

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### **SUNDAY SEP 22: 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
1:00pm CFC-YFL (School Gym)  
3:00pm Filipino Mass (Church)  
6:20pm Bible Study (Church)

### **MONDAY SEP 23: ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA**

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm YM (Church Basement)

### **TUESDAY SEP 24:**

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

### **WEDNESDAY SEP 25:**

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

### **THURSDAY SEP 26: ST. JOHN DE BREBEUF**

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)  
7:30pm Prayer for Priests (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **FRIDAY SEP 27: ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

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

### **SATURDAY SEP 28:**

9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory Basement)  
12:00pm YM Basketball (School Gym)  
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)  
2:00pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)  
2:30pm Baptism (Church)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)  
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)  
6:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)  
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

### **SUNDAY SEP 29: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
1:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)  
6:20pm Bible Study (Church)



## 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

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### **PASTORS & STAFF**

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

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

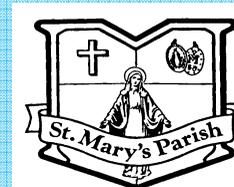
**Pastoral Assistant:** Vesna Jankovic (ext. 6)

**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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Pastor's  
Corner

## AMAZING GRACE

Fr. Barron opens up his homily today in this fashion. "A wake-up call, a warning light on the dashboard of your car, a pain in your chest that makes you gasp for air, these things get your attention." And most people will do something about them right away. Same thing for your finances. If your bank account is getting thinner and thinner, you assess the situation and judge what you can do about it. And you take action quickly. In the parable of the unjust servant, Jesus is asking us to assess our spiritual condition and do something about it now.

But we don't. We carry on the common belief that spiritual life will take care of itself, but Jesus said the opposite. Or we say to ourselves, "When I will retire I will have time to pray and to prepare for the next life."

Two mistakes here. Number one, if you think that you will become "spiritual" when you get old, that you will be able to change your life around before death forget about it! The elderly are among those who practice faith the least, who pray the least! They completely forget about God until they are about to die and then they panic! They have become full of doubts and have no answers to them. They are not capable anymore of hearing God. Of course, there are many elderly who have a great spiritual life, but they have been cultivating it for many decades before reaching old age.

The next mistake is to believe that spiritual life is just about earning the ticket for heaven. No! Spiritual life is essential at all stages of our lives in this earth, essential to our true fulfillment in this life. A famous psychiatrist, Victor Frankl, author of the celebrated classic "Man in Search of Meaning" had been in Hitler's concentration death camp during WWII. He noticed that people who were willing to lose their souls in order to save their life on earth ended up losing both, the soul and the body. But those who were willing to

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give up their own life to save their soul ended up saving both, most of the time. Their survival rate was much higher. Frankl was one of those. There he was generous, caring for the weakest by giving up some of his meager ration of food, he survived and went on to be an acclaimed psychiatrist.

Second mistake. Don't see spiritual life as opposed to "real" physical life in the world. No, it is what holds our life together by giving it real meaning and purpose, joy even in the midst of tragedy. Have you ever said to yourself, "I am losing my soul. I have got everything, money, reputation, health, pleasure, power, but somehow I feel that I am losing my whole life. I am losing my bearings. I am losing what it's all about. I am not depressed but I could become depressed if this goes on and on." I have heard that many times in confession. "People are much sadder than they look," said St. John Vianney, after hearing confessions for a life time. When we lose our contact with God, because we are too busy, too rich, too lazy, we are losing our life in this world and in the next.

Jesus offers you the way to be connected with God, the very power and love that created the cosmos and sustain you into existence. Hook your life to this power and love of God. He will tell you how to deal with riches as well as with poverty. Don't wait until you have become deaf to the voice of God. Do it now. Pray more, love more, forgive now. Study the teachings of Jesus and apply them now. Don't wait until your life has shrunk and dried out.



*God bless you, Fr. Pierre*

## PARISH NEWS

### **CAMP FLAME (GR. 9-12)**

It's time for camp again! Join in this 3-day retreat to have fun, create and strengthen friendships, relax, and let God fill your thirst and hunger for Him. The event is on the weekend of Oct 11-13, at Camp Capilano. For details and registration, contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext. 247 or youth.smarv@rcav.org. Forms are also available in the foyer. Early registration ends on Sept 30.



## PARISH NEWS

### **DONATIONS OF CLOTHING TO COVENANT HOUSE**

St. Mary's CWL is collecting clothing for Covenant House. We are looking for lightly used clothing preferably for young adults (both male & female.) Please drop off your clothing donation at the designated collection bin in the Church foyer starting this weekend until October 20th. Thank you for your kind support and generosity.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF TOURNAMENT**

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus 10th Annual Fr. Michael McGivney Memorial Fund-Raising Golf Tournament will be on Sunday, September 29, at Sunshine Woods Golf Centre, 10646- 64th Ave., Delta. All proceeds are designated for candidates to the priesthood. The cost is \$45 per player, and includes green fees and lunch. We are looking for hole sponsors at \$100 per hole. For details, please call Andrew 778-233-7091, Gabby 778-322-8884, or Lebie 778-881-0619. Thank you for your ongoing support.



### **MCDONALD'S ALL YOU CAN EAT HOTCAKES!**

St. Mary's School will be selling McDonald's tickets for "All You Can Eat Hotcakes" after all Masses on Sept 28/29 for \$3. Tickets are redeemable on Saturday, October 5 from 8-11am at the Still Creek location while quantities last.

### **MIGRANT MINISTRY WORKSHOP**

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry will host a free workshop on Saturday, September 28 from 1-3pm at the Seminar room, to be conducted by Evelin Antonio, a career advisor with WorkBC Employment Services. For info, please call Chit Arma 604-684-7498 ext 1666 or resochita.arma@issbc.org or Lenn Castro at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com. Light refreshments will be served.

### **ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP**

John Nixon, Director of Development of the Archdiocese, will present an estate planning workshop that covers will preparation, powers of attorney, advance care planning, funeral and burial instructions and more. This presentation will deal with matters you may not have thought about before but will help you gather your thoughts before you write your first will or prepare to update your will. This session will present facts and information. No investment services or insurance will be promoted or sold. Each participant will receive a free Estate Planning Guide to take home. The presentation will be on Thursday, October 10, at 7:30pm in the Church basement. No registration required.

## PARISH NEWS

### **EPIC JOURNEY THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY**

We are inviting everyone to join us tonight on an Epic Journey through our Church History. The topic will be the Beginning of the Church/The Mustard Seed. Future topics are the Crusaders, Inquisitions, Reformation, Galileo, working of the Holy Spirit and more. Join us on our first session tonight (Sunday) at the Church basement after the 5pm Mass.

### **STREET MINISTRY OUTREACH**

St. Mary's Street Ministry is asking for donation of Men's Socks and individually-wrapped Chocolates for our homeless outreach. Please bring your donation to the box in the foyer. Thank you for your generosity!

### **GRACE THAT REIGNS: PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS**

Saint Therese of Lisieux said, "O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priest. O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart." Please join us to pray for the priests of the Vancouver East Deanery on Thursday, September 26 at 7:30pm in the Church. <http://www.gracethatreigns.com/>.

## COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS

### **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. A 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](mailto:vernon@seminarofhope.org); telephone: 604-460-0114. For more information visit [www.seminarofhope.org](http://www.seminarofhope.org).

### **TICKETS ON SALE - MAN ALIVE MEN'S CONFERENCE**

Ever wish you could be watching football instead of attending Mass? Do you think the Church or prayer is irrelevant in your life? The second annual men's conference, Man Alive, has the answers you need. It is taking place on Oct 5<sup>th</sup> at the Chandos Pattison Auditorium in Surrey. This full day Catholic conference is an opportunity for men to explore the purpose of their faith through inspiring and informative talks from exciting Catholic speakers including Dr. Ray Guarendi, famous for his insightful shows on EWTN. Tickets cost \$40 (incl. lunch) and members of St. Mary's DNA men's group will be selling them after all Masses this weekend. Tickets can also be purchased online at [www.rcav.org/manalive](http://www.rcav.org/manalive).