

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY JUN 23: 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church Basement)
- 1:00pm Handmaids (Rectory Dining Room)
- 2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
- 3:00pm Filipino Mass (Church)
- 6:20pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

MONDAY JUN 24: NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

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

TUESDAY JUN 25:

- 7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY JUN 26:

- 3:00pm St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex)
- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
- 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
- 7:40pm YOUCAT (Church Basement)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY JUN 27:

- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
- 7:40pm "Come & See" Vocations Talk (Church Basement)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY JUN 28: ST. IRENAEUS

- 6:30pm YM - FLAME (Church Basement)
- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
- 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY JUN 29: ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL

- 10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
- 12:00pm YM Basketball (School Gym)
- 2:30pm Baptism (Church)
- 3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
- 4:00pm CFC-SFL (School Gym)
- 5:00pm CFC Youth (Church Basement)

SUNDAY JUN 30: 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church Basement)
- 2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
- 6:20pm Bible Study (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
FILIPINO MASS: every 2nd & 4th Sunday 3:00pm
NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:
Wednesday 6:00pm
NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:
Thursday: 8:00am & Saturday: 8:30am
DIVINE MERCY: Friday 3:00pm & 6:15pm
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.
Coordinator: Edwin Cruz Email:rcia.smarv@rcav.org.
PREP/TEEN PREP: Catechism Program for children attending public schools on Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm/ Teen Prep Tuesdays only
Coordinator: Edwin Cruz E-mail: prep.smarv@rcav.org.
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Pastor's Corner

EVERYBODY DOES IT! ME TOO!

Once there was a man guiding effortlessly his canoe down the Niagara River. He thought "I am making good time today. At this speed, I will be able to take a day of complete rest tomorrow." In fact, he noticed he was going faster and faster. He also noticed everything floating around him was going faster too: dead fish, dead trees, branches, garbage. Then he heard God's voice, "Jump out of your canoe now! Leave everything and swim to the shore. It will be hard but you can do it, now! But another voice said, "Relax, everything is fine. Why lose your canoe and all your camping gear? You are about to make your best day ever. Your personal record." The man said to himself, "Yes, everybody else would continue this journey." And then he sees with horror the big Niagara Waterfalls and plunges to his death with all his belongings.

Only dead bodies go down the current. Only dead bodies go with the flow. They may be still alive, but they are spiritually dead. They are drifters. But Jesus is still calling them to make a radical u-turn. He is still calling you and me. "If anyone wants to become my follower, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will save it." (Luke 9: 23-24) If you choose the path of Jesus, you will always, not just occasionally, but always, find yourself going against the current, against the grain. You will be met with suffering, with the cross. There will be true joy, and real friends, and a great peace, but also suffering and misunderstanding and persecutions.

Why this correlation between doing the will of Christ and suffering? A short answer: the path of Jesus is the path of love. This love is not a cute, sentimental love. Love is willing the good of the other as other. It implies escaping the black hole of one egotism which draws the world into oneself

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and uses everybody even if it means destroying them. This "black hole tendency" expresses itself in that deep inner search for self protection and pleasure even at others' expenses. This comes from our animal inheritance and from the effects of sin in us, our spiritual inheritance. St. Paul felt this tension in himself, "I don't do the good that I want to do, but I do the evil things that I don't want to do." (Romans 7:19)

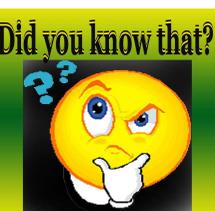
Yes, we are off-kilter with ourselves. More so, the world around us is off-kilter too. You know it if you have tried to discourage a gossiping conversation with your friend. The friends will hate you for they will feel threatened. They would rather have you justify them by being an accomplice.

If you choose to follow Christ, you will avoid the plunge "into Niagara Falls" but you will have to stop following the flow and swing against it. "Consciously beware of the fact that when you walk the path of love, you are walking a path of suffering and you are willing to do it." (Fr. Barron in homily 493, 2010) Are you willing to accept the consequences of love? Are you ready to walk the path with Jesus? Alone, it is impossible. But with Him, everything is possible. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE

Did you know that?  Our Project Advance total stands at \$119,000. \$104,800 was received at the parish level from 608 donors and \$14,200 from online giving from 43 donors. Thank you to all who contributed! For those who have not yet given, you will find pledge forms and envelopes in the pews, and Project Advance volunteers in the foyer after all Masses to assist you and take your pledges and donations. You can also donate on line at rcav.org.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL SALE OF FANS

The sale must go on! We are selling fans after all Masses this weekend, June 22/23 for \$5 each. All proceeds go to the Parish Building Fund. Summer is almost here, stay cool!

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BIBLE STUDY

In the BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY today, we will examine the Maccabean revolt. The first book of Maccabees narrates how God's faithful people stood against the oppressive rule. Join us Sunday evenings at 6:20 in the Church basement. 

YOUCAT

This Wednesday, June 26, in EXPLORING YOUCAT, we will learn about the Sacrament of Marriage – how God Himself forms the bond and how marriage is an image of God's unconditional love for us. Join us in the Church basement Wednesday evenings after Mass.

YOUTH BASKETBALL & BOARD GAMES (GR. 8-12)

Join Youth Leaders Rocelyn and Patrick for basketball and board games every Saturday, 12pm-2pm at the school gym. No pre-registration required.

SPARK NIGHT (GR. 6-8)

After watching *The Chronicles of Narnia*, we will expand our understanding about faith as a response to God's revelation. Join us on Monday June 24, 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Church basement for more fun and fellowship!

FLAME SOCIAL (GR.8-12)

Exams are almost over and you definitely deserve time to unwind. Come celebrate with friends and awesome youth leaders on Friday June 28, 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Church basement.

CANADA DAY HIKE & MASS (18 & OVER)

 Join Fr. Pierre and Br. Simon in this popular hiking destination. Come celebrate Canada Day with Mass atop the mountain and a gorgeous view of the Howe Sound and several mountains in Garibaldi Provincial Park. The hike is intermediate and transportation provided for \$10/person. Meeting time is at 8am in the Church parking lot. Bring your own water and lunch. You may also bring your own vehicle. Please register or contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext. 247 or email youth.smarv@rcav.org.

REMINDER: YM FUNDRAISING

For those who took red or white envelopes from last week's Youth Ministry fundraising, please drop off your envelopes in the collection basket this weekend or at the parish office. Thank you again for your generosity.

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ANGELIC WARFARE CONFRATERNITY

Do you struggle to keep chastity? Stop battling alone and join the undefeated army of saints and angels! The Angelic Warfare Confraternity is a supernatural fellowship of men and women of all states of life bound to one another in love and dedicated to pursuing and promoting chastity together under the powerful patronage of St. Thomas Aquinas and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Everyone is welcome to the Enrolment Ceremony on Monday June 24 at 7pm in the Church. Bring \$6 for the cord, medal and booklets. Before the ceremony, please read the Catechesis on the website to learn more: www.angelicwarfareconfraternity.org.

COME AND SEE...THE DOMINICANS!

Are you discerning your vocation? We cordially invite you to a vocational evening about discernment for religious life and a presentation of the Dominican charism (friars and sisters). We will discuss practical ways to discern a vocation and the essence of religious life, and present the Dominican charism through its 4 pillars: Common Life, Prayer, Study, Preaching! All are welcome on Thursday June 27 at 7:40pm in St. Mary's Church basement. 

A SPIRITUAL TALK ON FRIENDSHIP

"I call you friend!" By Br. Simon Lessard, O.P. on Thursday July 4 at 7:40pm at St. Mary's Church basement. Would you like to be happy? 500 years before Christ, the great philosopher Aristotle said: "Friendship is most necessary for living. Nobody would choose to live without friends even if he had all the other good things." When Christ came he said: "I no longer call you servants, I call you friends." In this talk we will discover how friendship is the secret of all secrets: the secret of happiness and Christian life, the secret of love and of new evangelization! Everyone is welcome!

USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of ushers at the Sunday 5pm and 7pm Masses. If interested, please fill out the yellow volunteer form found in the foyer or on the parish website.

ARC CHARISMATIC LEADERS' MEETING

On Sat Jun 29, there will be a charismatic leaders' meeting organised by ARC (Archdiocese Renewal Committee) at St. Francis de Sales Parish, 6610 Balmoral Street, Bby., from 10am-noon. Fr. Gabriel will give a talk. The meeting is for current and future leaders. All are welcome.