

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY OCT 23: 30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9:30am Young Adults (Rectory Living Room)
11:15am Mass-1st Communion Enrolment PREP-Tue (Church)
1:00pm Mass-1st Communion Enrolment PREP-Wed (Church)
1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
2:00pm CFC (Church Basement)

MONDAY OCT 24: ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET

6:15pm Youth Ministry-Spark (School Gym)
7:00pm Presentation-Third World Missions (Church Basement)

TUESDAY OCT 25

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

WEDNESDAY OCT 26

9:15am Grade 3-7 Reconciliation (Church)
6:45pm Bible Study (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY OCT 27

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

FRIDAY OCT 28: STS. SIMON AND JUDE (APOSTLES)

6:00pm CFC-SFL (Seminar Room)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
9:00pm CCO (Church Basement)

SATURDAY OCT 29

9:00am CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
9:00am Light of Jesus (School Gym)
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)
7:00pm FFC Mass (Church)

SUNDAY OCT 30: 31ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9:30am Young Adults (Rectory Dining Room)
10:00am Flu Vaccinations (Church Basement)
1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
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 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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Pastor's Corner

I AM NOTHING

Bishop Barron tells this good old joke, "A distinguished English gentleman walks into an empty cathedral, and he approaches the sanctuary and he says, 'O Lord, in thy Presence, I am nothing!' then he moves off to the side. Another upper class British gentleman enters, approaches the altar and says, 'O Lord, before Thee, I am truly nothing!', and finally a drunken, dishevelled, lower class Irish man enters the cathedral, approaches the altar and then slurs, 'O God, I am nothing'. And the one English man turns to the other and says with disdain, 'Oh, just look who thinks he is nothing!'.

What maybe started as an act of humility on the part of these British gentlemen, turned out into an act of pride when they saw the lower-class drunken Irish man. Humility is called the slippery virtue by Fr. John Hampsch. Like a slick, oily fish, it slips away from your hands when you squeeze it and try to take hold of it. The very best prayer, the very act of coming to the front of the altar can turn into a display of fake holiness. This happens when we start comparing ourselves to others; we try to build up our ego by looking at the sins of others. Then religion, instead of uniting us to one another and to God, builds up walls of disgust at one another.

With this in mind, let us look at the journey of the soul to God. At the beginning of spiritual life, when we sense the call to live in the presence of God, we get easily discouraged by our repeated sins. We thought we could quickly get rid of them. But instead, we discover more sins. To save us from self-pity and discouragement, or sometimes from scrupulosity, God in His great mercy comforts us with feelings of great devotion, of great feelings of love. After a while, thinking that this devotion is our own doing, not God's, we start comparing ourselves to others. We fall into a self-glorifying "prayer", like the Pharisee in today's Gospel (see Luke 18:9-14). We escape our emptiness by negating the gift of God and putting ourselves as our own Saviour. We expect God to praise us and reward us.

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It is then that God gives us a deep awareness of our sinfulness. This happened to all the saints. We won't escape it. It is necessary! King David had this experience and did share it in Psalm 51. He said "my sin is always before me". The Lord destroys in us all the trust and self-reliance based on ourselves. He may even deprive us of all our resources, our human hopes and supports.

Then, only then, we become open to trust only in God's mercy. That is what poverty in spirit is about.

From that place, our spiritual life can soar, because it is led by the Spirit.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

CCO SUMMIT/NIGHT FEVER

Summit/Nightfever returns! Come for an encounter with Jesus in a night of Eucharistic Adoration, Praise & Worship, and the Sacrament Reconciliation. There will also be opportunities for people to stand outside the church and invite passersby to encounter Jesus inside the Church. Come, invite friends, and see what it means to know Christ's love at the centre of your heart, and be transformed this Friday, Oct 28 from 7pm-10pm in the church.

SPARK (GR.6-8) - THANKSGIVING SOCIAL

Join in celebrating a post-Thanksgiving social with fun games, friends, and delicious pizza! See you and your friends this Mon, Oct 24 from 6:15-8:15pm in the school gym.

ADULTS (AGED 18-39) - MONTHLY ROSARY & SOCIAL

Mark your calendar for Sun, Oct 30 from 10:30am- 12:30pm for our monthly prayer and bonding with young adults in the rectory dining room. New adults are welcome!

24-HOUR FAST AND PILGRIMAGE TO MISSION

Young adults (19-39) are invited to a 24-hour Fast and Pilgrimage to Mission to pray for the marginalized and to launch Catholic Street Missionaries, a spin-off from St. Mary's Street Ministry and a new non-profit organization. The event starts on Friday Nov 18 at 6:30pm and finishes on Saturday Nov 19 at 7:30pm, with an Anticipation Mass at St. Mary's by **Archbishop Miller** at 5pm. \$25/person includes transportation and food after the fast. To register or for more details, go to <http://24hourfast.eventbrite.ca>

PARISH NEWS

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE

Flu shots will be available, through Wellness Pharmacy, in the church basement on Sunday Oct 30, 10am to 3pm. It is free for people at high risk of serious illness from influenza such as seniors or those with certain medical conditions, people who work or volunteer in health care settings, or household contacts of people at high risk. For a list of the criteria for free flu shots, visit <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/inactivated-influenza-vaccine>. For those not eligible, the cost is \$23.80 each.

APOLOGETICS FOR PARENTS

Empower your kids to respond well to the hard questions that threaten their faith. Children of all ages are being exposed to negative criticism of Christianity. Join us in studying a new book *Keeping Your Kids on God's Side* where we will look at the most common challenges kids face. Mondays at 7pm starting November 7. For more information contact Chandra Lye, chandralye@yahoo.ca

EMs NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

To All Eucharistic Ministers. Please pick up your copy of the November schedule.

BIBLE STUDY

Sloth is the sorrow or indifference to the things of God. On Wednesday, Oct 26, Bishop Barron discusses the sin of **Sloth** and the conquering virtue of **Zeal**. He invites us to ask God to reveal our mission in life and to vigorously pursue the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Join the study program **Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues**, Wednesdays, 6:45pm. Free. Prior attendance not required.

WORKSHOP ON ASSERTIVENESS

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry and ISSofBC will hold an Assertiveness Training on Sunday, Oct 30, 1-3pm, in the school seminar room. Liza dela Rosa, Career Women's Facilitator of ISSofBC, will discuss different communication styles and present strategies on how to be assertive to enhance relationships in the workplace and other areas of life. Everyone is invited. Please register with Lenn Castro at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com or Chit Arma at resoচিতা.arma@issbc.org or 604-684-7498 ext. 1666.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

DOCUMENTARY ON PORNOGRAPHY

Please join us on Monday, Nov. 7, from 7-9 p.m. for a special screening of **OVER 18**, a Canadian documentary about pornography. This documentary highlights the increased child and youth addiction to sexually violent material online and what Canada is trying to do to prevent it. Screening is FREE and will be hosted at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, 4885 Saint John Paul II Way, Vancouver. To register or view the trailer, visit rcav.org/over18

CWL ONE-DAY RETREAT

A one-day Retreat will be offered by the CWL to all women who desire a day of prayer and silence. Coordinated by Sr. Normande and led by Mary Boucher, a Spiritual Director and Faith Educator. Nov 19 9:45am-3:00pm at St. Jude's Parish 3078 Renfrew Street, Vancouver. Theme: "Mercy of God" in response to the invitation of Pope Francis. To register, contact Beth Hernandez 604-230-0827 or Cynthia Yambao at 604-561-7258. Suggested donation \$20. Coffee and tea will be available. Bring your own lunch. Registration deadline: Nov 10, 2016.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR HAITI ON OCT 30

More than 1,000 people have been killed by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti, and more than 350,000 need immediate humanitarian assistance. A special collection for Haiti will be taken up on the weekend of Oct. 30. Proceeds will go to the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA LIFE & MISSION EXHIBIT

View the St Mother Teresa Exhibit on Oct 22 & 23, 9:30am to 6:30pm. at St. Jude's Parish, Vancouver, or Oct. 29 & 30, 9:30am to 5:30pm at Immaculate Conception, Delta.

WORKSHOP ON PASTORAL VISITATION

A workshop sponsored by The Catholic Health Association of BC will be held at St. Michael's Parish, 9387 Holmes St. Burnaby, on Tuesday Nov 8 from 8:30am (Mass) to 4pm. Topics include end-of-life decision-making, depression, sacramental ministry, and other practicalities useful when visiting a care facility. Register at (604)524-3427 or info@chabc.bc.ca. Cost \$60 includes lunch and refreshments.