

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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)

MONDAY OCT 2: HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

06:15 PM	Youth Ministry Spark Youth Event (Church Hall)
06:00 PM	Knights Of Columbus (School Gym)
06:30 PM	Catholic Women's League (CWL) (Rectory Living Room)
07:00 PM	Lay Apostle Of Jesus Christ (Church)

TUESDAY OCT 3

06:00 PM	Altar Servers (Church)
07:00 PM	Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
07:30 PM	Mission Ablaze (Church Hall)

WEDNESDAY OCT 4: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

06:00 PM	Families For Christ (School Gym)
06:45 PM	Bible Study (Church Hall)
07:00 PM	Couples For Christ (CFC) (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 OCT 5

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

FRIDAY OCT 6: ST. BRUNO

09:00 AM	All-day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
03:00 PM	Divine Mercy Devotion (Church Library)
06:00 PM	Divine Mercy Devotion (Church Library)
06:30 PM	Youth Ministry Flame Youth (Church Hall)
06:00 PM	Street Outreach Ministry (Rectory Living Room)
06:00 PM	Knights Of Columbus (Seminar Room)
06:00 PM	CFC FFL (Foundation for Family and Life) CLP (School Gym)
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 OCT 7: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

08:00 AM	Knights Of Columbus Exercise (School Gym)
09:30 AM	Padre Pio Prayer Group Meeting (Church Hall)
08:00 AM	2000 Hail Mary's (Rectory Dining Room)
09:00 AM	Dominican Laity (Mysteria Lucis Chapter) (Rectory Basement)
10:00 AM	Youth Ministry Youth Basketball (School Gym)
12:30 PM	Wedding (Church)
01:30 PM	Couples For Christ (CFC) - Youth (School Gym)
02:00 PM	CFC FFL (Foundation for Family and Life) (Rectory Basement)
02:30 PM	Legion of Mary St. Mary's Praesidium (Rectory Living Room)
03:00 PM	Sat. 5 PM Choir (Seminar Room)
06:00 PM	Sun. 11:15 AM Choir (Rectory Basement)
06:30 PM	Street Outreach Ministry (Rectory Dining Room)
07:00 PM	Couples For Christ (CFC) CLP (Church Hall)

SUNDAY OCT 8: 27TH 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 Community (School Gym)
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)

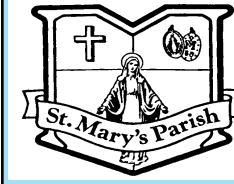
Finance & Property Manager: Ossie Fernandes (ext. 7)

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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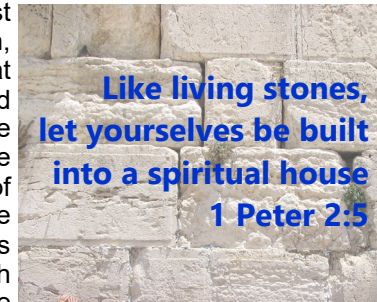
OCT 1, 2017

*Pastor's
Corner*

Dear parishioners,

Last week, I wrote about the question of a pastoral council. It's time today to address our building project. I want to address this important matter, if only to explain why you haven't received a lot of news on this subject in recent months.

The first reason is that we're just coming out of the summer season, in which it is quite normal that things slow down. The second and more important reason is that there isn't a lot that we can communicate to you, since we are in a process of discernment. We all know that the ultimate goal, in broad outline, is the major building project which was presented to you some time ago. This is still the ultimate goal, but the manner of attaining that goal is as yet undefined. We are exploring various options, in order to determine the best manner of achieving our ultimate goal. This is a time-consuming and slow-moving process. We will keep you apprized of all developments as they become firm.



A consequence of the fact that we are not fixed on the strategy to be adopted to reach our goal, is that we are not in a position to give you a firm number with regard to our fund-raising goal. The amount of money that we will need in order to get the project going will depend on the strategy that we will ultimately adopt. What we can tell you with certainty at the present time is that under any scenario, the amount we now have, which is roughly 1.5 million dollars, is a far cry from what we will need. We must then, continue to solicit your generosity, and you can be certain that we really need whatever you can spare.

Finally, another thing that I can safely do at this point in time is to address an objection to our mega-project. Here is the objection: why are we setting ourselves up to live our church life, in the future, in a concrete jungle, rubbing shoulders with several businesses, services, and hundreds, if not thousands of apartment dwellers? Why don't we just build a school, which is all that we truly need? The answer lies in the cost of building a school. Estimates vary, but it's safe to say, I think, that the school we need to build – a double-stream school (i.e. two classes for each grade) cannot, at the present time, be built for under 15 million dollars. In addition, construc

Pastor's Corner continued...

tion costs in Vancouver are rising all the time, at a fast pace. We are not even certain that we can raise funds fast enough to outpace the rise in construction costs. In contrast, if we are able to make our mega-project work, it will generate important revenues, such that the amount needed to initiate the project and tide us over until the revenues start to come in will be a fraction of the 15 million that it would cost us to build a school by itself. Hence the appeal of our project...

This is about as much as I can say on our building project for the time being. I hope this has been helpful. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people, too numerous to mention here by name, who are involved in this ambitious project. We will be sure to be in communication with you as matters progress. In the meantime, please pray that in this bold venture, God's will be done.

**God bless,
Fr. Guy**

PARISH NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

What kind of tenant am I in the Father's vineyard? We will meditate on this question in the Parable of the Vineyard Tenants at Lectio Divina this Wednesday, Oct 4 at 6:45pm in the church basement. Join us!

SPARK (GR.6-8) - WELCOME TO THE PARTY! PART 1

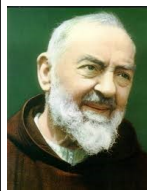
Are you excited whenever you receive gifts? We hope so! This Monday, we will rediscover God's gifts, also called '*sacraments*' that allow us to experience the reality of God in this earth and His graces within us. Find out what the sacraments do in and for us on Oct 2 from 6:15-8:15pm in the Church basement. See you there!

SANDWICH TRUCK VOLUNTEERS (AGED 19-39)

St. Vincent de Paul invites adults to homeless outreach in Downtown Eastside every first Wednesday of the month from 5:30-7:30pm. The next one is on **Oct 4**. Carpooling is available. For more info, please contact Richard at 778-995-2010.

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 information, please contact Catty at frozentriqui@gmail.com



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.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - PARISH LIBRARY

If you are willing to volunteer in the Library on Saturday or Sunday after Mass send an email to Bill Murphy at davidicus@hotmail.com. Thank you.

PARISH LIBRARY HOURS

The Library is open for half an hour Sunday mornings after the 8:00 and the 9:30 Masses.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

HOW TO ENGAGE AND EMPOWER YOUTH

Youth are not only the future of the Church, they are important today! How can we get them to drop the devices and engage with all of us. For tips and inspiration, join Dolores Madaisky and Clay Imoo on Saturday October 7 from 10:30am -12:30pm in Corpus Christi School Gym, 6350 Nanaimo St., Vancouver. Admission is free, refreshments provided. For more information, contact Corpus Christi Parish (604-324-2265 or parish.cc@rcav.org) or Marcelle Girard (marcellegirard@shaw.ca)

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

During this Fatima Centennial, we invite you to join us in public prayer for the intercession of the Blessed Mother to bring conversion of Canada, mercy for the suffering and dying, and peace in our homes and the world. The Rosary Crusade is on Sat, Oct 14 (assembly time at 11:50am) at Hyack Square, 796 Columbia St, New Westminster (across New Westminster Skytrain Station).

ARCHDIOCESAN HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Join Fr. Rodney Nootebos, Director of Vocations and Seminarians, along with other members of the Faithful throughout the Archdiocese, in a monthly Holy Hour of prayer, intensely focused on asking the "Lord of the Harvest to send forth labourers into the harvest." The next Holy Hour is at Immaculate Conception Parish in Delta on October 11 at 5:30 p.m. Visit rcav.org for full schedule of parishes, dates and times.

FAMILY COMMUNICATIONS TALK (PARENTING MINISTRY)

Do you ever feel like you keep having the same annoying conversations with your children, spouse and in-laws and still feel like you are getting nowhere? Do you ever have the desire to get to know your family members better but you are not quite sure how to do that? Intended to help families learn the skills and techniques required to communicate effectively and respectfully, this talk is designed to help families understand and practise the art of communicating in a playful and interactive setting. Saturday, Oct. 21, from 7-9 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, Langley. For more info. please contact Sr. John Mary Sullivan at sjmsullivan@rcav.org. For a poster for the event, please go to rcav.org/event/family-communications-2

MONASTIC LIFE WORKSHOP FOR LADIES

On the weekend of October 13 - 15, there will be a Monastic Life Workshop for ladies interested in the consecrated life, at Westminster Abbey, Mission, BC. The weekend retreat has a monastic emphasis and style. It will be from 7 pm Friday to 2 pm Sunday. If you are interested please call 604-826-8975 for more information.

VALIANT RICHEY, KING COUNTY'S SENIOR DEPUTY ATTORNEY COMES TO VANCOUVER

On October 16, we are delighted to welcome Valiant Richey, Senior Deputy Attorney for King County, Seattle, to share his city's experience and lessons in tackling the demand side of commercial sexual exploitation, and how they are enforcing the law. All are invited to the Vancouver Public Library from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. RSVP at picatic.com/endexploitation.

COUPLES CONNECT

Feeling like your marriage is on cruise control? Are you left wanting more in your marriage? "Couples Connect" is a series of workshops designed to help couples better understand each other and develop a deeper connection. Through teaching moments, demonstration, and practice, this 6-week workshop provides couples with a unique opportunity to practice the skills learned and receive feedback from counsellors. Couples will also receive a workbook containing handouts and reference tools to take-home. Join us on Wednesdays, Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, from 7-9 p.m. at St. Nicholas Parish, Langley. Cost \$130 per couple. To register, call 604-683-0281.

REMEMBER ST. MARY'S PARISH IN YOUR WILL