

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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)

MONDAY NOV 9: DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

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

TUESDAY NOV 10: ST. LEO THE GREAT

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 11: REMEMBRANCE DAY *Parish Office Closed

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

THURSDAY NOV 12: ST. JOSAPHAT

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

FRIDAY NOV 13:

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

SATURDAY NOV 14:

9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory basement)
10:00am Liturgy Meeting (Rectory Dining)
10:00am Youth basketball (School Gym)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

SUNDAY NOV 15: 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Dining)
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)

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**Pastor's
Corner**

ANYWAY!

We live in a highly competitive world. It shows even in the way we drive our cars, shop in the mall, fight for the last bargain and the flashiest gadgets. We feel we are never good enough to get the recognition and praise that we thirst for. In the process, we lose sight of who we really are, always striving to appear better than we are, or to mold ourselves into what is more marketable. We become a stranger to our true emotions and real needs. Losing touch with our inner self, we feel empty and addicted to approval. The more we get affirmation, praise, popularity, honour, prestige, the more we want them; our happiness depends on the recognition of others, on our good reputation. We become less and less free. That is where we are going if we focus on the one of four "P's" called Prestige or Popularity.

Today, Jesus invites us to look at ourselves, so as not to become like the scribes and Pharisees, "Whatever they do is done for show, to attract attention, to be seen and honoured by others." (See Matthew 23:5 and Mark 12:38.) As Jesus is watching them depositing large sums of coins in the temple treasury, making a lot of noise and showing off, He sees a poor widow who puts in only two small coins. "Truly, she has given more than all of them." (Mark 12:43)

People may judge us by our outward show, but God sees us through and through. In the end it's only between you and God, not between you and them. But even in this lifetime, we will be found out, if we are "all show and no go." "When we try to make an impression, that's the impression we make." (Anonymous) "We gain more by letting our real selves be seen than by pretending to be what we are not." (Francois de la Rochefoucauld, quoted by Fr. Mark Link, S.J.)

Did I become a slave of what people think or might think of me? The saints are the freest people on earth. They were able to do much, because they forgot about how they

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look, about how they could be judged by others. Let's hear this from the person of Mother Teresa.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

Mother Teresa's Anyway Poem

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centered;
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;

Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;

Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;

Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God;

It was never between you and them anyway.



PARISH NEWS

MIGRANT MINISTRY

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry and ISSofBC will host "Finding a Balance in Life-A Wellness Workshop" on Nov 8 and Nov 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 or Chit Arma at resochoita.arma@issbc.org or call 604-684-7498 ext.1666.

FOOTPRINTS OF GOD BIBLE STUDY

Topic on Wednesday, Nov 11: David & Solomon-Chapter 2 "Claiming the Kingdom" (*David is anointed as king of all Israel.*) Ongoing Bible Study every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm in the Church basement. Everyone is welcome. No registration required. Free, including study guides!

SPARK (GR.6-8) - REMEMBRANCE DAY SPECIAL

They are our fathers, brothers, mothers and sisters, neighbours...heroes. They are Canada's Veterans. Their courage, service and sacrifice will never be forgotten. On Monday, Nov 9, let's remember them in our Spark event held in the Church basement. Bring your friends!

FLAME (GR.8-12) & YOUNG ADULTS (18-25)

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY: Anyone can be a hero, if they choose to. This is something that we can take home from this exciting Marvel movie. Come and join senior youth and younger adults in watching this very artistic film and join in fruitful discussion on Wednesday, Nov 11 from 3-6pm in the Church basement.

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.

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.

PARISH NEWS

PSALM 98 EVENTS

PS 98 Concert on Sat Nov 21 and Fr. Tony Ricard Advent talk on Sat Nov 28; tickets for these events are selling fast! Tickets are available in the foyer after Sunday Mass and in the Parish Office. With one \$15 ticket you can attend both events. Times for these events are 1-3pm and 7-9pm. In compliance with safety bylaws, admission is based on the time on your ticket. If you buy a 1-3pm ticket, you can only go at that time; it cannot be used for the 7-9pm slot. Volunteers are available in the foyer to answer your questions. Thank you for your support!

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 604-220-3747 or eileen.jhardy@gmail.com.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

VOCATION LIVE-IN

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 info please contact 604-826-8715.

COME AWAY & REST AWHILE RETREAT

Catherine M. Kelly, M.Div. and Jo White, M.T.S. offer a retreat on Sabbath-keeping, its vital relationship to self-care, and ways to incorporate this practice into our busy lives. Saturday, Nov 14, from 9am-4pm, St. Mark's Parish, Vancouver. Cost: \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door. Fee includes lunch, snacks and prayer materials. Registration deadline: Nov 11. To register email ckellymdiv@gmail.com.

ST. THOMAS MORE CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Start your Christmas shopping at St. Thomas More's 25th annual Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday Nov 21 and Sunday Nov 22 from 10am-4pm. Over 125 local crafters, unique gifts, book sales, bistro, bake sales and more! Free admission. 7450 12th Avenue Burnaby; www.stmc.bc.ca.