

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### **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)  
02:30 PM Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)  
03:00 PM Choir (Rectory Basement)

### **MONDAY AUG 28: ST. AUGUSTINE**

06:00 PM Light of Jesus (Seminar Room)

### **TUESDAY AUG 29: PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

06:00 PM Knights of Columbus (Seminar Room)  
07:00 PM Families for Christ (Rectory Basement)  
07:30 PM Mission Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Hall)

### **WEDNESDAY AUG 30**

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

### **THURSDAY AUG 31**

08:30 AM St Mary's School (Church Hall)  
07:00 PM Choir (Rectory Dining Room)  
07:00 PM Mass/Adoration (Church)  
09:00 PM Benediction (Church)

### **FRIDAY SEP 1**

06:00 PM Street Ministry (Rectory Living Room)  
06:00 PM Knights Of Columbus (Seminar Room)  
07:00 PM Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
07:00 PM Holy Trinity Community Young Adults (Rectory Dining Room)  
07:00 PM 8 AM Choir (Rectory Basement)  
07:40 PM Healing Prayer Ministry (Church Children's Room)  
09:00 PM Benediction (Church)

### **SATURDAY SEP 2: BLESSED ANDRÉ GRASSET**

08:00 AM 2000 Hail Mary's (Rectory Dining Room)  
09:30 AM Padre Pio Prayer Group (Church Hall)  
10:00 AM Youth Ministry Youth Basketball (School Gym)  
01:00 PM Handmaids Of The Lord (Seminar Room)  
02:00 PM CFC FFL (Rectory Basement)  
02:30 PM Baptism (Church)  
02:30 PM Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)  
03:00 PM Sat. 5 PM Choir (Seminar Room)  
06:30 PM Sun. 11:15 AM Choir (Rectory Basement)

### **SUNDAY SEP 3: 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

07:30 AM Sun. 9:30 AM Choir (Rectory Basement)  
09:00 AM Handmaids Of The Lord (School Gym)  
12:00 PM Sun. 3:00 PM Choir (Rectory Basement)  
12:30 PM Legion of Mary Jr (Rectory Dining Room)  
01:00 PM Migrant Ministry Meeting (Seminar Room)  
03:30 PM Sun. 5:00 PM Choir (Rectory Basement)  
05:00 PM Handmaids Of The Lord (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**

Principal: Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff Website: www.stmary.bc.ca

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### **PASTORS & STAFF**

**Pastor:** Fr. Guy Rivard, O.P. (ext. 6)

**Assistant Pastor:** Fr. Gabriel de Chadarevian, 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 27, 2017**

### **Pastor's Corner**

#### WHO AM I

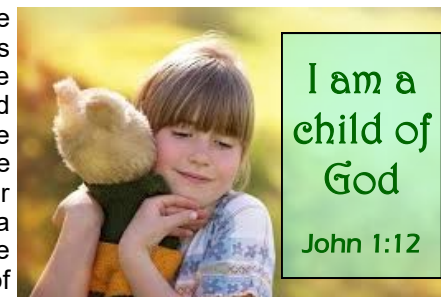
Deep inside us, most of us feel that something is wrong with ourselves. We cannot always say what it is and why it is so. It could be a sense of our inadequacy, or of our guilt. Or simply we fear that our inner self is not as good as our external and social self. We are afraid to be found out. Would others still love me if they see me the way I see myself deep inside?

We need Someone – God – who would tell us who we really are and love us to the point that we would know in our lives that we are forgiven and renewed. We need to be told that our deepest identity is to be a son or a daughter of God the Father, a brother or sister of Jesus Christ, a member of his Body – the Church – and a living temple of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ, in his human nature, was the first one to become aware of this identity as the Son of the Living God. And he often gives us a share in that identity, a share in his true Self. This is happening for Peter in today's Gospel. Jesus is asking Peter "Who do you say that I am". And the Father inspired him that beautiful answer. "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God". Now, Jesus already knows who he was at his baptism and again at his transfiguration, he heard the Father say, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Mark 1:11, Matthew 17:5) But it was necessary for Peter to say out loud who Jesus is so that he might receive from God his own true self, his deepest identity. That he, Peter, is the rock of which Jesus will build his Church.

What a transformation in Peter's self-perception! So many times, he had been unstable, too quick to speak and act, too impetuous. Now he literally receives a deeper identity. He will eventually die confessing that his identity and true self cannot be separated from the true self and identity of Jesus Christ. "Nothing can separate us from love of God that is in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:38-39) Peter will fall again at the Passion, pretending he doesn't even know Jesus three times. But Jesus will lift him up again and again. On Holy Thursday, Jesus told him that he would deny knowing him

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three times. "Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers." (Luke 22:31-32) Yes, Peter will become the rock who strengthens his brothers.

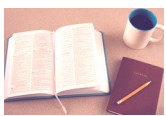
Are you afraid to tell others who you think you really are? Ask Jesus Christ and Peter to strengthen you in believing you and affirming that you are the beloved in and through Jesus. Ask the grace to identify with Jesus living in you and not to identify with your weaknesses and sinfulness. Your deepest identity is beyond that. You are way more than you think you are. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, who has begun your definitive transformation. Now, you can fulfill your mission.

***God bless you throughout my sabbatical year and always!***

***Fr. Pierre***

**"Grace is nothing else but a certain beginning of glory within us." – St. Thomas Aquinas**

## PARISH NEWS



### **BIBLE STUDY**

Jesus says "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." Is following Jesus all about suffering? This will be the topic at Lectio Divina this Wednesday, Aug 30 at 6:45pm 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.

### **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.

### **SEE FR. PIERRE OFF**

On Friday September 1, Fr. Pierre will be leaving Vancouver. For those who would like to see him off at the airport, we are organizing carpool. We will meet in the church parking lot on September 1 at 7:55am, **leave St. Mary's no later than 8am**, and will be back to the church by 11am. Limited cars available. No registration required. First-come, first served. Parking fees will be shared among those riding together.

### **PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP**

Come and join us to learn about the mystery and doctrine of the Holy Spirit. To get to know what the Holy Bible and our Sacred Tradition say about Him, the "symbols" through which the Holy Spirit is manifested. For a start, the cosmic symbol will be explained and then followed by the familiar or common and suggestive symbols. We will also continue with the Man of Hope series, this time we will unfold some the Mysterious Events that Padre Pio experienced from 1910-1916 in his hometown Pietrelcina. We hope to see on the next prayer meeting on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at 09:30AM in the Church Basement.

### **COUPLES FOR CHRIST CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM**

We invite all married couples, singles, single parents, divorced, separated, widowed to a Christian Life Program (CLP) sponsored by Couples for Christ. The program starts Saturday, Sept. 9 at 7:30pm in the Church basement. Refreshments served, no fee. Bring your children along to join Kids for Christ-Christian Life Program. For more info pls contact: Bobby/Myra 778-317-2082, Andy/Cheng 778-988-3835 or George/Susan 778-668-7422 or email robertcarlos\_ph@yahoo.com.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### **CURIOUS ABOUT THE ROLE OF PERMANENT DEACONS?**

A unique and special vocation, Deacons are official teachers and preachers of the Gospel, and they may preside at baptisms, marriages, funerals, and other forms of community prayers. They also share in the pastoral responsibilities of outreach, such as visiting the sick, the homebound, the imprisoned, and in need. Men interested in this ordained ministry, along with their wives, are invited to an introductory seminar covering the history, theology, and practicalities of the Permanent Diaconate. Sessions run Saturdays on Sept. 23, Oct. 28, and Nov. 19. Register at <http://stmarkscollege.ca/programs/deacon>.

### **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.

**REMEMBER ST. MARY'S PARISH IN YOUR WILL**

### **LUKE 15 HOUSE: HEALING SEMINAR**

Everybody needs the healing grace of Christ in their lives. Join us for a healing seminar with Andrew Pigg who currently lives in Auckland, New Zealand, and has had a healing ministry for over 30 years. The seminar will be held at Immaculate Conception, Delta, Sept. 11 and 12, from 6:45 to 9:30 p.m. on both nights. As part of Luke 15 House 25th anniversary celebrations the primary focus is healing from the bondage of addiction. All are invited.

### **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/>

### **CHINA AND THE VATICAN**

Join us for a special presentation (in Cantonese) on Saturday, Sept. 2, at 3 p.m. at Canadian Martyrs Parish, Richmond. Cardinal Joseph Zen, SDB, Bishop Emeritus of Hong Kong, will speak on the topic of relations between China and the Vatican.

### **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](http://bit.ly/PornUnmaskVan) **\*\*Please note: Attendees must be over 18.**

### **FILIPINO MINISTRY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & INTENSIVE PRAYER**

The Filipino Ministry's Matthew 7.7 Prayer Brigade gathers month to month in different parishes for prayer and adoration. Join us on Sunday, Sept. 10, from 2-5 p.m., at St. Paul Church, North Vancouver. Filipinos and non-Filipino relatives and friends from all parishes are invited to pray especially for the Church, for priests, for families, and for parishioners' prayer intentions.

### **ROSARY RALLY**

Come and support the Rosary rally and show your love for Our Lady – a public witness to the Faith. Join us on Saturday, Sep 16, 10-11am at the Vancouver Art Gallery, South Plaza. If possible, please bring chairs to help seniors and mothers with children. For info, please contact David Pearce at [davidnoelpearce@hotmail.com](mailto:davidnoelpearce@hotmail.com)