

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### **Sunday Nov. 18: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 9:00am Flu Shots (Church Basement)  
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
6:20pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

### **Monday Nov. 19:**

- 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm YM- SPARK Gr 6-7 (Church Basement)

### **Tuesday Nov. 20:**

- 7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)  
7:00pm CWL (School Gym)  
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

### **Wednesday Nov. 21: Presentation of Mary**

- 5:00pm L'Arche Mass (7401 Sussex Ave)  
6:00pm Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Church)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:00pm Stephanie Gray (Church Basement)  
7:30pm Neo Catechumen (School Gym)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **Thursday Nov. 22: St. Cecilia**

- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm Theology of the Body (Seminar Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **Friday Nov. 23:**

- 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
6:00pm Fast & Pray (Rectory Basement)  
6:30pm Dev & Peace (Rectory Dining)  
6:30pm YM FIRE (School Gym)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **Saturday Nov. 24: St. Andrew Dung-Lac**

- 9:30am Apologetics (Church Basement)  
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)  
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)  
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)  
2:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
6:30pm Young Adults (Church Basement)

### **Sunday Nov. 25: Christ the King**

- 8:00am Craft Fair (School Gym)  
6:30pm YM FLAME (Church Basement)

## PARISH INFORMATION

### **WEEKDAY MORNING MASS:** Monday - Friday: 8:00am

Weekday Morning Rosary 7:00am / Weekday Morning Lauds 7:30am

**WEEKDAY EVENING MASS:** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7pm followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:00pm

**SATURDAY MASS:** Our Lady's Mass 8:30am

**SUNDAY MASS:** Anticipated Mass Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am / 9:30am / 11:15am / 1:00pm / 5:00pm / 7:00pm

### **NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:**

Wednesday 6:00pm

### **NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:**

Thursday: 8:00am & Saturday: 8:30am

### **FIRST FRIDAY:** Adoration throughout the day after morning Mass

### **CONFESSION:**

Weekdays: After all Masses (except Thursday Evening Mass)

Saturday: 9:00am-9:30am, 4:15pm- 4:55pm, 6:10pm- 7:00pm

Sunday: Before & After all Masses

An appointment for confession 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. Contact the Parish Office 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. Contact [soberg@rcav.org](mailto:soberg@rcav.org).

**PREP:** Catechism Program for children attending public schools on Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm

Coordinator: Stefan Oberg E-mail: [soberg@rcav.org](mailto:soberg@rcav.org).

**TEEN PREP:** Interactive Catechism Sessions for Teens on Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm

Coordinator: Stefan Oberg E-mail: [soberg@rcav.org](mailto:soberg@rcav.org).

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** E-mail: [arda@marysyoung.com](mailto:arda@marysyoung.com)

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: [www.marysyoung.com](http://www.marysyoung.com)

### **ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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### **PASTORS & STAFF:**

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**NOVEMBER 18, 2012**

**Pastor's  
Corner**

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Do you remember that number? It rated the intensity of last October's earthquake in the Queen Charlotte Islands. That Saturday night, at 8:04pm, I was on the 37th floor of a high rise in New Westminster. The building oscillated. The chandeliers swung for a few minutes. Those who were standing got dizzy. I was becoming anxious. "When will this stop? Is this the big one coming now, that 9.0 earthquake that will throw everything to the ground?" I remembered "Apocalypse Now" and "The Day After."

St. Mark speaks about earthquakes that will happen in various places, wars all over the world and famines. And he says, "These things are merely the beginning of birth pangs." It is scary, because it is just the beginning! It is comforting, because it is the birth pangs. Yes! It announces the renewal of humanity in Christ! Is it coming soon? "No one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." (Mark 13:32) St. Augustine wrote, "It is by design that Jesus hid the last day from us— so that we'd be on the lookout for Him, every day of our lives."

Those who say the end of the world is near show us all the signs we can see now— wars, famines, earthquakes, great moral evil— but they don't draw our attention to Christ. After all it is He, the Christ, who "is near, at the very gates." (Mark 13:29) And He is here to bring us into a rebirth. Yet, it is still scary, because a new birth implies the destruction of what is old, of the present order of things. The world and ourselves will not simply be "renovated." It is beyond repair. It will be "re-created." Just like the flood destroyed what was evil, in the story of Genesis, starting anew with the ark of Noah, so too the world has started anew in Christ. This renewal will be completed at the end of time or rather at the fulfillment of time.

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Through Jesus, God entered the world quietly, sneaking beyond the enemies' line, as C.S. Lewis said. He was coming to take back what was His own, rescuing us from the kingdom of darkness into his Kingdom of Light. Evil was so powerful that he had to fight until the very last drop of His blood. On the Cross, Jesus absorbed in Himself all the evil in you and me. He swallowed it up in His Divine Mercy. How do we know that He won the battle? We know it because He resurrected on the third day, as He had promised!

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



*"Endurance is the ability to bear a hard thing and to turn it into a glory." Philip Yancey*

## PARISH NEWS

### BIO ETHICS SEMINAR

Stephanie Gray, executive director of the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform, an international pro-life speaker will present "Defending the Pro-Life View on Abortion: Adding Persuasion to Your Passion." Do you want to learn about how to discuss the abortion issue without getting tonguetied? Do you know how to answer questions like, "Is abortion acceptable in cases of rape?" Do you want to simply be equipped to be a persuasive and winsome witness in the world? Then this presentation is for you! Wednesday, Nov 21 at 7pm in the Church basement. Everyone is welcome.

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

There will be commissioning of all Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist during all Nov 24/25 Masses. This includes all EM's who serve at the weekday Masses as well. This is for another term of 2 years. Please make every effort to attend.



### PIANIST NEEDED

The Sunday 8am choir is in need of a pianist. Please share your God-given talents and skills with us. Please contact Amalie at 778-836-4187.



## PARISH NEWS

### SPARK (gr 6 & 7) – OLD MADE NEW

They say "good things happen to those who wait," but is this really true? What good does it bring us if we just spend our time waiting? Wait no more because SPARK has just the right event for you! Join us on Monday, Nov 19 at 6:30pm in the Church basement for some great games, touching testimony, power points, pizza and so much more! See you there!



### FIRE (gr 8 & 9) – FIRE SOCIAL

Does it feel like it's been too long since our last FIRE event? Did you miss it? Well don't worry because we are back and ON FIRE! So make sure to come and join us on Friday, Nov 23 at 6:30pm in the Church basement for an evening of extreme fun, faith and fellowship!



### YOUNG ADULT GROUP (ages 18-35) – REFLECTION



We invite all young adults (age 18 to 35) to join us on our next event as we break open the Word of God. Come and experience the power the Bible has speaking to your life. Join us on

Saturday, Nov 24 at 6:30pm in the Church basement for a night of lively discussion, adoration, reflections and then going out to grab a bite to eat. This will be our recipe for a great Saturday night.

### YOUTH MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Youth Ministry is looking for generous parishioners who can contribute to the Youth Ministry Scholarship Fund which will support our youth in their education. Every year two youths (one Jr. YM & one Sr. YM) will be chosen based on attendance, positive participation and development to receive an annual sponsorship. Will you share your treasure with us? If so please contact Ana at 604-435-9611 ext.247 or ana@marysyouth.com



### VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Do you know someone who loves serving Christ and His Church? If you know someone who exhibits such passion for their volunteer work, please fill out one of the blue "Volunteer of the Year" nomination forms in the Church foyer and deposit it into the red box. You can nominate only one person.




## PARISH NEWS

### CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS

Do you want to be equipped to defend your faith? Are you eager to witness and explain your faith? Then come to a free Catholic Apologetics Seminar on Saturday Nov. 24 from 9:30am-11am.

### ST MARY'S CRAFT FAIR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday Nov. 25 from 9am-3pm. Pancake breakfast (Small \$2/Large \$3.) Start your shopping early:  crafts, baking, jewelry and more! Table rental single \$15, additional tables \$10. Contact Eileen Hardy 604-436-3655. Invite family & friends, let's make this a community event!

### GRACE THAT REIGNS ADVENT RETREAT

Most Reverend Ronald Gilmore, retired bishop of the diocese of Kansas, along with Jacqueline Loh, will present: "Waiting: Advent, Prayer, Life, Healing", on Saturday, Dec 8. Day begins with 8:30am Mass. Following Mass, the retreat will move to the Church basement, ending at 4:30pm. Please register at gracemt@gmail.com and put "Advent retreat" in the subject line. Cost is \$10, all are welcome.

### CATHOLIC FORUM

Catholic Forum invites you to explore the topic "Saints and the Universal Call to Holiness: Vatican II and its Legacy", presented by Dr. Christophe Potworowski, Professor, Redeemer Pacific College, on Tuesday Nov. 27, 7-9pm at St. Mary's Church. Info: <http://dominicanlaity.ca/forum>, Dr. Paul Ungar 604-599-5696 or Cathy Neugebauer at ve7cid@shaw.ca.

### PROJECT ADVANCE

We are at 77% of our parish goal, \$23,000 short of our projection of \$100,000, therefore there will be a second collection on Nov 24/25 to help fill this gap. There will be volunteers in the foyer after all Masses to register donors. It is important for the parish to make the target, as the parish must cover the difference. Any rebate will assist in the development of our Parish Center. You may also donate online through [www.rcav.org](http://www.rcav.org). Thank you for your support.

### ST MARY'S SENIORS CHRISTMAS DINNER

If you are **60 or over**, please join us for a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings, on Saturday, Dec 8. Senior's Mass of Anointing will be at 11am, followed by dinner at 12:30pm in the School Gym. St Mary's School Children's Choir will perform, and there may be a visit from the "man in red". Contact Eileen 604-436-3655 or Nancy 604-437-1312 to reserve your spot. RSVP by Dec. 5.