

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY NOV 22: CHRIST THE KING

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

MONDAY NOV 23:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

TUESDAY NOV 24: ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMPANIONS

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 25:

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

THURSDAY NOV 26:

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

FRIDAY NOV 27:

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

SATURDAY NOV 28:

9:15am DNA Men's Discipleship Group (Rectory basement)
10:00am Youth basketball (School Gym)
1:00pm Fr. Tony Ricard Talk (Church)
1:30pm CFC Youth (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:00pm Fr. Tony Ricard Talk (Church)
7:00pm CFC (Rectory basement)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

SUNDAY NOV 29: 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00am Christmas Craft Fair & Pancake Breakfast (School Gym)
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

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*Pastor's
Corner*

TRUE POWER, TRUE GOD

Two weeks ago, we reflected on one of the four "P's:" prestige (or popularity or honour.) Today, on Christ the King, we reflect on another "P:" power. We tend to equate kingly authority with great power. But Jesus says to Pilate that His Kingdom is not from this world. (John 18:36) He means that His Kingdom is not based on force and violence. If that was the case, His followers would have fought for Him. But those are not His ways. (John 18:36) True authority is not based on power, but on love and truth. "Reflect on those who have been the best (and long lasting) influences in your own life, and you will recognize this truth." (Fr. Veras in Magnificat 2008, No. 9) These people, these true authorities led you to truth not so much by their commands, but by their likeness to Christ, by love, closeness and humility.

By their very being, they showed you the path to a profound relationship with God. And Jesus, only Jesus Himself can walk you along that path of love and obedience to truth. "To be a disciple of Jesus means not letting ourselves be allowed by the worldly logic of power, but bringing into the world the light of truth and God's love." (Pope Benedict quoted in Magnificat Nov. 2014)

The true power of Christ resides in His humble and loving obedience to the Truth, to the Father of truth. And also in His tenderness and mercy, and closeness for the suffering and the sinners. We will be judged on that. (Matthew 25:31-46) "The starting point of salvation is not the confession of the sovereignty of Christ, but rather the imitation of Jesus' works of Mercy through which He brought about His Kingdom. The one who accomplishes these works shows that He has welcomed Christ's sovereignty because he has opened his heart to God's charity. In the twilight of life, we will be judged on our love for, closeness to, and tenderness towards our brothers and sisters. (Pope Francis in Magnificat Nov. 2015)

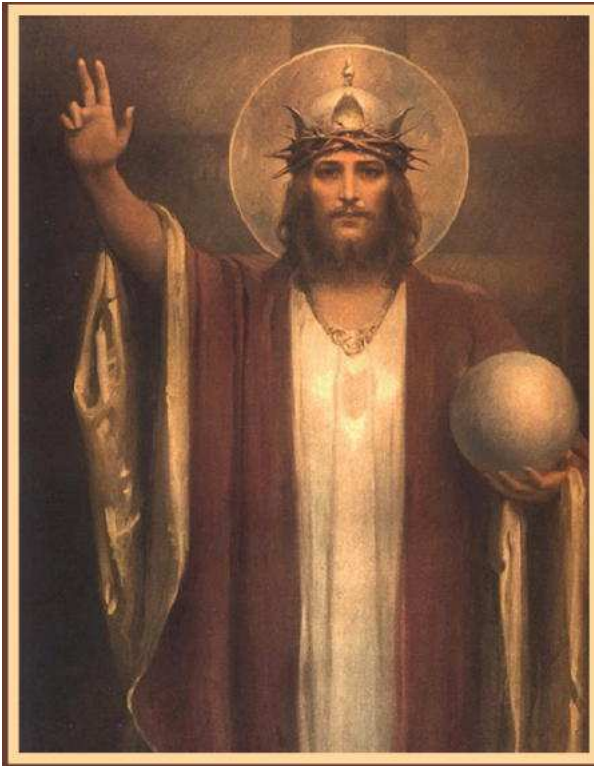
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"Lord, make us yours, live in us, gather together a scattered and suffering humanity so that in you all may be subjected to the Father of mercy and love." (Pope Benedict in Magnificat Nov. 2014) True power, then comes through a humble and loving obedience to the one who loved us first, when we were not worthy, and freed us from the addiction to power by serving us to the point of dying for us on the Cross after having washed our feet. May we also love one another with His own love and forgiveness.

Worldly or false power, the one we see in so many kings and dictators, is more interested in self-serving, in the aggrandizement of one's ego, and the exercise of harmful control over others. That kind of power becomes a ferment of rebellion and terrorism...

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

FOOTPRINTS OF GOD BIBLE STUDY

Topic on Wednesday, Nov 25: David & Solomon - Chapter 4 "Son of David" (*Solomon reigns and builds the temple*). 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!

PSALM 98 EVENT – FR. TONY RICARD

Fr. Tony Ricard's Advent talk is on Sat Nov 28 from 1-3pm or 7-9pm. Tickets are \$15, and are available after Mass and also at the event. 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. 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.

SPARK (GR.6-8) - NEXT EVENT

Please note that there is no Spark event on Nov 23 or Nov 30. The next event is on Dec 7.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-39) - ROSARY FOR HOLY SOULS

During the month of November, we dedicate prayers for the souls of the faithful departed, especially those whom we have known and loved. You are invited to pray for your loved ones and the holy souls, followed by social time with other young adults, on Sunday Nov 29 from 10:30am-12:30pm in the Rectory dining room. Please knock at the back door of the parish office. Bring friends to join us!

CWL MASS

There will be a Mass on Tuesday Nov 24 at 6pm in the Church, to honor the memory of the dedicated deceased sisters of St. Mary's Catholic Women's League who made a solemn commitment to be witnesses of Christ, carrying out the mission of Christ at home, in the parish and in the whole community. Everyone is welcome to attend!

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Join in celebration and prayer during the Mass of Ordination of Deacon Larry Lynn and Deacon Davide Lanzani on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral. This is sure to be a large gathering so please arrive early for a seat!

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.

MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER

An international association of lay persons, both married and single who take private vows of (conjugal) chastity, poverty, obedience and whole-hearted free service to the poorest of the poor, living according to each one's own state of life. We meet at the Missionaries of Charity Sisters Convent, 386 Cordova Street, on the third Saturday of each month at 8:30am for prayer, study and adoration.