

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### **SUNDAY SEP 25: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00am Knights of Columbus Brunch (Church Basement)  
10:00am Young Adults (Rectory Dining)  
1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

### **MONDAY SEP 26:**

6:15pm Youth Ministry-Spark (Church Basement)

### **TUESDAY SEP 27: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

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

### **WEDNESDAY SEP 28: ST LAWRENCE RUIZ & COMPANIONS**

6:45pm Bible Study (Church Basement)  
7:00pm CFC (Rectory Basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **THURSDAY SEP 29: STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL**

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

### **FRIDAY SEP 30: ST. JEROME**

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

### **SATURDAY OCT 1: ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS**

8:00am 2000 Hail Marys (Rectory Dining)  
8:40am Veneration of Padre Pio Relics (Church)  
10:00am Padre Pio Prayer Group Prayer Meeting (Church Basement)  
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)  
10:00am Youth Ministry (School Gym)  
2:30pm Baptism (Church)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)  
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)

### **SUNDAY OCT 2: 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00am Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)  
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)  
2:00pm 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 of the Blessed Sacrament 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 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

Coordinator: Edwin Cruz E-mail: prep.smarv@rcav.org

Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6:30-8pm / Teen Prep Wednesdays only

### **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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### **PASTORS & STAFF**

**Pastor:** Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P. (ext. 6)

**Assistant Pastor:** Fr. Gabriel de Chadarévian, O.P. (ext. 3)

**Assistant to the Pastors:** Theresa De Ocampo (ext. 6)

**Finance & Property Manager:** Ossie Fernandes (ext. 7)

**Youth & Young Adult Ministry:** Rocelyn Catris (ext. 247)

**RCIA/PREP Coordinator:** Edwin Cruz (ext. 5)

**Reception:** Marianne Peraro (ext. 0)

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

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### **Pastor's Corner**

### **YOUR UNKNOWN FRIEND**

Again! Another difficult Gospel! But maybe not...maybe it's really Good News, after all! Last Sunday, we saw how we can easily drift out of a living and vibrant relationship with God without noticing it! This Sunday, Jesus warns us that we easily drift out of a living and vibrant relationship with others. And that isolation from others ends up cutting ourselves from God too. Bishop Barron said, "We are meant to be connected to one another through God". We cannot cut our relationship with others and keep connected to God, and vice versa. Cardinal Schönborn, OP, editor and final redactor of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and also of the Youcat, even went further, writing, "Someone who hardens his heart against his neighbor has rebelled against God even through he may still be externally "pious". Someone whose heart is not shut off from his neighbor's needs is close to God, even if he considers himself to be an atheist and professes to be one". To paraphrase Matthew 25, "I was hungry, sick, in prison, and you did not feed me, visited me...Each time, you didn't do that to the least of your brothers, you didn't do it to me, even if you didn't know it was me".

How can we become isolated from one another? Basically by the same way we get isolated from God. Seeking intensely for riches, possessions, pleasures, popularity, admiration, power, all these take up our time and our attention. They keep us busy, worried, and distracted, divided, diverted, entertained. The rich man knew Lazarus by name. Yet, he got so used to his presence that it was as if he didn't exist as a person. He never thought he could help him out with some food. Even less, with some genuine interest in him as a person.

What was the sin of the rich man against Lazarus? He didn't insult him, call the police to get him in jail. He didn't bully him or call him names. He just did nothing. He ignored him everyday, day after day until they both died.

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Then, the rich man went to hell. That is surprising. He had not been deliberately cruel to poor Lazarus. He had just ignored him. That is a sin of omission. As we say in the Act of Contrition, "I have displeased you my God in choosing to do wrong and in failing to do good". "Sins of omission usually do not occur with full knowledge, or even with deliberate consent, but rather out of carelessness or self-centeredness, which blinds a person to his neighbor's needs" (Cardinal Schönborn). The wealth and luxurious lifestyle of the rich man had made him more and more insensitive to the suffering of his fellowman (Luke 16:19-31).

We wrongly believe that sins of omission are never mortal sins, but only venial. But in the course of time, they lead us to hardness of heart and that doesn't diminish but rather increase the voluntary character of a sin (see Catechism of the Catholic Church#1859). It leads to rebellion against God, a practical rebellion, shown in action, not necessarily in words and thoughts.

What can we do? It's not about giving to every beggar in the street. That would enable them to stay longer in their addiction. They do have access to food for free but their addiction cut their appetite for food. But they need someone who treats them as a person. I would suggest to pay more attention to people who are suffering from serious mental diseases. There are some in your extended family or friends, or co-workers. Choose one of them and listen to his/her story in a non-judgmental way. Become vulnerable to his/her story. You will no longer be in control. You will move from simple generosity to communion of the hearts. It will lead you to a new way of living, a transformation of yourself. I have experienced something like that in my spiritual direction with people who have mental issues. It has made me more in touch with others, with God and myself.

*God bless you, Fr. Pierre*

## PARISH NEWS

### SATURDAY 5PM MASS 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 singers who can commit to this Mass each week. For more info, please contact Catty at frozentriqui@gmail.com.

## PARISH NEWS

### KNIGHTS SUNDAY BRUNCH

Please come to the St Mary's Knights Sunday Brunch on Sep 25, from 9am to 3pm in the church basement. \$10 meal includes: Pancit (noodles), 2 BBQs, 2 vegetable spring rolls. Proceeds will go to St Mary's Parish Building Fund. We look forward to seeing you. Thank you for your 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: tky.lung@telus.net.

### SPARK (GR.6-8) - MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL

How many times have you looked in the mirror and compared yourself to others? Do you want to improve your body image or how you view yourself? Join us this Monday Sep 26 from 6:15-8:15pm in the Church basement and we'll go through this issue together. Bring friends and meet new ones! No pre-registration or fee required.

### SPARK (GR.6-8) - NEW SCHEDULE

From Sep to Dec 2016, Spark events are held every 1st to 4th Mondays of the month at 6:15-8:15pm in the church basement. Please take a copy of the schedule from the YM bulletin board or parish office.

### 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 30, Oct 7, 14, 21. Time: 7-9pm in the Church basement.

### BIBLE STUDY

Envy is the pleasure in the sorrow of another and resentment over their happiness or success. On Sep 28 Wednesday, Bishop Barron discusses the sin of **Envy** and the conquering virtue of **Admiration**. He reminds us that true happiness is found by joining our lives in love with God and others. Begin the journey from sin to sanctity! Join the study program **Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues**, Wednesdays, 6:45pm. Free. Prior attendance not required.

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### ST. MARY'S PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Please come and join us at the inauguration of our St. Mary's Padre Pio Prayer Group on Saturday Oct 1. After the 8:30am Mass, there will be a relic of Padre Pio to venerate until 9:30am, then the first prayer meeting will commence at 10am. Prayer Meetings will be held every 1st Saturday of the month. St. Mary's Padre Pio Prayer Group is affiliated with the Int'l Padre Pio Prayer Group in San Giovanni Rotondo founded by Padre Pio himself. We will focus on intercessory prayer – the Call to stand in the Gap - to continue the works that Padre Pio started years ago to help souls to meet Christ. Are you called to be an intercessor? See you on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>!!

### MIGRANT MINISTRY

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry and ISSofBC will hold a workshop on Making a Will on Oct 2, 1pm-3pm in the seminar room. Nicco Bautista, an Estate Planning Lawyer, will speak about reasons for having a will, and the procedures, costs and resources in making a will. Everyone is welcome. Please register with Lenn (stmarysmigrant@gmail.com) or Chit (resoquita.arma@issbc.org, 604-684-7498 ext.1666).

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### CELEBRATION: SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Mark the canonization of St. Mother Teresa! Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Miller on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 2:30 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Reception to follow in Rosary Hall.

### LIFE CHAIN 2016

Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes, praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. Visit rcav.org/lifechain for a list of dates and locations of Life Chain events within our Archdiocese.

### HOLY RELICS OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA TOUR

Two first-class relics of St. Anthony of Padua will return to Canada for an eight-day tour of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, Oct. 5-12. Schedule: Oct. 5 – Our Lady of Sorrows; Oct. 6 - St. Luke's Parish; Oct. 7 - Our Lady of Fatima (Vancouver); Oct. 8 - Our Lady of the Assumption; Oct. 9 - St. Anthony of Padua; Oct. 10 - St. Patrick's (Vancouver); Oct. 11 - St. Helen's; Oct. 12 - St. Anthony's (West Van.). See the archdiocese calendar for details.