

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY AUG 28: 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00am Young Adults (Rectory Dining)
1:00pm Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

MONDAY AUG 29: PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

6:00pm CFC-SFL (Seminar Room)

TUESDAY AUG 30:

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (Rectory basement)
7:00pm CFC-YFL (Seminar Room)
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church)

WEDNESDAY AUG 31:

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY SEP 1:

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

FRIDAY SEP 2: *First Friday- All day Adoration*

6:00pm CFC Youth (Rectory basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY SEP 3: ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory dining)
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
2:00pm Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)

SUNDAY SEP 4: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
1:30pm CFC (Church basement)

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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Pastor's Corner

THE WORST TYRANT

Most of us spend a lot of energy to look good rather than to be good. Most of our lies are done in order to look good, or simply not to look bad, to save face. And if we succeed at that game, we feel clean! We feel ok! A true story illustrates that: A famous spiritual writer and Catholic monk was doing his meditation in the community chapel, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. He was alone in the chapel and getting somewhat bored, he slouched in the pew... until he heard someone opening the door of the chapel to enter in. He immediately straightened up!! He realized he had no problem slouching in the pew while alone with God but didn't want to be seen that way by others. He didn't mind God but he was careful to look good in the presence of another human being!

In so many things we do, even the best things, we may have that dual intention to do it because it is good, or because it is God's will, but also to be admired by our entourage. That can even become our sole motivation.

We may want to succeed, to be loved, to be recognized as a very good or very wealthy or very intelligent person. This can easily become our number one priority. Then we put God in second place and we don't mind hurting other persons if necessary, to achieve our goal. We don't mind lying and living a double life to achieve that goal.

A few more stories and we will better grasp the poison that pride and ambition can spread in our social and our private lives, and how humility can free us and open us to true joy.

During a house blessing, where many people were gathered, I witnessed a beautiful moment. 6 or 7 people of different ages, from 10 to 50 years old were putting together a big puzzle. When someone was able to place a piece of that puzzle in the big picture, everybody would rejoice. As the puzzle was nearly completed, at an exciting pace, the joy increased. It was a common labour of mutual help and

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friendship. Nobody would claim to be the best. The last piece of the puzzle was put by a child. And a great shout of joy came from all the participants. When ambition is not our master, but rather humility and service, great things can happen and true community can be felt. And that is happening when we "build" together the Kingdom of God on earth.

Another example is when we are spending time together with a few very close friends. There is no need to look better than we are. We can converse and put our ideas in the conversation without trying to dominate the others. When prayer and Bible sharing are done in this spirit, we are all built up in the knowledge of God and we approach Him with praise and thanksgiving. But it's not always like that. When I was young, I had two great friends. One day came in a beautiful girl who had no boyfriend. She became part of our group. But something changed. We were, the guys, competing for her attention, seeking to be the chosen ones. Conversations went nowhere; no real communication; we were just elbowing our ways toward her. It took us months to adjust to the new situation.

Ambition and pride can make our lives miserable, destructive and sterile. We need to pray daily for the grace of humility and true love. You may use the Litany of Humility partially printed here:

*O Jesus! Meek and humble of heart, **Hear me.**
From the desire of being esteemed...**deliver me Jesus**
From the desire of being loved...
From the desire of being extolled...
From the desire of being honoured...
From the desire of being praised...
From the desire of being preferred to others...
From the desire of being consulted...
From the desire of being approved...
From the fear of being humiliated...
From the fear of being despised...
From the fear of suffering rebukes...
From the fear of being calumniated...
From the fear of being forgotten...
From the fear of being ridiculed...
From the fear of being wronged...
From the fear of being suspected...*

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Are you an adult in need of Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation? Or would you just like to learn more about your Catholic Faith? This is your opportunity to join the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for 2016–2017. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

SPARK (GR. 6-8) - WELCOME BACK!

Join our first event on Monday Sept 19 from 6:30-8:15pm in the Church basement. Bring friends and meet new ones! No pre-registration or fee required.

ST. MARY'S MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT

All married couples are invited to St. Mary's Parish Marriage Enrichment Retreat on Sept 10 from 9am-4:30pm in the School Gym, followed by Mass and renewal of vows at 5pm. The event is free and lunch/snacks will be served. Please register: Romer/Romenin 778-875-2327/rno28@yahoo.com, George/Susan 778-668-7422/ gpader1956@yahoo.ca.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

St Mary's Parish invites all married couples, single men/women, single parents, divorced, separated men/women, widows/widowers to a Christian Life Program sponsored by Couples for Christ on Sept 17 at 7:30pm in the Church basement. For more info contact: George/Susan 778-668-7422, Abet/Anna 778-989-2259, Elhy/Jona 604-782-4802 or email: esj3416@yahoo.com.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

We are looking for volunteers who would like to facilitate with us, the Liturgy of the Word for Children during the 11:15am or 1pm Sunday masses. If interested please contact Lydes 778-323-5572; lydes1180@yahoo.com or Adrian 778-828-8982; adrianbc_casaje@yahoo.com.

MIGRANT MINISTRY

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry and ISSofBC is holding Part 3 of its workshop series on "Reconnecting with your Child" on Sept 4 from 1-3pm in the Seminar room. Speaker is Rebecca Janke, a registered Social Worker, who will speak about "Overcoming Effects of Prolonged Separation" from your children. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Register at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com or resochoita.arma@gmail.com; or by phone at 604-684-7498 ext.1666.

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ST. JOHN PAUL II RELIC

Come to pray, adore and venerate the Relic. Come to learn about the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary. Come to experience the Mercy and Love of God; on Monday Aug 29 at 7pm in Spanish, and on Tuesday Aug 30 at 7pm in English, both in the Church.

POSITIVE PARENTING WORKSHOPS

The Positive Parenting workshops are a series of six dynamic workshops that aim to support and equip parents with tools to connect and guide their child/teen towards becoming capable, confident and responsible. Sept 16, 23, 30, Oct 7, 14, 21. Time: 7-9pm in the Church basement.

DONATION TO THE STREET PEOPLE

St. Mary's Street Ministry requests donations of new men's socks and individually-wrapped chocolates purchased within the last 3 months. Deposit donations in the box in the foyer.

ST. MARY'S PARISH 2016 GALA

We are excited to invite you to the St. Mary's Gala Dinner on Oct 1 at Delta Burnaby Hotel and Conference Centre at 4331 Dominion Street. Event includes dinner, live band, and silent auction. Tickets \$85, with a tax receipt of \$35. Proceeds to the Parish Building Fund. Tickets/info: tly.ling@telus.net.

BIBLE STUDY

Pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice, and lust are all patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness and separation from God. In the study program **Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues**, Bishop Barron gives practical advice on how to instill virtues that overcome sins and restore our relationship with God. It's free; starts Wed. Sept 7 at 6:30pm in the Church basement.

POKEVANGELIZATION

Attention youth, young adults and young-at-heart: In order to continue with Pokevangelization in the fall, we need volunteers, singers, musicians, and evangelizers. Knowledge in Pokemon not required, training provided. If interested, please email mmoy_ca@yahoo.com ASAP.

JOHN OAKLEY'S BOOK "EYES WIDE OPEN"

For those who ordered the book, please pick up from the Parish Office during business hours. Info 778-885-9611.