

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY AUG 11: 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 10:00am Four Step Retreat (Church Basement)
- 10:00am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)
- 2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
- 3:00pm Filipino Mass (Church)

MONDAY AUG 12:

- 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
- 7:00pm MVA (Rectory Library)

TUESDAY AUG 13:

- 6:30pm Baptism Prep (Church)
- 7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY AUG 14: ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

- 2:00pm Willingdon Mass (4435 Grange)
- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
- 7:40pm YOUCAT (Church Basement)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY AUG 15: ASSUMPTION OF MARY

- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY AUG 16:

- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
- 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY AUG 17:

- 10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
- 12:00pm YM Basketball (School Gym)
- 2:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
- 3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
- 7:30pm ARC (Church)

SUNDAY AUG 18: 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 2:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)
- 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Coordinator: Rocelyn Catris

Email: youth.smarv@rcav.org

Website: www.marysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PASTORS & STAFF

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GROUNDING IN THE UNIVERSE AND IN GOD

While on vacation at Seton House of Prayer, I spent hours sitting in a beach chair, very close to the ground, overlooking the 360 degree panorama and reading. The view of Okanagan Lake, the mountains all around, the city of Kelowna, is breathtaking, even after 7 years. From the awesome little insects crawling around me, and the birds perching on my chair, and the deer trying to "size" me, up close, all was evidently a gift from God. A surprising gift when you think about it. Why did God create such an abundance of beings, why so many kinds of birds, for example? He could have created just one no-nonsense bird, but why these flashy, extravagant types of birds and insects? It seems to me, that God was very playful, exuberant when He created the World. And He still is. Each day, new species of living things come into being.

So I felt so grateful for this gift of the Universe. He did it for us! Only us, and the angels, can see the Creation, enjoy it and get to know God through it. God knew for all eternity that I would spend my vacation at this very spot in the Okanagan Valley. He did it for me. He also gave me the capacity and the opportunity to enjoy it! Every July, I get that sense of being rooted in the land of Seton House, of belonging to the Universe which was given to me.

Then why so much fear, in me and in all of us? If God Himself is a gift, is our gift, why be afraid? Indeed we are afraid of losing our reputation, our money, our possessions, our capacity to enjoy life. Behind that fear, is the "conviction" that the enemy Satan, sowed in us...that life is not a gift, that we have to earn everything at the expense of other people, even at the expense of God! And we get depressed or angry, when we don't get what we have worked so hard to earn. We cling to ourselves and our prerogatives. We lash out at others in fear of being betrayed by them, and even by God! We

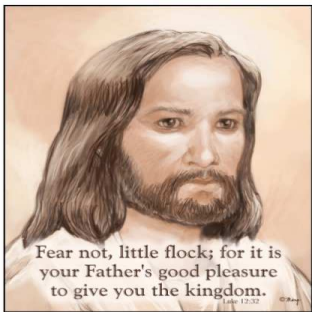
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have a secret rancor against God and others. And then, we see death coming who will take everything away from us!

Is this picture true? Listen to what God has to say in today's Gospel (Luke 12:32): "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom!" Here it is! God Himself, is telling us not to be afraid. The very Source of Life, the Creator, the only one who can guarantee eternal life, is telling you "Do not be afraid, I will GIVE you the Kingdom of Eternal Life, now and forever." You don't have to earn it through your good works. We think "If I am up to my standard, sufficiently upright, I might convince God to give me what I want, even though He is reluctant to give me anything!"

So we get it backwards, as the devil wants us to believe. So fear comes in. But once we realize that life is entirely a gift, that God Himself gave His only Son to feed us, then we want to be a gift to God and to all His children, our brothers and sisters. And we are not afraid to give, instead of clinging to what we have out of fear. We know that by becoming like God in the act of giving oneself in gratitude, we become like Jesus, like God. We get connected to the Source of Giving. We can give and give, and receive more and more. We become a source of Living Water, welling up in ETERNAL LIFE.



God bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL PROCESSION

We would like to have many children participate in the Marian procession on Friday, September 6 at 8pm. Please register your child/children at lyndaqtamayo@yahoo.com.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL GRAPHIC ARTIST

We are in need of a graphic artist to assist with the souvenir booklet. Please contact lyndaqtamayo@yahoo.com.

PARISH NEWS

COUPLES FOR CHRIST—CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

Couples for Christ is inviting all married couples, widows or widowers, and separated Catholics to a Christian Life Program that will start on August 31 at 7pm in the Church Basement. Fellowship and free light snacks follow. The program is free but preregistration is requested. To register or to inquire, please call: Andy Palanca 778-988-3835; Choco Gonzales 604-307-5719 or Ricky Ysonza 778-855-0398.

RCIA

If you have family and friends who are interested in becoming Catholic, the RCIA Program is currently accepting registration. The program is also for Catholics who want to rediscover and deepen their faith. For more information, please contact the RCIA coordinator at 604-435-9611 ext. 5 or email rcia.smarv@rcav.org.

RCIA NEEDS SPONSORS

Do you desire to help someone journey toward faith in Jesus Christ and His Holy Catholic Church? RCIA is looking for devoted, faithful Catholics to be sponsors for inquirers who want to learn about the Catholic Faith. If you sense the Lord calling you to this important ministry, please contact the RCIA coordinator at 604-435-9611 ext. 5 or rcia.smarv@rcav.org for more details and information.

RCIA NEEDS MONTHLY FOOD PROVIDERS

We are in need of volunteers to provide treats for our RCIA sessions. If interested, please contact the RCIA coordinator at 604-435-9611 ext. 5 or rcia.smarv@rcav.org for more details and information.

BIBLE STUDY

There is no session this Sunday, August 11, for the BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY. The next and final session is on August 18.

YOUCAT

This Wednesday, August 14, in EXPLORING YOUCAT, the topic is on **How to Pray** and the power of prayer. Join us in the Church basement Wednesday evenings after Mass.

THE DOOR IS OPEN

Do you feel compassion for the homeless in the Downtown Eastside? If so, this could be your chance to share your time with them. There are available opportunities for all ages Monday to Friday 11am-12pm and 3pm-4pm. Please contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext. 247 or youth.smarv@rcav.org.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

Annual Marian Pilgrimage to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes is Saturday, Aug. 17, at Fraser River Heritage Park, Mission. Confessions at 10am, Mass at 1pm with Archbishop Miller, pilgrimage at 2:30pm, followed by a picnic. More info at www.rcav.org/2013pilgrimage.

FAITH FORMATION & MINISTRY TRAINING FOR ADULTS

Archdiocesan Summer Institute offers one-day faith formation and ministry training for adults. Faith formation topics include: Basics of the Faith & Discovering the Gospels. Ministry training offered for RCIA and PREP. Aug. 24 at Holy Cross Secondary School, Surrey from 10am to 4pm. Cost \$35, includes lunch. All are welcome. For more information and registration visit: www.rcav.org/oc/summer.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Come and discover God's original design for us, our call to holiness, and our destiny with him in heaven. Tuesday, Sept. 17- Dec. 3rd from 7pm-9:15pm at Corpus Christi Parish. For more info and to register: www.rcav.org/TOB or call 604-683-0281 ext. 307; e-mail tob@rcav.org.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

The guest speaker Fr. Trevor Nathasingh is a prophetic voice to the Church and the Charismatic Renewal. Wherever he speaks there has been healing, conversion and renewal. Father Nathasingh is a convert from a Muslim mother and Hindu father and attributes his conversion to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Do not miss this powerful exciting conference. St. Matthew's Parish, Surrey on Friday, Sept. 20 from 7pm-9:30pm and Saturday, Sept. 21 from 10am to closing Mass at 7pm with Archbishop Michael Miller. Tickets \$10. For information visit www.vccrs.ca or call 604-597-8227.

IS YOUR MARRIAGE IN CRISIS?

Retrouvaille is a Catholic peer ministry which has helped thousands of married couples recover from all kinds of crises, including infidelity, communication breakdown, years of misery, separation, or even divorce. You can rediscover romance and gain the tools you need to regain intimacy and healthy communication. For more information or to register for the weekend of Oct. 4-6, please call 604-530-6710, email vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org or www.retrouvaille.org; www.retrouvaille.vancouver.com.

