

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY OCT 20: 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 1:00pm Handmaids (Rectory Dining)
- 2:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)
- 6:20pm Bible Study (Church)

MONDAY OCT 21:

- 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
- 6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

TUESDAY OCT 22:

- 7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
- 7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY OCT 23:

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

THURSDAY OCT 24:

- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
- 7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)
- 7:30pm Prayer for Priests (Church)
- 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY OCT 25:

- 6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
- 6:30pm CWL Movie Night (School Gym)
- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
- 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY OCT 26:

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

SUNDAY OCT 27: 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
- 3:00pm Filipino Mass (Church)
- 4:30pm YM (School Gym)
- 6:20pm Bible Study (Church)

PARISH INFORMATION

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS: Monday - Friday: 8am

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

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

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

SUNDAY MASS: Anticipated Mass Saturday 5pm

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

FILIPINO MASS: every 2nd & 4th Sunday 3pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:

Wednesday 6pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:

Thursday: 8am & Saturday: 8:30am

DIVINE MERCY: Friday 3pm & 6:15pm

FIRST FRIDAY: Adoration throughout the day after morning Mass

CONFESSION:

Weekdays: After all Masses (except Thursday Evening Mass)

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

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 for children attending public schools on Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6:30pm-8pm / 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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*Pastor's
Corner*

JOIN THE ARMY!

If you want real happiness, real joy, you will have to fight! "Because life is difficult" said the author of the world's best seller, "The Road Less Traveled" (M. Scott Peck). That is why few people travel this way. Most choose to live "a life of great desperation" a life of resignation, rather than fighting for true fulfillment and joy. No surprise that Jesus invites us to fight against sin and against all that opposes God's will.

He himself fought. Jesus was opposed by religious and political leaders of His time. They condemned Him and killed Him. But even on the Cross, He was still filled with joy, abandoning Himself totally in the hands of the Father. The letter to the Hebrews 12:2 said "For the sake of the joy that was laid before Him, He suffered death." That is why God raised Him up and He became the firstborn of a new generation of warriors who would not accept to be defeated by evil. This "new" generation is **US**. Through baptism, we are enrolled to become warriors of justice, truth, peace, love, forgiveness. These are our weapons. Don't laugh! Don't say these spiritual weapons are weak. They look weak but they hide the power of God within themselves. With these weapons, which connect us to the very power of God, saints have rebuilt the Church and transformed the world. John Paul II put an end to Communism in so many countries. Martin Luther King won a crucial battle against racism in America...at the cost of his own life, yes...but he knew it would happen and didn't fear even death itself. The little flock of persecuted Christians of the first centuries overcame the Roman Empire, which was the Super Power of its time. The saints, like Padre Pio, fought the devil and won over and over.

Brothers and sisters, if you are engaged in the struggle "to become the best version of yourself" (Matthew Kelly), the struggle to fulfill the personal mission God gives you, to transform this world according to the purposes of God, then...

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be prepared to fight deception, division, diversion and discouragement. The devil will throw all these evils at you. If this is happening, know that you are on the right path! Hold Christ's hand. He will walk you through. Choose truth, unity, simplicity and courage. Choose the right battle. Let go of the battles of your ego. Join the army of the Church of God. It may look weak. But it has God, hidden among its ranks.

What is your role in this army? Some of you are called to be fighters on the front line. Among them are Catholic physicians, Catholic administrators and politicians, Catholic teachers at all levels, from elementary schools, prep teachers, right to university. In our parish, we have those who go into the territory of the enemy to claim back its victims. There is Street Ministry, Luke 15, Talitha Koum, Mission Ablaze, Healing and Deliverance Ministry, DNA. Also CFC, CFC FFL, LOJ, St. Vincent de Paul and Youth Ministry.

The second group of the army are the intercessors. When we are directly involved in the fight of evil, we need solid intercessory prayer groups. They are like Moses on the mountain. When he was praying, the army would gain ground. When he stopped praying, the army of God would lose ground. The intercessors in our parish are groups and ministries like the First Saturday 2000 Hail Mary group, the first Monday night Lay Apostles, the Tuesday Mission Ablaze Prayer group, the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening Healing Prayer Ministries, the Thursday evening Journaling Group, the 7:10am Rosary group every weekday, and last but not least, the daily and Sunday Masses.

Your role can also be to support the fighters and the prayer warriors by donation, giving your time to the Church, in finance committee, building committee, building maintenance, etc.

The war will not stop until we eradicate evil completely! Let's go to work!

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

N.B. There are groups and ministries I didn't mention because they fit any of those categories like Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League, or are under the banner of one family of ministry, like Handmaids of the Lord, Singles for Christ, Singles FFL, etc.

PARISH NEWS

SPARK MOVIE NIGHT – GR.6-8

Do you enjoy watching movies with friends and eating popcorn? If so, save the date and come! Free movie night and refreshments are included on Monday Oct 21, 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Church basement. See you there!



SPIRIT DAY – GR.7

Spirit Day is an annual rally for grade 7 students to celebrate and grow in their faith through a dynamic weekend of fun, faith and fellowship. Spirit Day is presented by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry (OYYAM) of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. It will take place at Chandos Pattison Auditorium, Surrey on Sunday, Nov 3 and runs from 10am-6pm. Please see registration forms at the foyer or visit www.marysyoung.com. Deadline is on Oct 30.

LADIES MOVIE NIGHT

St. Mary's Catholic Women's league would like to invite all ladies in the parish to a movie night on Friday, Oct 25 from 6:30pm-9pm in the school gym. This is a ladies only fun evening to enjoy with your friends, or to make new friends. A light dinner will be provided, along with popcorn for the movie. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer by Oct 20. The movie is "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide." This documentary series shot in 10 countries along with an A-list of celebrity advocates, introduces women and girls who are living under some of the most difficult circumstances imaginable and fighting bravely to change them. An inspirational and moving movie that you all will enjoy. Thank you and hope you will join us!

FLU CLINIC

Extra Foods Pharmacy will be hosting a flu clinic on Sunday, Oct 27 from 9am-3pm in the Church basement. Flu vaccines are free for retirees over 65, people with chronic health conditions, pregnant women, aboriginal people, health care workers, emergency response workers, parents and caregivers of children 0-59 months of age, household members and caregivers of the elderly or people with chronic health condition. Parish volunteers are eligible for free vaccine. Please sign up for a time slot at the Church foyer, and remember to bring your care card and wear a short sleeve top.



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DNA MEN'S GROUP SECOND ANNIVERSARY

St. Mary's has been hosting a Men's Group called DNA ("Discipleship and Accountability") on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of every month, since October 2011. DNA brings together men as young as 18 and as "young at heart" as 78. We pray together the Rosary, meditate Scripture "Lectio Divina", watch DVD's of powerful teachings for Catholic men, then split into sharing groups and end up eating pizza— all with the intent to form a brotherhood of men desiring to become *real* men; disciples of Jesus Christ in His Catholic Church. This kind of fellowship is needed now more than ever before, especially for men yearning to be holy and free. Interested? Then join us. You may contact Fr. Gabriel at 604-435-9611, ext.3 or email gabrielmariedominique@gmail.com.



ST MARY'S CRAFT FAIR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us on Sunday Nov. 17th from 9am- 3pm. Pancake breakfast will be served all day until closing (small \$2/large \$3). Start your Christmas shopping with crafts, baking, gifts and more! Table rental costs \$15 for a single table, additional tables are \$10. Please contact Eileen Hardy at 604-436-3655.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY APPEAL



Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal Tickets are on sale after all Masses this weekend, Oct 19/20 and next weekend, Oct 26-27. Rebate for the tickets sold will be given to various charity organizations. Thank you for your support!

COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS

BC CHRISTIAN MEDITATION COMMUNITY

Invites you to "Community of Love" day of reflection and sharing our gifts, Saturday October 26 from 9:45am-2pm at Good Shepherd Church, 2250-150th St., Surrey. Bring bag lunch, refreshments provided. Admission is free. Please register at bccchristianmeditation@gmail.com.

VOCATION LIVE IN

On the weekend of November 15-17, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission. For more information call 604-826-8715.