

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY AUG 20: 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08:00 PM Choir (Rectory Basement)
11:00 AM Light of Jesus (School Gym)
12:00 PM Choir (Rectory Basement)
12:45 PM Legion of Mary Juniors (Rectory Living Room)
01:00 PM Migrant Ministry (School Seminar Room)
02:00 PM CSM (Rectory Living Room)
03:00 PM Choir (Rectory Basement)

MONDAY AUG 21: ST. PIUS X

TUESDAY AUG 22: QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

07:00 PM Families for Christ (School Gym)
07:30 PM Mission Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Hall)

WEDNESDAY AUG 23: ST. ROSE OF LIMA

06:45 PM Bible Study/Lectio Divina (Church Hall)
07:00 PM Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
09:00 PM Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY AUG 24: ST. BARTHOLOMEW

06:30 PM Knights of Columbus (Rectory Basement)
06:30 PM Street Ministry (Rectory Living Room)
07:00 PM Choir (Rectory Dining Room)
07:00 PM Mass/Adoration (Church)
07:00 PM Couples for Christ (Church Hall)
09:00 PM Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY AUG 25: ST. LOUIS

05:00 PM Youth Ministry (Church Hall)
06:00 PM Street Ministry (Rectory Living Room)
06:00 PM CFC-Youth (School Gym)
06:30 PM Choir (Rectory Basement)
07:00 PM Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
09:00 PM Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY AUG 26

10:00 AM Youth Ministry BB (School Gym)
10:00 AM Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
12:00 PM Light of Jesus (Rectory Dining Room)
02:00 PM Couples for Christ FFL (Seminar Room)
02:30 PM Baptism (Church)
03:00 PM Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)
03:00 PM Choir (Rectory Basement)
04:00 PM CFC FFL (School Gym)
05:00 PM Youth Ministry (Church Hall)
06:00 PM CFC YFL (Seminar Room)
07:00 PM Taize/Adoration (Church)

SUNDAY AUG 27: 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08:00 AM Choir (Rectory Basement)
10:00 AM YA (Young Adult) (Rectory Dining Room)
12:00 PM Choir (Rectory Basement)
12:30 PM Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)
01:00 PM Light of Jesus (School Gym)
02:00 PM CSM (Rectory Living Room)
02:00 PM Couples for Christ (Church Hall)
03:00 PM Choir (Rectory 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 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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AUG 20, 2017

**Pastor's
Corner**

PASTORS COME AND GO BUT CHRIST STAYS

This last 17 years have been the most beautiful in my life, and by far! The ultimate source of my joy is not that the number of Mass attendance has increased, but that more people experienced a more meaningful faith in God and a deeper, caring love for one another. Among those who had a practice based on routine, culture, and/or fear, maybe 10-20% began to grasp the rich meaning of faith for their lives. Among those who had already pass this stage, maybe 15% moved to a greater spirit of thanksgiving to God, and a desire to bring that awareness to others, in the family, workplace, and friends. They may also have found out they become more caring towards others.

And among those who had already discovered that years ago, maybe 10% realized that truly, their lives were not just about themselves but about God's sons and daughters and his children in the making. They have a desire to free themselves for God and others. In their lives, they experience God's grace transforming them and they want to share this in words and deeds to the parish community and to their neighbourhood, and to the world. They know that their prayers for the world matter and make a difference. In fact, they bring new people to the church, to prayer groups, to ministries, to outreach, and service groups.

Wherever you are in this "ladder", I am fully confident that, if you continue to cooperate with the plans and grace of God, God will bring to fulfilment the good things he has started doing in you and through you.

It was God's grace that was at work in you, not myself. And

God will bless Fr. Guy so that he may be a channel of God's grace for you. May God continue to increase his wisdom and love.

The next 10 months will be for me a time of more direct relationship with Christ. I need this! I trust that God will fulfil this desire that he himself put in me. May the same grace be given to you. I will pray for you from the mountain of Mont Royal in Montreal.



"Surely I am with you always,
to the very end of the age."

- Matthew 28:20

Pastors come and go but Christ stays!

Pastor's Corner Continued...

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After my sabbatical, I have permission to come back and serve the diocese in whatever roles and places that God has in mind for me. I have no plans of retiring now. Only when the Lord will call me to do so. Everything that happened to me recently has turned out to be a great and timely grace. So much so that I am amazed and surprised by God's providential love. The same thing can happen to you, if you desire it and cooperate with God's Providence.

*God bless you,
Fr. Pierre*

PARISH NEWS



BIBLE STUDY

How unfathomable are God's ways! Jesus appoints Peter, though weak and human, as the steward of the kingdom of God. This is our topic at Lectio Divina this Wednesday, Aug 23 at 7pm in the church basement. Join us, everyone is welcome!

SANDWICH TRUCK VOLUNTEERS (19+)

Every 1st Wednesday of the month, St. Vincent de Paul invites adults to homeless outreach in Downtown Eastside. Meeting time is at 5:30pm in the parish office. The next outreach is on Sep 6. For info, please contact Richard at 778-995-2010.

FAMILY SPONSORSHIP WORKSHOP

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry in collaboration with ISSofBC will hold a free workshop on Family Sponsorship on Sunday, August 20, 1-3PM, in the school seminar room. Speaker is Tim Bailey, an Immigration and Refugee lawyer, who will discuss recent changes to immigration policies, documents required, and issues related to sponsorship. To register, please email Lenn Castro at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com or Chit Arma at resoquita.arma@issbc.org or call 604-684-7498 ext. 1666

PREP

PREP (Catechism for Children) registrations are still open. You can register your child at the Parish Office, Mon-Fri, 2:00-5:00pm. If your child is enrolling for the first time, kindly bring a copy of the child's baptismal certificate. Registration deadline is August 30.

RCIA

Are you an adult in need of Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation? Or you would just like to learn more about the Catholic Faith? Welcome to St. Mary's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA 2017-2018. The journey starts mid-September and registrations are now being accepted. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

PRAYERS NEEDED FOR CAMP FLAME

On Aug 25-27, more than 20 high school youth are attending their annual retreat in Camp Capilano. Youth Ministry leaders are requesting for your prayers and fasting for this weekend to be Spirit-filled and that the young people may be strengthened in their response to God's call in their lives.

PARISH LIBRARY

The parish library is open after the 8:00 and 11:15 Masses. Christian fiction is good summer reading. There are also CDs in the collection to nurture your faith.

ARCHBISHOP MILLER URGES FAITHFUL TO SUPPORT THOSE AFFECTED BY THE WILDFIRES

This weekend at St. Mary's Parish, there will be a special collection for those affected by the wildfires. Please pray for everyone affected by the wildfires in our province, especially those in the Dioceses of Kamloops and Prince George. For more info or to donate online, visit <http://rcav.org/prayer-and-humanitarian-appeals/>



Dear Fr. Pierre,

*The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.
(Numbers 6:24-26)*

- From the parishioners of St. Mary's

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

ENRICH YOUR FAITH BEYOND THE PEWS WITH THIS ONE-DAY FAITH FORMATION!

The Archdiocesan Formation Institute aims to facilitate the continual spiritual and catechetical growth of adults. We offer a variety of courses from the Basics of the Faith, to Our Role as Catholics in the History of Colonization, to hot topics such as the Church's position on issues of sexual orientation and gender identity. Join us Aug. 26 at Holy Cross Secondary School. Register today at <http://rcav.org/oc-summer>

REMEMBER ST. MARY'S PARISH IN YOUR WILL

PRO-LIFE MASS & VIGIL

Join us for a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents on Saturday, Sept. 2. Mass is at 9 a.m. at All Saints Church, Coquitlam, followed by the Rosary at Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster.

ENCOURAGE: A SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUP

EnCourage is a support group dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, and relatives and friends of persons who experience same-sex attraction. Join us for our next meeting on Sunday, Aug. 27, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Helen's Church, Burnaby. If you would like to join EnCourage, please contact Deacon Bruce Fraser at encourage@rcav.org.

KERYGMA GRAND FEAST

Light of Jesus Family wishes to invite you to the Kerygma Grand Feast, featuring best-selling author and renowned speaker, Bo Sanchez with Archbishop Michael Miller on September 30, Saturday, 6:00 pm. at the Broadway Church. Tickets still available at St. Mary's Parish Office.

MEN'S RETREAT

The Men's Retreat is for every man searching for a deeper relationship with God and a fuller understanding of what it means to live as a son of the Father. Get away from the busyness and demands of our schedules to personally encounter God the Father and experience His generous love. With powerful presentations, prayer time, Sacraments, fellowship, adventure, music, rest, hiking, swimming, and the rugged beauty of Rockridge Canyon, this is the Men's retreat you do not want to miss. Join us from Sep 29 to Oct. 1, 2017 at Rockridge Canyon, Princeton, 2000 Willies Ranch Rd. Register today! \$285 until Sep 15. Visit <http://rcav.org/mensretreat/>

PORN UNMASKED

What does porn have to do with our culture and our relationships? Can porn be an addiction? Come hear the answer to these questions and so much more from Dr. Gail Dines as she uncovers how pornography is impacting our children and culture as a whole. Join us on Sunday, Sept. 10, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Vancouver Public Library, 350 W Georgia Street, Vancouver. Cost is \$15. To purchase tickets, visit bit.ly/PornUnmaskVan ***Please note: Attendees must be over 18.*

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR UNITY

2017 marks two significant international commemorations: the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation and the 50th anniversary of international Roman Catholic-Lutheran Dialogue. In marking this significant anniversary, Archbishop Miller, CSB and Bishop Greg Mohr, Bishop of the B.C. Synod are coming together for a joint ecumenical prayer service on Sunday, Oct. 1 at St. Clare's Catholic Church, Coquitlam.