

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY SEP 8: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Int'l Festival Cultural Show (Outdoor Stage)

MONDAY SEP 9:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm YM (Church Basement)
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm MVA (Rectory Library)

TUESDAY SEP 10:

6:30pm Baptism Prep (Church)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY SEP 11:

2:00pm Willingdon Mass (4435 Grange)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:00pm Building Committee (Rectory Dining)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY SEP 12:

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY SEP 13: ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

6:30pm YM (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY SEP 14: EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory Basement)
9:30am Lector Training (Church)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
2:00pm CFC-YFC (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Seminar Room)
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

SUNDAY SEP 15: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm CFC-YFL (School Gym)
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)



St. Mary's International Festival

Sept 6, 7 & 8, 2013

FRIDAY, SEPT 6
8pm - Procession "A Walk with Mary"
Witness the "Floating Rosary Balloon"
Collingwood Park, Van, BC

SATURDAY, SEPT 7
8:30am - Mass
10am - Festival Official Opening by Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P.
10am-5pm - Talent Show Director: Rocelyn Catris
6pm-12am - GALA NIGHT
Award/Recognition, Choir Music Rendition
Dinner Dance

SUNDAY SEPT 8
8am - Food Concession
10am - 4pm - Cultural Show
Directors: Riz Geronimo, Nelta Guerrero

Coordinator: Lynda Quezon Tamayo Tel: 604-563-5262 Email: lyndaqtamayo@yahoo.com

Food Concession • Beer Garden • Senior Chai • Diner's Chai • Face Painting • Cotton Candy • Auction-Auction

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

Principal: Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff Website: www.stmary.bc.ca

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 6:00pm

Phone: (604) 435-9611 Fax: (604) 439-9413

E-mail: parish.smarv@rcav.org Website: www.stmarysvancouver.ca

PASTORS & STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P. (ext. 6)

Assistant Pastor: Fr. Gabriel de Chadarevian, O.P. (ext. 3)

Pastoral Assistant: Vesna Jankovic (ext. 6)

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

Youth Ministry Coordinator: Rocelyn Catris (ext. 247)

RCIA/PREP Coordinator: Edwin Cruz (ext. 5)

Reception: Edwin Cruz (ext. 0)



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SEPTEMBER 8, 2013

Pastor's
Corner

HATE YOUR CHILDREN???

What seems to us like the harshest words of the Bible come to us from Jesus' mouth Himself, in today's Gospel. "Whoever comes to me and does not HATE their father and mother, spouse or children, brothers and sisters, yes and even their LIFE ITSELF, cannot be my disciple." Hate your father, mother, spouse, children, siblings, and my own life? How can Jesus ask us to hate our closest relatives, our dear ones, while He asks us to LOVE OUR ENEMIES? What an odd religion! We would not expect that one from Jesus!

Yet, Jesus requested this, from His Mother Mary. She was asked to prefer God's will and let go of her Son, let Him be crucified under her own eyes. Did she hate Jesus when she was at the foot of the cross and not prevent Him from being killed? No, but she was "hating," casting away any WRONG ATTACHMENT to Him, to His earthly life with her. She preferred the true good of Jesus, rather than her own happiness on earth. In doing so, she allowed God to fulfill His plan for Jesus and for herself; Jesus rose from the dead, became Lord forever over all the earth, and she became the Mother of the Church, and the Queen of heaven and earth.

Now let us compare Mary's attitude, her letting go of her Son into the hand of God, to the attitude of so many of us, who refuse to surrender our children to God. It would be the parents, who more or less consciously, use their children to live a life they were never able to live themselves. "I was raised in a poor country. I had a childhood of poverty. But you, my child, will become a highly successful professional, with power, money, prestige. You will have what life refused to give me. You will not become a priest or a nun. And by the way, you will provide for me financially. And you will prefer me over your own spouse." Or, the seemingly opposite. "I was not able to become a nun, or a priest, you will become one."

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That is what we have to hate: that wrong attachment to our closest one, who make us use them for our own good rather than their own good according to God. In the early Church, Romans threatened to kill the children in order to force the parents to renounce their faith. They refused! Rather they encouraged their children to accept martyrdom for themselves too.

A less dramatic example? A woman of great faith in Vancouver was asked by the Lord to spend most of her prayer time in intercession for a particular person, a co-worker. She protested. "I am spending most of my prayer time for my children. I cannot do more." To that, the Lord answered, "Do as I request of you, and I will take care of your other intentions for your closest relatives." She obeyed and the Lord answered her intentions for her own family, while she was praying for a stranger."

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SYRIA

Responding to the Pope's appeal for peace in the Middle East, a special second collection in the Archdiocese of Vancouver will be taken next weekend, Sept 14/15 for those suffering displacement on account of the ravages of the war in Syria. There will also be a Day of Prayer and Fasting for the People of Syria and the Middle East on Saturday, Sept. 14.

SATURDAY 5PM CHOIR

The Saturday 5pm choir would like to invite singers and musicians to consider joining our choir to praise God through the ministry of music. We are especially looking for a piano player who can start playing full time in September. For more info, please contact Catty Yagi at frozentriqui@gmail.com.

PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE UPDATE

Our Project Advance total now stands at \$121,400. Thank you to everyone who contributed so far! We still have a way to go to our parish goal of \$200,000. For those who have not yet donated, please drop off your donation in the Sunday collection basket, or donate on line from the comfort of your home, at www.racv.org.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Society of St. Vincent de Paul will sell raffle tickets next weekend Sept 14/15. Please help support St. Vincent de Paul activities by buying these raffle tickets for \$2 each, with a Grand Prize of \$1000! All proceeds raised go to fund the sandwich truck outreach program that ministers to the destitute in the Downtown Eastside. Thank you for your support.



CWL TRIVIA NIGHT

St Mary's CWL is happy to announce the return of the popular parish TRIVIA NIGHT! Come and have fun with friends, family, and your community for only \$5 per person (including refreshments). Save the date: Friday, September 20, 7pm-9:30pm, Church Basement, for an evening of laughter and learning.

MIGRANT MINISTRY

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry in collaboration with ISS of BC and Service Canada will hold a free and interactive workshop on Employment Insurance (EI) and other benefits from Service Canada on Saturday, Sept 14 from 1-3 pm in the School Seminar room. For more info call Chit Arma at 604-684-7498 ext. 1666 or email resochoita.arma@issbc.org or Lenn Castro at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com. Light refreshments will be served.

SPARK SOCIAL NIGHT (GR. 6-8)

As we start the new school year, join us in a fun and welcoming event on Monday, Sept 9, 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Church basement.



YOUTH LEADERS NEEDED

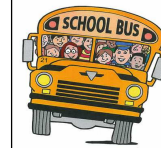
If you are at least 18 years old and have a desire to make a difference in the lives of youth, Youth Ministry is interested to hear from you! Please contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext. 247 or email youth.smarv@racv.org.

COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

Guest speaker Fr. Trevor Nathasingh is a prophetic voice to the Church and the Charismatic Renewal. Do not miss this powerful exciting conference at St. Matthew's Parish on Friday, Sept. 20 from 7pm-9:30pm and Saturday, Sept. 21 from 10am to closing Mass at 7pm with Archbishop Miller. Tickets \$10 available at the parish office. For information visit www.vccrs.ca or call 604-597-8227.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE—BUS



St. Mary's will be providing bus transportation to the Conference. Tickets are for \$8 for both days (or \$4 per day). Tickets available at the parish office. Limited seats available, so act quickly! For info: call 778-885-9611.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR YOUNG WOMEN

The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia would like to invite you to join us for a day of recollection for young women- Mass, Adoration, prayer, Reconciliation, spiritual talks and reflections, and vocation discernment on Saturday, Sept 21 at Rosemary Heights from 9am-8:30pm. RSVP Sister Mary Jacinta at smjli@op-tn.org or call 604-475-4122.

TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE - 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

A vigil will be held outside the BC Women's Health Centre, a ground breaking, coordinated international pro-life mobilization. Pray, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city and beyond. The campaign will run on site between 6am-8pm. Take a stand for life will run Sept. 25 to Nov. 3. Visit http://www.rcav.org/RLO/40_Days_for_Life/.



HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR SONS & DAUGHTERS

Have your loved ones stopped practicing the faith? Do they no longer believe in God? Then this seminar is for you. Presentation by Vernon Robertson at Our Lady of Fatima Church Hall, 315 Walker St., Coquitlam on Saturday, Sept. 28 after 9am Mass to 4:30pm. Bring a bagged lunch. Pre-register to receive your free participant manual at: vernon@seminarofhope.org or 604-460-0114. For more information visit www.seminarofhope.org.

