

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY SEP 11: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

TUESDAY SEP 13: ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

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

WEDNESDAY SEP 14: EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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

THURSDAY SEP 15: OUR LADY OF SORROWS

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

FRIDAY SEP 16: STS. CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN

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

SATURDAY SEP 17:

9:00am Dev & Peace Workshop (Church basement)
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
10:00am Youth Ministry Basketball (School Gym)
12:30pm CFC Youth (School Gym)
2:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)
7:00pm Cancer Support Group (Rectory Library)
7:30pm ARC (Church)

SUNDAY SEP 18: 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 5pm

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*Pastor's
Corner*

THE GRACE OF SHAME, OR THE TOXIC SHAME?

Does Jesus and the Church Tradition encourage toxic shame? There is indeed a possible misunderstanding here! When we go to confession, are we seeking to be shamed by the priest? Even though this could happen, we know that it is not right. Did the Father of the Prodigal Son play the shame game against his guilty son, who had humiliated Him? On the contrary, the Father "humiliated" Himself in seeking the one who had humiliated Him. (Bishop Barron) The Father saw his son could be a victim of the shaming game by his other son and by all the household, including the least of the slaves. So the Father prevented this by "compromising" Himself publicly with the prodigal son, giving him back immediately the honour and privileges that he no longer deserved: the robe, the ring, the sandals, the banquet.

Why did the Father go to such an extravagant forgiveness? Out of love! When he saw his son coming back, His heart did not see in his prodigal the sins, but the one whom He had created in His own image and likeness. That image was covered up by sins, but the Father could see through it and therefore uncover His own Beauty.

The Church still does that today when it is imitating Christ. Jacques Pesch, a serial killer in France, is now in the process of being beatified by the Church. He had a long time of conversion in jail waiting for his death.

Now you may have many questions. Is shame always bad? What is the difference between humiliating ourselves before God and being a victim of the shaming from other people? We often confuse shame and humiliation, humility and humiliation.

Shame is a basic and primary human emotion. We call it sometime guilt, or sorrow. But St. Ignatius of Loyola, in his Spiritual Exercises calls it shame. "Humiliation is what you feel when someone has "shamed" you, publicly but it is a different emotion than basic shame or a version of shame

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with the added negative emotions of anger (at being disrespected) and/or fear of social rejection.” (Rebecca Stanwyck)

“In cases where shame leads to a positive outcome, it is because shame has arisen on its own, after the person has had time alone to process and reflect.” (R. Stanwyck) This is the case of the prodigal son in today’s Gospel. In Luke 15: 17-18, “But when he came to himself he said... I will say to my father, “Father I have sinned against heaven and before you, I am no longer worthy to be called your son...” The prodigal listened to the voice of his conscience. He feels guilt, shame, like Adam and Eve, but he doesn’t try to hide from God like them. Instead he returns to the Father and expresses his unworthiness in words, what we call confession and contrition.

“In situations where shame leads to defensive digging in, despair or even suicide, it is [usually] because someone else has tried to make the person feel shame. Shame cannot be commanded or demanded— because then it is humiliation instead, and humiliation is toxic.” (R. Stanwyck)

I would say that we can help someone reflect and process what he has done. But then it is between him and God. “Publicly shaming someone is no different than bullying, harassment or other forms of interpersonal violence,” says R. Stanwyck. I agree most of the time with Rebecca Stanwyck, yet a judge must expose the guilt of a criminal. And sorrows on the part of the accused, is often a factor that influences the severity of the punishment.

Can parents shame their young children? For sure, never in public, but privately, helping them to process what they have done, not what they are!

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

Pride is the appetite for excellence in excess of right reason. On Wednesday Sept 14, Bishop Barron discusses the sin of **Pride** and the conquering virtue of **Humility**. Begin the journey to true freedom! Join **Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues** study, Wednesdays, 6:30pm, Church basement. Free.

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.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2016

Donations to date: \$86,677 or 43% of the parish goal! We encourage all parishioners to return your pledges or register as new donors. Please deposit all donations through the Sunday collection or online at www.projectadvance.ca. Thank you for your continued support!

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 on sale this weekend after all Masses. More info: tly.ling@telus.net.

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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.

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.

SATURDAY 5PM CHOIR

The Saturday 5pm choir would like to invite musicians to consider joining our choir to praise God through the ministry of music. We are especially looking for a singers who will be able to commit to this Mass each week. For more info, please contact Cathy at frozentriqui@gmail.com.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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.

CARDINAL NEWMAN & POPE BENEDICT TEACHINGS

Join us Saturday Oct 8 at 10am at St. Mark’s College for a lecture on Cardinal Newman and Pope Benedict XVI’s teachings on the role of conscience that can be applied to promote dialogue in secular and religious institutions alike. Event is free. For more info, visit rcav.org/event/on-conscience-and-the-university.

RETRouvaille MARRIAGE PROGRAM

Retrouvaille is an affordable program that provides couples with the tools to rekindle romance and repair all kinds of marriage problems. For info or to register for the program Oct 14-16, call 604-530-6710, vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org or www.retrouvaillevancover.com.