

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY OCT 11: 28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)

MONDAY OCT 12: THANKSGIVING DAY (Parish Office Closed)

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

TUESDAY OCT 13:

6:00pm Baptism Prep (Church)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)
7:00pm CCO Faith Study (Rectory Library)
7:00pm MVA (Rectory Dining)
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church basement)

WEDNESDAY OCT 14:

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

THURSDAY OCT 15: ST. TERESA OF JESUS

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

FRIDAY OCT 16: ST. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE

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

SATURDAY OCT 17: ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

9:00am Dev & Peace Workshop (Church basement)
10:00am Youth basketball (School Gym)
1:30pm CFC Youth (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)
7:30pm ARC (Church)

SUNDAY OCT 18: 29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church basement)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (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

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PASTORS & STAFF

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

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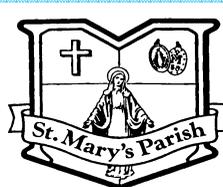
Pastoral Assistant: Vesna Jankovic (ext. 6)

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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**Pastor's
Corner**

HAVE YOU FOUND YOUR LIFE TASK?

Many of us are like the rich man in today's Gospel. We may not be as rich as he was, but like him, we observe the basic commandments, live decent lives, and yet we feel something is lacking. The rich man ran up to Jesus and knelt before him. That is very beautiful! Most rich men in Jesus' life would have never done that. Look at the Pharisees and Scribes and Sadducees. They are rich. They look down on Jesus. They may invite Him for dinner, but it is in order to test Him and to get Him in trouble with the Romans and the Temple authorities. Their wealth, their knowledge, and their self-righteousness make them arrogant, self-sufficient, and therefore impermeable to grace. But the rich man today is different. Despite his riches, he humbled himself publicly by running after Jesus who was about to leave for another town. We all know that rich people don't run after those poorer than themselves! They call them to themselves! They are in command.

Indeed the rich young man has observed the basic commandments but he still feels that something is lacking in his life. Blessed are you if you feel that spiritual hunger for more. It means that the riches you have, the comfort that you enjoy, hasn't yet deadened your spiritual thirst. There is hope for you. God is still calling you to a higher life, a more intense life that is welling up in eternal life. What is that eternal life that the rich man desires, and that you too in fact desire without being able to describe it? It is a life of deep friendship with God. But that life must start in this very life on earth by caring for your brothers' and sisters' happiness. God is Love, therefore to be a friend of God is to Love all His children.

To love is to will the good of the other as other, not just as an investment in our own future. It's more than just loving those who love us, or loving in order to be loved, or giving in order to receive back later. God is total self-giving.

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Are you willing to answer yes to God's call to put Him and His purpose for you before everything else? Are you willing to put God and His Kingdom and His Purposes for you and your family, first, in the planning and using of your time, talents, treasure?

Jesus Christ, true God and true man, asked the rich young man to sell his riches in order to have treasure in heaven and to be free to follow Him. Jesus knew that, in this particular case of this rich man, it was necessary for him to leave his possessions because he wasn't free. The proof is that he went away sad. Very likely God doesn't want you to give up all your possessions and money, but to simplify greatly your life. Maybe it is too cluttered with worries about possessions and desires. Or maybe God is asking you to revise the use of your daily time to make room for Him and for others. To cut on those idle times when you do nothing but browse the web, playing electronic games, killing time, or looking at bad movies and bad pictures. Use the time you have gained for Him and for those He has put in your life, or for your community in the Church and in the civic community.

What about your talents? Fr. Mark Link, S.J. has written this beautiful update of the story of the rich young man. It involves a very talented high school athlete who asks Jesus, "What must I do to be your follower?" Jesus said, 'Respect your teammates, obey your coach, work hard, play fair.' The athlete said, 'I do all this now.' Jesus said, 'If you want to be perfect, forget about player popularity and use your talent to coach unfortunate kids who have no one to teach or guide them.' When the young athlete heard this, he went away sad."

How do I know if God is calling me to a special kind of Christian perfection?

The happiest people in the world are those who have found the life task to which they have been called... [And the unhappiest] are those who have not even begun to search.

Robert C. Leslie

Do you have any talent God can use?

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

PSALM 98 CONCERTS

Psalm 98 Concert Saturday Nov 21 from 1pm-3pm and 7pm-9pm. Advent Talk with Fr. Tony Ricard on Saturday Nov 28 from 1pm-3pm and 7pm-9pm. Come let us celebrate our faith and support our parish building fund. Tickets \$15 for both events combined.

MIGRANT MINISTRY

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry and ISSofBC will hold a workshop on "Programs & Services of the Philippine Overseas Labour Office" (POLO) on Oct 18 from 1-3pm in the School Seminar Room. Violeta Buenaventura, Officer-in-Charge of POLO will be the speaker. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Please register at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com or resochita.arma@issbc.org or 604-684-7498 ext. 1666.

SPARK (GR.6-8) – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

There is no Spark event on Oct 12, but we wish all of you a great holiday! Our next event is on Oct 19. Please do not forget to invite your family members to our Potluck Family Night on Oct 26. RSVP by Oct 20 by contacting Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext. 247 or email youth.smarv@rcav.org.

FLAME (GR.8-12) – WELCOME!

On Saturday, October 17 from 2:30-5:30pm in the rectory basement, Youth Ministry will hold its first regular Flame event of the school year. Come, bring friends and meet the cool leaders and awesome youth members! Join in get-to-know activities, laughter, prayer, and great food. Please access the stairs at the back of the rectory. No pre-registration required and first-time attendees are most welcome! For info contact Rocelyn at 604-355-9611.

YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT (GR.6-8) - POSTPONED

Please note that there are no Youth in the Spirit events in the month of October. We apologize for any inconvenience. We will announce the finalized schedule shortly.

SOCKS AND CHOCOLATES DRIVE

Street Ministry is asking for donations of men's socks and chocolates for street people. Chocolates must be individually wrapped and within 3 months of purchase. Please drop off in box in the foyer.

PARISH NEWS

GRACE THAT REIGNS - NO LONGER AN ISLAND

Grace that Reigns Society invites you to a conference at St. Mary's, dealing with 4 requested issues:

1. *To Forgive or to Forget? Why Forgiveness gives you power*
2. *Pornography/Relationships: Effect on relations and self esteem*
3. *Guilt? What is Real guilt? Approach Confession with a Smile.*
4. *Depression/Anxiety and how to pray through it.*

The conference is Oct 22 and Oct 23 beginning with Mass at 7pm in the Church, then from 7:40pm-9:30pm in the Church basement; and Oct 24 from 9am-4pm in the Church basement; bring a lunch. Healing prayers available with Vesna Jankovic and Rhoda Garcia. Speakers: Bishop Ronald Gilmore from Dodge City, KS, Dr. Gerry Doran PhD (Psychology) from Los Angeles, and Jacqueline Loh. Tickets \$40, available at the parish office and at St. Andrew's Bookstore. More info reception.smarv@rcav.org or www.gracethatreigns.com.

SATURDAY 5PM CHOIR

The Saturday 5pm choir would like to invite singers and musicians to consider joining our choir to praise God through the ministry of music. We are especially looking for a piano or guitar player and singers. For more info, please contact Catty at frozentriqui@gmail.com.

LET'S MAKE CANADA A CLIMATE LEADER!

In December, world leaders will meet in Paris at the United Nations Climate Change Conference to negotiate a binding universal agreement on world climate. On October 18, Development and Peace members will be in the church foyer asking for your signatures on the petition to our Canadian Government to take action on climate change. You can also sign online at devp.org/climateofchange.

SLEEP OUT 2015

Thank you for supporting St. Mary's Street Ministry SLEEP OUT 2015. Net proceeds were \$3491, of which \$1700 was donated to The Helpers of St. Anne & St. Joaquim of Star of the Sea Parish for making comfort coats/sleeping bags for the homeless.