

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### SUNDAY NOV 1: ALL SAINTS

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

### MONDAY NOV 2: ALL SOULS

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)  
**7:00pm Mass (Church)**  
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)

### TUESDAY NOV 3:

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

### WEDNESDAY NOV 4: ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

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

### THURSDAY NOV 5:

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

### FRIDAY NOV 6:

6:00pm CFC-SFC (Church basement)  
6:30pm Development & Peace (Rectory Dining)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### SATURDAY NOV 7:

8:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)  
10:00am Youth basketball (School Gym)  
2:30pm Baptism (Church)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)  
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)

### SUNDAY NOV 8: 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

## 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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**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)

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

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*Pastor's  
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### **BECOMING A SAINT IS NOT SCARY!**

What is so good for us in holiness that we should desire it? Most of us say "I don't want to be a saint. It frightens me." Let's try to see what is so good in holiness, even right now in this life on earth. "There is only one real sadness in life: not to be a saint." (Leon Bloy) Of course, there are many other sadnesses in life. Not becoming a success...not fulfilling my wish list, etc...But there is only one real sadness, not being a saint, not becoming the person Christ wants me to be. Most of us spend a lot of time fussing about trivia: power, prestige or honour, pleasure, possessions or money. We may fulfill our worldly ambitions, but if we don't become a saint, we've failed; and we won't be fulfilled. Mother Teresa said, "Heaven is heaven all the way to heaven and hell is hell all the way to hell."

Sanctity or holiness, is becoming a friend of Christ; even better it is to allow Christ to live in you. St. Paul said "It is no longer I who lives, it's Christ who lives in me." (Gal. 2:20) That is what it means to be a saint. To let Jesus dominate your life in every aspect so that He can be your Lord. Lord is Dominus in Latin: from which the verb 'dominate' comes. Now that may seem so oppressive: it seems I don't live myself anymore. Don't see it as being possessed like the devil comes to possess a person and destroy his/her free will. No, the devil can only possess by oppressing because he cannot love, since he disconnected from God. But in God, there is a non-competitive quality of Presence and Actions. When you surrender to God who is the very loving ground of your own being, you become fully yourself. Like water poured out into a vase takes the shape of the vase, so God's grace in you espouses your "shape," respects the form of your very soul. More to it, it enhances your personality, your freedom, your capacity to love and to understand. Read the Letters of St. Paul. They reflect his personality, his unique form of intellectuality, his own passion and emotional life

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which are present in every page. What died in him is his **false** self, the ego searching for power, prestige, possessions, pleasure for itself, that has died. Then Paul's true self can really be enhanced. That is what it means to be a saint.

And that is why the saints are so diverse, so different. The perfection of God is so vast that no one saint can express the beauty and perfection of Jesus Christ. It takes a multitude of different saints to do so. One is still missing: the saint that you are called to be, a new face of Christ. It is like the bright white light that passes through a prism (the saints) and splits into all sorts of colours. Each represents a facet of God's love, beauty, wisdom, a special colour in the Mystical Body of Christ. What is your true colour?

Finally saints are not only models of Christ, they are alive, present to us. They intercede for us. They guide us still from their heavenly place. When you find a saint that you have strong affinity with, he can become your friend, almost like your guardian angel, and even act on your behalf. He will help you become a friend of God.

Let me end with an image from Bishop Barron. "A saint is someone who has allowed Jesus to get into his boat." The Gospel says that Jesus walked into Peter's boat without being invited, and Jesus began commanding, and Simon cooperated with Him and put down the net one more time, even though he had not caught a single fish all night long. A saint is someone who has decentered his life. He lets God pilot the boat of his life. It is no longer his project, his goal, his plan. It's more what God wants to accomplish through him. But never in a domineering or oppressive way, negating him. No, he actually finds himself. That is why saints always have very vivid personalities. The closer God gets, the more we are lit up from inside. It is like the burning bush that Moses saw in Exodus (Ex. 3:2.) When God comes into the world He lights the world up without consuming it. The burning bush is on fire but not consumed. In classical mythology, whenever the gods come in, they destroy what they have encountered. They have to clear out a space. Not so with the God of the Bible. He can come in without destroying, because He comes in His own place. He has created the Universe in His likeness and He lovingly comes to where He belongs, filling us with what may now belong to us by adoption, a participation in His own divine nature.

*God bless you, Fr. Pierre*

*Check Bishop Barron on YouTube: All Saints Day 2011*

## PARISH NEWS

### FIGHT AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY CAMPAIGN

CWL & Street Ministry are holding a postcard signing campaign for the "Fight Against Pornography" after all Masses this weekend. Please join us in this crusade to convince the Federal Government and regulators to take a tougher stance on pornography. Thank you for your support.

### ALL SOULS MASS

There will be a special Mass on Monday Nov 2 at 7pm to commemorate all our faithful departed. Please join us.

### SPARK (GR.6-8) WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN!

"We are called to be saints." We hear this phrase often, but do we believe it? Do we understand its meaning? Find answers and inspiration Monday, Nov 2 from 6:30-8:15pm in the Church basement. Hear what your peers think and bring your friends!

### FOOTPRINTS OF GOD BIBLE STUDY

Topic on Wednesday, Nov 4: David & Solomon-Chapter 1 "The Lord is my Shepherd" (*David, a young shepherd, saves Israel from their enemy*). Ongoing Bible Study every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm in the Church basement. Everyone is welcome. No registration required. Free, including study guides!

### PARISH BUILDING FUND

Next weekend, Nov 7/8 is our monthly Parish Building Fund Collection. Please **give generously** so we can make our new school a reality!

### CATHOLIC FORUM

Catholic Forum invites you to explore the topic "Depression: Professional and Pastoral Healing" with Dr. Paul Ungar. Can the power of the human spirit defeat depression? Tuesday Nov 17 at 7pm in the Church. By donation. More info: <http://dominicanlaity.ca/forum>, or contact Dr. Ungar 604-588-5696 or Cathy Neugebauer email [ve7cld@shaw.ca](mailto:ve7cld@shaw.ca).

### SOCKS AND CHOCOLATE DRIVE

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

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### MIGRANT MINISTRY

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry and ISSofBC will host "Finding a Balance in Life-A Wellness Workshop" on Nov 1, 8, 15 from 1-4pm in the Seminar room; a 3-part series on physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health. Please register with Lenn Castro at [stmarysmigrant@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmigrant@gmail.com) or Chit Arma at [resochoita.arma@issbc.org](mailto:resochoita.arma@issbc.org) or call 604-684-7498 ext. 1666.

### CFC YOUTH – CAMP RENEWED

Do you want an opportunity to experience Jesus Christ in a personal way, in a wholesome environment where Christian values are talked about and actively practiced? Couples for Christ Family Ministry, CFC Youth, invites youth aged 13-21 to "CAMP RENEWED" at Camp Capilano Nov 6-8. More info [www.facebook.com/events/990573474319704/](http://www.facebook.com/events/990573474319704/). Space is limited so please register early. For inquiries and registration contact Camp Leaders John 778-893-7803, Jessica 778-558-8034 or Parent Co-ordinators Albert 604-889-8485 and Zharisma 778-822-0218.

### ORDER OF PREACHERS 800TH YEAR

You are invited to join the Dominican Family in celebrating the Rite of Opening of the Jubilee Year on Saturday Nov 7 during 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's. The Jubilee year begins Nov 7, 2015 and concludes Jan 21, 2017. The Rite of Opening will include a message from the Master of the Order (shortly before Mass), Ritual of the Light, Mass, and Ritual of Sending. We hope you will be able to join us. Stay tuned for more events throughout the year!

### PSALM 98 EVENTS

Psalm 98 concerts will be on Saturday Nov 21 from 1-3pm and 7-9pm. Advent Talk with Fr. Tony Ricard on Saturday Nov 28 from 1-3pm and 7-9pm. Come celebrate our faith and support the Parish building fund at the same time. Tickets \$15 for both events combined.

### 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.