

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY SEP 24: 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

07:30 AM	Sun. 9:30 AM Choir (Rectory Basement)
10:00 AM	Handmaids Of The Lord (Seminar Room)
12:00 PM	Sun. 3:00 PM Choir (Rectory Basement)
12:30 PM	Legion of Mary - Our Lady of Fatima Jr. (Rectory Dining Room)
01:00 PM	Light of Jesus (School Gym)
02:00 PM	Couples For Christ (CFC) (Church Hall)
03:30 PM	Sun. 5:00 PM Choir (Rectory Basement)
04:00 PM	Light of Jesus Community (School Gym)

MONDAY SEP 25: STS. COSMAS & DAMIAN

05:00 PM	Light of Jesus Community (School Gym)
06:15 PM	Youth Ministry Spark Youth Event (Church Hall)
06:00 PM	Light of Jesus Community (Seminar Room)
06:00 PM	Altar Servers (Church)

TUESDAY SEP 26: STS. JOHN DE BREBEUF, ISAAC JOGUES & COMPANIONS

05:00 PM	Light of Jesus Community (School Gym)
06:00 PM	Altar Servers (Church)
07:00 PM	Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
07:30 PM	Mission Ablaze (Church Hall)

WEDNESDAY SEP 27: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

05:00 PM	Light of Jesus Community (School Gym)
06:45 PM	Bible Study (Church Hall)
07:00 PM	Holy Trinity Community Adult (Rectory Basement)
07:00 PM	Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
07:40 PM	Healing Prayer Ministry (Church Children's Room)
09:00 PM	Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY SEP 28: ST. LAWRENCE RUIZ & COMPANIONS

06:00 PM	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) (Church Hall)
06:30 PM	Street Outreach Ministry (Rectory Living Room)
07:00 PM	Sun. 7:00 PM Choir (Rectory Dining Room)
07:00 PM	Mass/Adoration (Church)
09:00 PM	Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY SEP 29: STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL

03:00 PM	Divine Mercy Devotion (Church)
05:00 PM	Light of Jesus Community (Church Hall)
06:00 PM	Divine Mercy Devotion (Church)
06:00 PM	Street Outreach Ministry (Rectory Living Room)
06:00 PM	CFC FFL (Foundation for Family and Life) CLP (School Gym)
07:00 PM	Holy Trinity Community Young Adults (Rectory Dining Room)
07:00 PM	Sun. 8:00 AM Choir (Rectory Basement)
07:00 PM	Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
07:40 PM	Healing Prayer Ministry (Church Children's Room)
09:00 PM	Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY SEP 30: ST. JEROME

08:00 AM	Knights Of Columbus Exercise (School Gym)
09:00 AM	Couples For Christ (CFC) - Youth (Church Hall)
10:00 AM	Youth Ministry Youth Basketball (School Gym)
01:00 PM	Street Outreach Ministry (Rectory Dining Room)
02:30 PM	Baptisms
02:30 PM	Legion of Mary St. Mary's Praesidium (Rectory Living Room)
03:00 PM	Sat. 5 PM Choir (Seminar Room)
07:00 PM	Couples For Christ (CFC) CLP (Church Hall)

SUNDAY OCT 1: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

07:30 AM	Sun. 9:30 AM Choir (Rectory Basement)
10:00 AM	Handmaids Of The Lord (Seminar Room)
12:00 PM	Sun. 3:00 PM Choir (Rectory Basement)
12:00 PM	Handmaids Of The Lord (School Gym)
12:30 PM	Legion of Mary Our Lady of Fatima Jr. (Rectory Dining Room)
01:00 PM	Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
01:30 PM	Couples For Christ (CFC) (Church Hall)
03:30 PM	Sun. 5:00 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

SPANISH ROSARY: Tuesday 7pm

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
Phone: (604) 437-1312 Fax: (604) 437-1193

PASTORS & STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Guy Rivard, O.P. (ext. 4)

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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**Pastor's
Corner**

Dear parishioners,

I feel a certain urgency to address two questions that were put to me by the CWL at their Council meeting that I attended this week. The first is the question of a pastoral council, and the second is the question of our building project. The second will have to wait till next week. Allow me today to address the first.

Should we reinstate the pastoral council? I believe the short answer to this question is: we need to think it through very carefully before we proceed. Here's why.

A document produced by the Archdiocese of Vancouver for the Clergy Study Week in 2006 brings forward this argument for the existence of a parish pastoral council: "In order for a parish to have the fullness of God's light and guidance, the people must be consulted." This is probably the most powerful argument that can be brought forth. It doesn't necessarily follow, however, that the best way of consulting the people is to set up a parish pastoral council.

The difficulty which arises with a pastoral **council** is when it is erected in a parish where there is a pastoral **team** – a group of lay-people who are employed by the parish to work together with the priests to ensure the ecclesial life of the parish.. It is not obvious how these two entities can be made to work fruitfully together. Let's bring this closer to home. When I was here from 1999 till 2006, we had a pastoral council. But the situation was very different. We had very few pastoral staff. Accordingly, we felt the need for ongoing consultation with laity in the parish. The pastoral council, in such a context, seems to be, if not necessary, at least highly desirable. But things have changed. After my departure in 2006, Fr. Pierre, with the help, no doubt, of the Holy Spirit, has put together a top-notch pastoral **team**: Theresa, Edwin, Rocelyn, Mildred, Fr. Gabe, and now me...

These laypeople who are now working with us, most of them full-time, think "parish", as we do, and they provide us, as priests, with the vision and the creativity that we lack, left to ourselves. Up to a certain point, they play the role of a pastoral council, which reduces considerably the urgency of setting up the latter.

There are further difficulties. How do we ensure that a pastoral team and a pastoral council co-exist and work together fruitfully? If they are made to operate as distinct entities, the end-result will be the kind of dispersion that we wish to avoid. If they are combined into a single entity, the first problem that arises is that our pastoral

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team, already very busy, is committed to yet another meeting, at least monthly. Further, if we limit the number of members of the pastoral council so that the total number of members will not exceed a workable number, the pastoral team will tend to carry too much weight on the pastoral council, and prevent it from being what it is supposed to be. If, on the other hand, we ensure that the pastoral team are a minority on the pastoral council, then we have a very large council, and meetings become difficult to manage. Finally, I know from experience that these considerations are not purely speculative. In our mega-parish in Quebec City, we have tried for five years to make the two work together. Our experience has borne out all the difficulties that I have evoked here. Given the difficulties of establishing a pastoral council where there already exists a pastoral team, I believe we have to find, and that we can find, a better way. I have some ideas that I would like to discuss with the pastoral team. Please bear with us, as we reflect together as a team. I am confident that we will come up with a formula that will enable us to give a voice to the membership of our parish in a sustained sort of way, without falling into the many difficulties that arise from the co-existence of a pastoral team and a pastoral council. In the meantime, please help us with your prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit...

God bless,

Fr. Guy

Teach me to do your will, for You are my God,
Let Your good Spirit lead me on a level path.

Psalm 143:10

PARISH NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

Do you say one thing but do another? Do your actions follow your words? Join us in exploring this topic in the Parable of the Two Sons at Lectio Divina this Wednesday, Sep 27 at 6:45pm in the church basement. Everyone is welcome.

ST. MARY'S PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Let us come together to continue to deepen our knowledge about the mystery and doctrine of the Holy Spirit. We will also discover Padre Pio's love for the Angels. Padre Pio had a special love and devotion for his guardian angel. The loving relationship continued throughout his entire life. We hope to see you at the next prayer meeting on Saturday, October 7th, 2019 at 09:30AM in the Church Basement.

YOUTH LEADERS NEEDED (GR.10 OR OLDER)



Being 1 of the largest parishes in the diocese, our parish has a **BIG #** of youth who are looking for a **WAY** to know the **TRUTH** and experience **LIFE**. Like St. Mary, will you join Youth Ministry in pointing them toward Jesus?? We hope so and we'd love to hear from you! There are many volunteer opportunities in Youth Ministry and some have a flexible schedule. Give Youth Minister Rocelyn a call at 604-435-9611 ext.247 or email youth.smarv@rcav.org for more info. No prior experience necessary.

NEW PARISH BULLETIN & ADVERTISEMENT OPPORTUNITY



Dear parishioner, exciting news!! Starting the first weekend of October, we will be introducing a newly formatted weekly parish bulletin. This new format is compatible with bulletins of most parishes in the greater Vancouver area and enables us to offer advertisement services on the last page of the bulletin. This offer will give parishioners who operate business/es in the Collingwood area the opportunity to subscribe with us to promote their services or products. Volunteers are available in the foyer to show you a sample of the new bulletin and answer any questions regarding the advertisement offer. For more inquiries, please email Reception at reception.smarv@rcav.org

ARTWORKS REQUIRED FOR ST. MARY'S 2018 CALENDAR

Calling all talented artists from Kindergarten to Grade 7! We are looking for artwork to fill the 12 months plus 2 extra months (Dec 2017/ Jan 2019) of the 2018 parish calendar. The theme can be the seasons of the year or any creative images. Please submit your lovely artwork along with your contact information to the parish office. Deadline for submission is Oct 22. The fundraising team will contact the successful contestants by Oct 27. The calendar will be on sale in the parish in November. For more information please contact Teresa Lung 604-802-0890 or at tky.lung@telus.net Thank you and looking forward to receiving many amazing works of art. How wonderful that everyone gets to see your creation!!



AS SEEN ON EWTN

HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR SONS, DAUGHTERS & LOVED ONES

FREE LIVE SEMINAR – by Vernon Robertson

Promo Video: www.seminarofhope.org

Removing the guilt parents suffer because of the spiritual condition of their children. Have your loved ones stopped practicing the faith? Do they no longer believe in God? Then this seminar is for you.

FREE participant manual will be given at the Seminar

For more info: vernon@seminarofhope.org / Tel: 604 460-0114

ST. MARY'S PARISH

Saturday, OCTOBER 14th – 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

BRING A BAG LUNCH LOVE OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN

SPARK(GR.6-8) - FAMILY POTLUCK SOCIAL

Join your youth in fun family activities and get to know the youth leaders on Mon, Sep 25 from 6:15-8:15pm in the Church basement. Please bring food/drink that you can share and let us know of any possible allergens (e.g., nuts or dairy) in them. Youth without their family members are still encouraged to attend.

FREE INFO SESSION ON CAREER PATHWAYS

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry in collaboration with ISSofBC will hold a free info session on "Career Pathways" on Sunday, Oct 1, 1-3PM in the school seminar room. The manager of the program, Freda Fernandes, will talk about financial support for Skills Training & Re-credentialing costs, job search for targeted occupation, employer connections for job leads, etc. 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.

REQUEST FOR CHOCOLATE DONATIONS

St. Mary's Street Ministry is asking for donation of newly-purchased packs of peanut-free mini-assorted chocolate bars. Please kindly drop your donation in the box in the foyer on Sunday or bring it to the office Monday to Friday from 9am-5pm. We plan to give out the chocolates to the street people coming to our Thanksgiving Lunch at the Door Is Open on Thanksgiving Day Oct 9. Thank you very much in advance for your generosity.

OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catholic Street Missionaries is looking for volunteers who have social work background and have dealt with people with addictions to meet with our outreach team for a Q&A session. If you are able to help us, please contact Mildred at 778-885-9611 or by email at info@catholicstreetmissionaries.org St. Mary's Street Ministry is looking for volunteers to join our Sat and Sun homeless outreach. If interested, please email mmoy_ca@yahoo.com

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED - SATURDAY 5PM MASS

The Saturday 5 pm choir would like to invite musicians to consider joining our choir to praise God through the ministry of music. We are especially looking for singers who will be able to commit to this Mass each week. For more info, please contact Catty at frozen-triqui@gmail.com

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED - SUNDAY 8 AM MASS

The 8 AM Sunday Choir welcomes those who are interested to join them. Practices are done every Friday, 7:00 PM at the Rectory Basement. If you want to be a part of the 8 AM Sunday choir, please approach Rey Sagun, their coordinator, or any member of the group.

REMEMBER ST. MARY'S PARISH IN YOUR WILL