

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY OCT 2: 27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
2:00pm CFC (Church basement)

MONDAY OCT 3

6:15pm Youth Ministry-Spark (Church Basement)
7:00pm Lay Apostles (Church)

TUESDAY OCT4: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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

WEDNESDAY OCT5

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 OCT 6: ST. BRUNO

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

FRIDAY OCT 7: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

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

SATURDAY OCT 8

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

SUNDAY OCT 9: 28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

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

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PASTORS & STAFF

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

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

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

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

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Pastor's Corner

TRUSTING IS MORE THAN TAKING A CALCULATED RISK

A couple was visiting the place where the silver coins are made. The guide showed them a fountain of melted silver. The liquid was extremely hot. He said that if they would plunge their hand in the bucket of the cold water, then right away put that same hand in the flowing melted silver for a brief moment, they would not be burned. The chemical reaction between water and silver would absorb the heat. The guide asked them - "Now do you believe me? Are you ready to try it yourself?" The man said, "Yes, I believe you! But I don't need to try it." But the woman did it! And the guide said to the man, "You didn't really believe me. You didn't really trust me. But your wife did!"

Another time, there was a man practicing walking on a tight-rope across the Niagara Falls. An observer had been watching him. The man increased the challenge by walking across the river pushing a wheelbarrow with a 200 pound bag of sand in it. He did that many times for many days. Then he asked the observer, "Do you believe that I am ready to cross the river in the tightrope with a man in the wheelbarrow?" The observer answered confidently, "Sure, now you do it easily!" The tightrope walker replied, "Ok, jump into the wheelbarrow, I will push you across the river". "No way!", said the man.

Are you ready to jump into God's wheelbarrow and entrust your life to him? If not, you might be an intellectual believer in principle but you don't really trust God. Faith is putting your life in the hands of God and letting Him carry you over the troubled waters. You accept that you are not in control. You go where he wants you to go, and by the means He chooses. It could be a wheelbarrow or a big wide bridge! You give over your life to God. Your life is no longer about you. God chooses your ultimate purpose and you will fulfill it. But he doesn't give you a preview. You have to find out by listening to him day by day.

Impossible? But that's the kind of commitment you take joyfully when you get married. You don't know what your spouse will become in 20 years and you don't know what you will become in 20 years. But you commit anyway because you trust your spouse and your spouse trusts you. And there is something that unites both of you that is stronger than all the changes that may happen during those 20 years.

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There is a far greater guaranty when committing to God. God doesn't change unlike your spouse. But more importantly, through faith and trust in God, you are being connected, person to Person, with the Power that created everything, that moves the stars, that guides everything according to His loving purpose manifested in the Cross of Lord Jesus and in His Resurrection. Amazing things can and will happen. Because you are now willingly a part of God's design! "To believe this in your bones and to act accordingly is to have faith... You have surrendered, as St. Paul puts it, to a power already at work in you, that can do infinitely more than you can ask or imagine." (Bishop Barron)

Put yourself at the service of God's purpose and trust that he will take care of you far better than if you do it for yourself and by yourself alone. "Seek first the Kingdom of God and everything else will be given to you". (Luke 12:31)

Faith is not about surrendering your reason but about a confident trust in the loving power of God. The more you surrender, the greater things can happen.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

**The Lord is good to those who hope in Him,
to the soul that seeks Him.**

- Lamentations 3:25

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (GR.6-8) - WITH ALL YOUR

Our love of others and of ourselves will flow correctly when we keep God first in our lives. Easy, right? Hmm..perhaps not. Join us this Monday, Oct 3 from 6:15pm-8:15pm in the Church basement and find inspiration in living a joyful life through the greatest commandment.

VOLUNTEERS WITH HEALTH CARE BACKGROUND

Youth Ministry is requesting help from adult males and females who have health care background to assist in our events. A genuine desire to help youth grow as healthy Christians is a prerequisite. No prior youth ministry experience is required. For more info, please contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext.247 or email youth.smarv@rcav.org.

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OKANAGAN APPLES

St. Mary's School is selling apples from the Okanagan after Masses Oct. 8 & 9 while supplies last. \$7 for a 5lb bag.

BIBLE STUDY - MOVIE NIGHT

To help us grow in the virtue of **Admiration** and combat the sin of **Envy**, we will look into the life of **St. Padre Pio**. Join us on Wednesday, Oct 5, in watching Part I of a movie about this great mystic who experienced the envy of his enemies and the admiration of his supporters. The movie starts at 6:45pm in the church basement. Free.

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

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE FOR CATECHISTS

Pope Francis has invited those involved in Catechesis to take part in the Year of Mercy Jubilee for Catechists in Rome on Sept. 25 but in our archdiocese, the celebration will be on the Thanksgiving weekend as in the past few years. Join us on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 9:30am-12:30pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. Archbishop Miller will honour and thank our catechists in union with the universal Church through a special Mass celebration starting at 9:30am. Social gathering with simple reception and short reflection by Archbishop Miller will follow at Rosary Hall after Mass. This is for catechists of adults and children in RCIA, Parish Religious Education Program, Liturgy of the Word with Children and Youth Ministry. Families and friends are invited at Mass. To register, visit rcav.org/day-for-catechists

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.). Visit rcav.org/calendar for details.

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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.

ASSISTED SUICIDE IN PALLIATIVE CARE

The Fraser Health Authority is considering mandating all palliative care units and hospice facilities to provide "Medical Aid in Dying." A petition opposing this move can be found at <http://bit.ly/FAHpetition> and Archbishop Miller's letter on the issue is at rcav.org/l-fraser-health.

DON'T GIVE UP ON YOUR MARRIAGE

The 4 stages of marriage are: 1) Romance 2) Disillusionment 3) Misery and 4) Awakening. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th stage. Don't give up! If your marriage is suffering, contact Retrouvaille. For confidential information or to register for the program on Oct 14 - 16, 2016, call 604-530-6710, or email vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org or visit www.retrouvaillevancover.com

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY - OPEN HOUSE

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY welcomes all prospective 2017-2018 candidates and their families to an OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm. For more information and online application, visit www.lfabc.org or contact Kathi Wilson, wilsonk@lfabc.org or 604-738-9016 ext. 114.

MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

Come join Madonna House for a talk and time of silent reflection, followed by fellowship and sharing. When: Saturday, October 15th, 2016 Where: St. John the Apostle Parish Hall (5457 Trafalgar St, Vancouver) from 9:30am-12noon. Contact Madonna House: madonna02@shaw.ca 604-267-1757

WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT NIGHT

Join us at our upcoming Women's Discernment Night. Evening begins with prayer, followed by dinner at 7pm. After dinner, we will have a short presentation or reflection by one of the sisters, followed by time for discussion and questions. Friday, Oct. 14, from 6:30-9pm at Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Coquitlam.