

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

SUNDAY NOV 15: 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY NOV 16:

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

TUESDAY NOV 17: ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)
7:00pm CCO Faith Study (Rectory Library)
7:00pm Catholic Forum (Church)

WEDNESDAY NOV 18:

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

THURSDAY NOV 19:

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

FRIDAY NOV 20:

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

SATURDAY NOV 21: PRESENTATION OF MARY

10:00am Youth basketball (School Gym)
1:00pm Psalm 98 Concert (Church)
1:30pm CFC Youth (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:00pm Psalm 98 Concert (Church)
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

SUNDAY NOV 22: CHRIST THE KING

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

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
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Pastor's Corner

A NEW WORLD WILL BE BORN SOON

If you Google Apocalypse or End times, you could get a million references! The movie "Apocalypse Now" was viewed on TV by 100 million people in the U.S. alone in one evening. Apocalypse, in the Bible, is not about the end of the world but about the unveiling of a new world. The veil taken away by Christ is the veil of death. By dying and rising from the dead, Christ is the first born of a new era, first born of a new humanity, freed from the fear of death.

Let's look at this "Good News" more closely. Apocalypsus was the word used by the Greek Bible. "Apo" means taken away, and "calypsus" means veil. When St. Jerome translated the Bible in Latin, he chose the word "revelatio" as equivalent of the Greek apocalypsus. Literally revelation comes from "re" to remove, and "velum," veil; the removing of the veil, or unveiling. Car manufacturers unveil their new cars with great fanfare.

What more can we learn from the religious studies on the Apocalyptic literary genre? In the Bible, it stands for a coded language that cannot be taken literally, but symbolically. It has a combination of three elements:

1) An account of great military struggles. Just at the beginning of Chapter 13 of Mark, Jesus prophesies the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem. It happened about 40 years after Jesus' death and resurrection. A war in which maybe one million people perished, many of them by famine! A few verses after that Jesus said, "Nation will fight against nation, kingdom against kingdom. (Mark 13:8)

2) Meanwhile there will be signs and wonders in heaven. In today's passage from Mark 13 we read "In those days, after the time of suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light and the stars of heaven will be shaken." (Mark 13:24) Don't take this literally! We now know that the smallest star is many, many million times bigger than the

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earth. It cannot fall on the earth, there is not enough space for one, let alone for one third of the billions of stars! Each star was believed to be a spiritual being of light. They could be good or bad spirits. The Book of Revelation says that one third of the stars will fall on the earth, these are believed to be fallen angels, demonic entities, evil spirits under the rule of Lucifer, the King of Darkness, pitched against Christ, the King of Light. It will be a time of extreme spiritual warfare. (see Element #1)

3) But "this is the beginning of the birth pangs." (Mark 13:8) A new world is being borne, or unveiled (Apocalypse.) "And then they will see the Son of Man (see Daniel 7:13-14) coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then He will send the angels to gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the world to the ends of the sky." (Mark 13: 24-27) This is the third element of the Apocalyptic genre: the survival of a remnant of true believers. These are the ones who will become brothers and sisters of Christ in the world of the Resurrection, where everything is made new. No more fear of death, therefore no need for pride or self-aggrandizement, no envy, no violence, no unforgiveness, no tyranny. Basically, Apocalypse is Good News. But the transition from the old to the new is going to be difficult. It requires our full commitment to trust God in every situation. Are you ready for it? How can you get ready?

This is where the Church comes in. After the great victory of Christ over the Kingdom of darkness on Good Friday, there is still a lot of "mop up operations" to do. We are to gather as many people as we can, from the four winds to bring them up to Christ with the help of the good angels. That is what Evangelization is all about. We want to make Christ's death and resurrection fully effective in the lives of as many people as possible. In doing this, we find our ultimate joy and purpose, and we get ready for the Kingdom of Light.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

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.

ABLAZE

On Tuesday Nov 17, the Ablaze prayer group will attend the Catholic Forum in the Church at 7pm; therefore there will not be an Ablaze meeting in the Church basement on Nov 17. Our regular Ablaze meeting will resume the following week, Nov 24 at 7:30pm in the Church basement.

FOOTPRINTS OF GOD BIBLE STUDY

Topic on Wednesday Nov 18: David & Solomon-Chapter 3 "After God's Own Heart" (*David's reign; a life lived for God*). Ongoing Bible Study every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm in the church basement. Start at any session; prior attendance not required. Free, including study guides!

SPARK (GR.6-8) – MOVIE NIGHT

Come out this Monday, Nov 16 from 6:30-8:15pm to the Church basement for an awesome movie night with popcorn— all for free! Bring friends and enjoy watching and learning from the night's chosen surprise film.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-39 YO) – CAREER FAIR

Whether you are looking for a job, education and/or settlement options, the Vancouver Career, Education and Settlement Fair may have answers for you. The fair is on Monday, Nov 16 from 10am-5pm at the Vancouver Public Library, 350 W Georgia St. If you are interested in attending with some young adults from 10am-12pm, please contact Rocelyn at 604-355-9611.

FLAME (GR.8-12) – BOARD GAMES & CONCERT

Come for a night of board games and food, followed by a ticketed concert on Saturday, Nov 21 from 5-9pm. Meeting place will be the Rectory Dining Room. Tickets are \$15 each. Please contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext. 247 for more info.

PARISH NEWS

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

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.

HEALING THE WOUNDED HEART: THE SYNOD

Join Archbishop Miller for an encore of his talk on The School of the Heart: Parents as Primary Catechists presented at the Synod World Meeting of Families. There will also be an opportunity to hear sound bytes from keynote speakers such as Bishop Baron and Cardinal Tagle. Thursday, Nov. 26 at 7pm at John Paul II Pastoral Centre. No cost but pre-registration is required. rcav.org/healing-the-wounded-heart.

LUKE 15 HOUSE FUNDRAISER

We have a dream, a dream to help restore the lives of fathers, sons, and brothers, who have been lost to the world of addiction. We invite you to this special night of fellowship, buffet dinner, silent auction, door prizes, live entertainment and life-changing testimonies. Friday Nov 27 at 6pm at Gracepoint Community Church, 3487 King George Blvd., Surrey. Tickets available at the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT

Christmas Benefit Concert presented by L'Arche Greater Vancouver Featuring: Vandeca. Sunday, Dec 6, doors open at 2:30pm. Concert 3pm-4:30pm, reception 4:30pm-6pm at Sherbrooke Mennonite Church, 7155 Sherbrooke St, Vancouver. Free admission with an opportunity to support the work of L'Arche globally and locally.