

Come to the MVA Federal Election Accountability Assembly in the Vancouver Granville federal electoral district on Sep 30 from 7-9pm at Langara College. Representatives from MVA's 50+ member organizations will make presentations on four issues; social inclusion, transit, income justice, and affordable housing, to candidates in the upcoming federal election and ask for a response and a commitment to work with MVA to make Metro Vancouver a better place for all. For further information call Richard Lange at 778-995-2010.

### SOURCE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us along with Psalm 98, in prayer and contemplation on Saturday, Oct. 3, at 7pm in the Church, for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration with Praise and Worship Music.

### SPARK (GR.6-8) - OCT 5

There is no Spark event on Sept 28. The next event is on Oct 5 from 6:30-8:15pm in the Church basement.

### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT

All married couples are invited to a Marriage Enrichment Retreat on Saturday, Oct 10 from 8am-4:30pm in the Church basement followed by Holy Mass and renewal of vows at 5pm. Strengthen and enhance your marriage relationship and have a better understanding of God's plan for your marriage and family life. No fee. Lunch/snacks served. Register with George/Susan 778-668-7422 or [gpadar1956@yahoo.ca](mailto:gpadar1956@yahoo.ca) or Rick/Rocky 778-855-0398 or [rick\\_ysonza@yahoo.com](mailto:rick_ysonza@yahoo.com) or Dannie/Eden 604-710-6211 or [danden.cfc1997@gmail.com](mailto:danden.cfc1997@gmail.com).

### PROJECT ADVANCE

Current total \$106,678. Please continue to give through the Sunday collection or online at [rcav.org](http://rcav.org). Thank you!

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### LIGHT OF JESUS "LIFTED HIGH"

Be Blessed...Be Inspired...Be Nourished! Light of Jesus Family invites you to an inspirational and learning event "Lifted High" on Friday, Oct. 2, 6-9pm, Broadway Church, 2700 East Broadway Vancouver. Internationally-acclaimed speaker, best-selling author and founder of Light of Jesus, Bo Sanchez, will highlight the event! Come to a night of powerful worship, life-changing talks and meaningful fellowship! Tickets \$20. Purchase online at [www.loj-vancouver.com](http://www.loj-vancouver.com) or call 778-322-5941, 778-928-9644, 604-435-9611 ext. 5. Be ready to receive your Miracles!

### EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD EXHIBITION

Come and view 85 panels of Church documented and recognized miracles that have occurred all over the world. Exhibit runs Friday, Oct. 2, to Monday, Oct. 4, from 10-4pm and 6-9pm at Our Lady of Mercy School Gym, Burnaby. On Oct. 5, it will be open 10-4 pm. Opening Mass celebrated by Archbishop Miller on Friday, Oct. 2 at 9am at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Free and open to public.

### 20TH ANNIVERSARY PRO-LIFE MASS & PRAYER VIGIL

Oct 3 there will be the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Pro-life Mass and Prayer Vigil. Fr. Joseph Nguyen will be the celebrant for Mass at 9am at Corpus Christi Church, 6350 Nanaimo St. Vancouver. Following Mass there will be Rosary and Prayers in the Church. Reception to follow.

### WHOLENESS THROUGH FAITH, PRAYER & HEALING

Weekend Retreat with Fr. Bill Comerford, C.Ss.R. Come, deepen your love for God through His Word. Catch the fire of the Holy Spirit and claim your inheritance. Go home renewed, refreshed and healed. Friday, Oct. 30 at 8pm to Sunday, Nov. 1, Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, Surrey. Register [www.rosemaryheights.com/events/](http://www.rosemaryheights.com/events/) or 604-576-8802.

### FINDING GOD IN ALL THINGS RETREAT

You're invited to explore Ignatian spirituality as a way of deepening your prayer life and growing in intimacy with God. Catherine M. Kelly, M.Div. will offer an all-day retreat Saturday, Oct. 31, from 9am-4pm, Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, Surrey. Cost: \$50 (includes lunch and snacks). Register 604-576-8802 or [www.rosemaryheights.com/events](http://www.rosemaryheights.com/events).