

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY NOV 27: 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:00am Youth Ministry-YA (Rectory Dining)
1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
2:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
4:00pm SFC (Seminar Room)
6:00pm Youth Ministry (School Gym)

MONDAY NOV 28

7:00pm Apologetics for Parents (Rectory Living Room)

TUESDAY NOV 29

7:00pm Spanish Rosary (Church Children's Room)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY NOV 30: ST. ANDREW

5:00pm Youth Ministry (Rectory Basement)
6:45pm Bible Study (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY DEC 1

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

FRIDAY DEC 2

5:00pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
5:00pm CFC-Youth (School Gym)
6:00pm CFC-Youth (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY DEC 3: ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

8:00am 2000 Hail Marys (Rectory Dining)
9:00am Mysteria Lucis (Rectory Basement)
10:00am Padre Pio Prayer Group (Church)
10:00am Youth Ministry (School Gym)
2:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)
4:00pm Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)

SUNDAY DEC 4: 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Rectory Dining)
1:00pm Light of Jesus (Seminar Room)
1:00pm CFC (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 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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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 5pm
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Pastor's Corner

SEARCHING FOR PEACE

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will." This is the first line of the "Glory to God" that we sing at every Sunday Mass except during Advent. Why not in Advent? So that we may sing it more meaningfully, and more joyfully at Christmas. On that day in Christian countries, and in most countries, there is a ceasefire. We stop wars so that we may remember our deep longing for peace. The peace that Christ brings is not only peace between nations but also peace between families and relatives, and peace within our individual self.

That peace is not automatic. Christ has won it for us, but we must make room for it; we must intentionally seek it, and effectively seek to live it. And we must start by seeking peace within our self, within our own divided heart. If not, we won't be able to bring peace outside.

What is troubling your heart? Worries, fear, conflict, opposition, obstacles, competition... Only God can help you to handle these realities. But, instead of seeking God's will and fulfilling God's purpose for your life, you are worrying about what your guests will say about you at your Christmas party. Or you may worry about what other people could take away from you. For example, during Black Friday last week, maybe you were anxious about getting this unique bargain ahead of all others. Maybe you worry about having enough money to please your family and friends with your great Christmas gifts, without overloading your credit card.

Or you worry about how much fun you will really have during Christmas break or if you will get a promotion and a salary raise in 2017. Whatever it is that is troubling you, there are a few things you must do to find peace. First, pray to God every single day, even if it is just for one minute for inner peace regarding the subject of your worry. Because true peace is a gift from God. Jesus said it, "My peace, I give you. I do not give as the world gives it. Nobody can take away the peace that I give you."

Second, you must seek God first with all your mind

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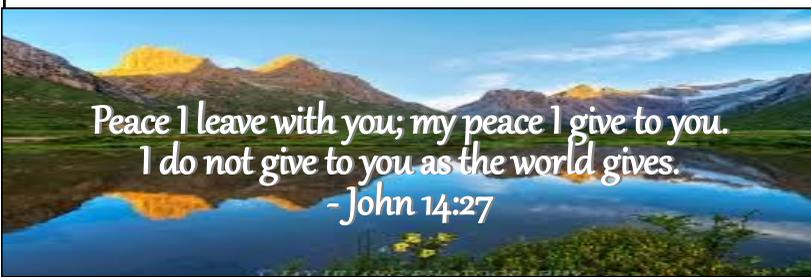
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and all your heart. Consciously seek God first. Don't try to bend God into serving your will. But give priority to His will. Try to bend your own personal will into His. You will not regret it. Because even before you fully succeed at this, even on your way there, you will find peace - the real peace that comes when we know we are really seeking to do God's will. You don't need to know clearly and perfectly what is God's will for you. As long as you really seek it in your thoughts and in your actions, in your choices and in your heart, as long as you do that, you will be doing God's will. Why? Because God will guide you. If you go the wrong way, God will redirect you. And you will know it, because of that peace in your heart, despite the worries.

Pray for that peace and seek it. This is what Advent is all about.

"Get ready for eternity. You are going to spend a lot of time there." (E. C. Mc Kenzie)

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

SPARK (GR.6-8) - WAIT...WAIT...

Advent is a time of hopeful and joyful waiting for the coming of a very special Person - we know who He is! As we WAIT, let's do some preparations this Monday, Nov 28 from 6:15-8:15pm in the Church basement. You'll see that waiting can be fun too. :)

FLAME (GR.8-12) - REDISCOVER ADVENT

Glitter and gold - Some people describe Christmas as these. Is there something more than gifts and parties on this festive event? YES! Come rediscover the thrill of preparing ourselves during this Advent season on Friday, Dec 2 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement. New youth are also welcome; food is provided.

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FLAME (GR8-12) - YOUTH BB & BOARDGAMES

Wondering what to do on a Saturday morning?? Unwind by either playing basketball or board games on Dec 3 and 10 from 10am-12pm in St. Mary's School gym. BYO food. :)

FLAME (GR.8-12) - SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE

"SCT" is a very popular & well-established Vancouver tradition. Enjoy the performance and reflection on Sat, Dec 10 from 3-4:30pm in Broadway Church. Meeting time is at 1pm in front of St. Mary's School. Free tickets are limited, so please reserve by contacting Youth Ministry office.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The next PPPG prayer meeting will be on Saturday, Dec 3 at 9:30am. Let us come together to learn about Reflective Grace. Those who intercede and offer their sufferings and prayers for others often experience a deep sense of God's presence and love. That is what we call Reflective Grace. Furthermore a new series -Man of Hope- will be introduced! Do you want to know about the beginning of the life of Padre Pio? Don't miss out! We look forward to seeing you!

ST MARY'S SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

St Mary's seniors aged 60 and over are invited to the annual Seniors Christmas Lunch on Saturday Dec 10. Mass at 11am, lunch at 12:30pm. Sign-up sheets for limited seating are available after masses on Nov 26&27, and on Dec 3&4 if seats are available. For questions, call Eileen 604 436-3655.

MESSAGE FROM THE PROJECT ADVANCE TEAM

There is a 2nd collection this weekend for Project Advance .Volunteers are available AFTER each mass until the end of Nov to help collect pledges or donations by debit or credit card. To date, total pledges is \$108K or 54% of our parish goal of \$200K. You have until end of Dec to make donation to claim tax credit for 2016. You can also donate online at www.projectadvance.ca. We trust that with your support, we can reach at least 75% of our goal. Thank you !.

BIBLE STUDY – MOVIE NIGHT

To help us grow in the virtue of Asceticism and combat the sin of Gluttony, we will watch a movie on St. Francis of Assisi, who traded a life of decadence for one of poverty and simplicity. Wednesday, Nov 30 at 6:45pm. Free admission.

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SPIRITUAL READING FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Advent is the time to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. To enrich your preparation, the parish library is open Wednesdays 6:30-9pm, and Advent meditation booklets are available in the church foyer this weekend for \$2 .

MIGRANT MINISTRY

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry and ISSofBC will hold a workshop on Assertiveness-Part 2 on Dec 2, 6-9pm at ISSofBC Welcome Centre, 2610 Victoria Drive. Speaker Liza Bautista, manager of ISSofBC Settlement Program. There will be more interactive activities to enhance assertiveness skills. Register with Lenn (stmarysmigrant@gmail.com) or Chit (resoquita.arma@issbc.org) or at 604-684-7498 ext. 1666.

ST. NICHOLAS FEAST

Next weekend after each Mass, Grade 6 students will be selling St. Nicholas cookies for \$1 in honour of the beloved bishop of the early Church – the *real* Santa Claus! Buy several and help family members and friends celebrate the Patron Saint of Children (Dec. 6). Help Gr. 6 raise money to purchase livelihood animals for families in Africa.

2017 ENVELOPES

The 2017 envelopes are ready for pick up in the Church basement. Envelopes are filed by last name. If any of the information on the envelopes is incorrect, please fill out the forms found in the Church basement with any corrections.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

We will need volunteers for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve masses. The volunteer sheets are in the sign-in room. Thank you for your help.

YOUTH MINISTRY SUNDAY: DECEMBER 4, 2016

The purpose of this archdiocesan collection is to assist the work of Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office in providing formation, training, and support for youth ministry. Youth ministry in our diocese continues to grow, evidenced by the number of parishes with YM programs, and the number of participants at diocesan events and training opportunities. Parishes with active youth ministry programs, like St. Mary's, will receive a rebate from this collection. Please be generous in supporting the youth of our parish and archdiocese.