

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### **SUNDAY OCT 18: 29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

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

### **MONDAY OCT 19:**

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

### **TUESDAY OCT 20:**

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

### **WEDNESDAY OCT 21:**

6:30pm Bible Study (Church basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **THURSDAY OCT 22:**

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)  
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)  
7:40pm Grace that Reigns Conference (Church basement)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **FRIDAY OCT 23:**

6:00pm CFC-SFC (School Gym)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Grace That Reigns Conference (Church basement)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **SATURDAY OCT 24:**

9:00am Grace That Reigns Conference (Church basement)  
9:15am DNA Men's Discipleship Group (Rectory basement)  
10:00am Youth basketball (School Gym)  
1:30pm CFC Youth (School Gym)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)  
5:00pm CFC Kids (School Gym)  
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)

### **SUNDAY OCT 25: 30TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
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**

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 5pm

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### **PASTORS & STAFF**

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

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**OCT 18, 2015**

*Pastor's  
Corner*

### **TRUE AMBITION**

Again, the scriptures bring us to the problem of bad ambition, in the persons of the Apostles St. John and St. James. What is it? It's a dysfunctional desire for power and honour. What is good ambition? It is magnanimity: a desire to do great things for God and/or for others. Einstein was magnanimous. The saints are all magnanimous, even St. Therese of the Little Flower. The bad ambition is to want to do great things for the aggrandizement of my ego. "I don't want so much to do great things but I want to get others to see me doing great things." (Bishop Barron) St. John and St. James – they were not saints yet because it's before Pentecost – want to have honour and power for their own ego. They don't seek at this point in their lives to do great things for others and for God with this power and honour that they request from Jesus. They want to be seen at the right and left of the triumphant Messiah.

True ambition may seek power and honour, but not for themselves, rather in order to do good things for others more effectively. St. Dominic prayed regularly for the grace of an effective charity! Some power is needed for that, some spiritual and even material power. Immature people who receive honour and power too early, like Justin Beiber, can become manipulative, abusive, cruel, oppressive, overbearing. The saints, when they have power and credentials like Mother Teresa, want to do more for God and for others. Their hearts open up to a universal love, an efficacious love. That is true ambition! Padre Pio, one of the most humble saints, did great things. He built a big hospital in his poor village, a hospital equipped with the latest technology: and he started an international prayer group movement to have people all over the world pray for the sick in this hospital and for the doctors, nurses and staff. Many, many miracles happened as a result.

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Bad ambition: a mother (or a father) may want her son or daughter to do great things in life because she wants to be honoured for that, she wants through her children the honour she didn't get! Good ambition: a mother or a father want their children to do great things so that these might have the joy of bearing good fruits for others and give glory to God. Good ambition, magnanimity, make you bend low to serve others. Dr. Lloyd Judd practiced medicine in rural Oklahoma. Many of his patients were poor, and had no transportation. So he often had to drive to their homes to treat them. In his last letter to his children, he wrote "Are you willing to get out of a warm bed on a cold night and drive 20 miles (35km) to see a sick person, knowing that they could wait until morning to be treated? If you can say yes to that question, you are ready to study medicine." (quoted by Fr. Mark Link, S.J.) At the end of your life, you will not be judged according to how much fame, money, prestige and power you accumulated, but on how you used them. Was it for the service of others, and for the love of God?

How do you get free from the desire of vain glory and power? By doing the opposite! By seeking to be like a little child! By doing everything to serve God and His people. Then you will be the freest person on earth.

*God bless you, Fr. Pierre*



## PARISH NEWS

### FOOTPRINTS OF GOD BIBLE STUDY

On Wednesday, Oct 21, the Footprints of God Bible study will discuss the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 4 parts of the Moses series. The schedule of topics is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. To preview the study: <https://youtu.be/iVfzxbPWTa4>. Author Steve Ray will get you excited about the Bible using a unique format that makes difficult concepts easy to understand. You are welcome to join anytime, no registration required. Occurs every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm in the church basement. Free, including study guides!

### SOCKS AND CHOCOLATE DRIVE

St. Mary's Street Ministry is asking for donation of men's socks, and also chocolates within 3 months of purchase. Please drop off your donation in the box in the foyer. Thank you for your generosity!

### SPARK (GR.6-8) – GIVE THANKS!

How was your Thanksgiving weekend? What were you thankful for in these past days, weeks or months? Let us give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received, seen and unseen, this Monday Oct 19 from 6:30-8:15pm in the Church basement. Bring friends for a memorable and fun night!

### SPARK (GR.6-8) – FAMILY POTLUCK NIGHT

Youth Ministry invites all junior youth and their families to attend our first Family Potluck Night on Monday, Oct 26 from 6:30-8:15pm in the Church basement. Please join this amazing night for families and RSVP by Oct 20 by calling 604-435-9611 ext. 247 or email [youth.smarv@rcav.org](mailto:youth.smarv@rcav.org).

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

There are no Youth in the Spirit events for the month of October. We apologize for the inconvenience. We will publish the final schedule when available.

### CRAFT FAIR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

St Mary's Christmas Craft Fair and Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday Nov 29 from 9am-3pm in the School Gym. Join us for a delicious and very reasonably priced pancake breakfast and start your Christmas shopping early. Table rentals \$15 or 2 for \$25. Contact Eileen 604-436-3655.

## 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. More info: [reception.smarv@rcav.org](mailto:reception.smarv@rcav.org) or [www.gracethatreigns.com](http://www.gracethatreigns.com).

### MIGRANT MINISTRY

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry & ISSofBC will hold a wellness workshop on 3 Sundays: Nov 1, Nov 8, Nov 15. Wellness workshop is a 3-part series to educate participants about different aspects of health – physical, emotional, mental and spiritual and will provide activities on how to best use the "Wellness Wheel" as a tool to achieve balance in our lives. All interested are welcome to attend. Register at [stmarysmigrant@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmigrant@gmail.com) or [resochita.arma@issbc.org](mailto:resochita.arma@issbc.org); or by phone at 604-684-7498 ext. 1666.

### PSALM 98 CONCERTS

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. Celebrate faith and support our parish building fund. Tickets \$15 for both events combined.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### MEN'S LIVE IN WEEKEND

On the weekend of Nov 13-15, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission. For more information call 604-826-8715.