

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY SEP 4: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
1:30pm CFC (Church basement)
2:00pm Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)

MONDAY SEP 5: * LABOUR DAY - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED*

8:00am Mass (Church)
10:00am Special Mass for Canonization of Mother Teresa (Church)
6:30pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Lay Apostles (Church)

TUESDAY SEP 6:

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

WEDNESDAY SEP 7:

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

THURSDAY SEP 8: NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

FRIDAY SEP 9:

6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:00pm Holy Trinity Community (Rectory Library)
7:00pm CFC-SFC (Seminar Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY SEP 10:

9:00am Marriage Enrichment Retreat (School Gym)
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
3:00pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)
6:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church basement Library)
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
7:00pm CFC-SFL (Seminar Room)

SUNDAY SEP 11: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)



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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

HATE YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER?

Friends, today's Gospel contains what seems to be the harshest words of Jesus. "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, spouse and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple." What gives? The same Jesus that has asked us to love our enemies, even those who have persecuted us, now, is asking us to hate those closest to us, and dearest to us?

Here it is: it's not family members that we should hate, but how we relate to them, making them our ultimate concern, placing them, above God. When our love for them may not find its meaning in relationship to God, to Christ, then it becomes destructive, sooner or later. Christ invites us to hate that relationship with them, when it becomes god for us.

"Whenever you make pleasing your family, of ultimate importance to you, whenever you make the achievement of their dreams the supreme value in your life, whenever their opinions or points of view or expectations for you, become ultimate, that is when you are treating your parents as gods." (Bishop Barron) Many saints had to break with their parents to do what God asked them to do, especially St. Francis of Assisi. Yet he truly loved his father and prayed for him. But he refused to let his father be a stumbling block between him and God.

You should love them, but not love them above God. Let's bring some examples. Parents may "love" their children in a wrongful way, trying to fulfill their own unfulfilled dreams through them and forcing them to be what they aren't meant to be. You may want to make your son a businessman while he is meant to be a social worker or a priest. Then your son must obey God, not you. He should not place your desire for him above God's desire for him. And the children also can manipulate their parents for their own uses. The parents must resist them. What you need to 'hate' is not your parents or your children, but what is wrong in your relationship with

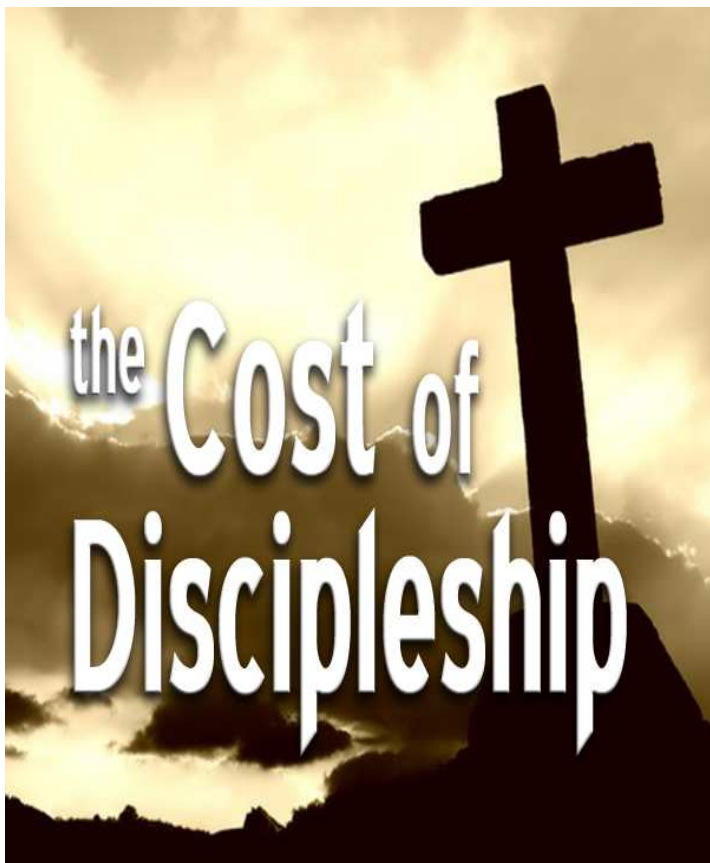
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them and in their relationship with you.

But Jesus goes even further. He asks us to hate even our own life! It seems to contradict the commandment "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." It seems to contradict the duty to be grateful to God for our own life, and its circumstances. Can you be grateful for what you hate? But again you cannot make your egotistic need the supreme value of your life. Hate your little ego projects, building monuments to yourself, and hate all the self-aggrandizement seeking. "Those who choose to serve God first with their own life will save it!"

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.

BIBLE STUDY

Do you struggle with sin? Would you like to know how to overcome your sin? Join us Wednesday evenings for the study program **Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues**. Presented by Bishop Robert Barron, the program aims to increase awareness of the sins of pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice, and lust and to encourage cultivation of the virtues that overcome them. Begin the journey from sin to sanctity! The program starts this Wednesday Sept 7 at 6:30pm in the Church basement. It's free.

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.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Please indicate on the outside of the envelopes the amount contained inside. This will greatly reduce the workload of the volunteers who help to count the collection every week. Thank you for your cooperation.

PARISH NEWS

CANONIZATION OF MOTHER TERESA

You are invited to the Celebration of the Canonization of St. Teresa of Calcutta on Monday Sept 5 at 10am in the Church, along with the Sisters of Charity and Lay Missionaries of Charity. Everyone welcome.

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.

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.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE FALL ACTION WORKSHOP

Development and Peace (Caritas Canada) will hold its Fall Action Workshop and Campaign "At the Heart of the Action" on Saturday Sept 17 in the Church basement, 10am-2pm. All welcome. Light refreshments provided. For more info contact Pink Pascual at Pinky.devpeace@gmail.com.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

PATH TO PARISH RENEWAL WITH SHERRY WEDDELL

One of North America's leading voices in the New Evangelization, Sherry Weddell, will be speaking at St. Francis Xavier School Gym on Saturday Sept. 10 from 9am-4:30pm. Sherry wrote the bestselling book Forming Intentional Disciples, and is in high demand as a speaker around the world. Cost \$25, includes lunch. Register: rcav.org/event/making-disciples.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

You are invited to the Catholic Charismatic Conference on Sep 23/24 at Broadway Church, 2700 E. Broadway. Speakers are Bishop Sam Jacobs, a much sought after international speaker, and Dr. Margaret Schlientz, doctorate in psychiatric nursing and Master degree in theology, and founder of Pope Leo XIII Institute for education of priests in exorcism and deliverance. Tickets \$15 available at Parish Office.