

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

*For everyone who exalts
himself will be humbled,
and everyone who humbles
himself will be exalted.
~ Jesus Christ*

SUNDAY OCT 27: 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Flu Clinic (Church Basement)

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

3:00pm Filipino Mass (Church)

4:30pm YM (School Gym)

6:20pm Bible Study (Church)

MONDAY OCT 28: STS. SIMON & JUDE

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

TUESDAY OCT 29:

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY OCT 30:

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY OCT 31:

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY NOV 1: ALL SAINTS

6:00pm Youth for Christ (Rectory Dining)

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY NOV 2: ALL SOULS

9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)

12:00pm YM Basketball (School Gym)

2:30pm Baptism (Church)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)

6:00pm CFC-FFL (Seminar Room)

7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

7:30pm CCO Summit (Church)

SUNDAY NOV 3: 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church Basement)

1:30pm CFC (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

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ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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*Pastor's
Corner*

HE WHO STANDS FOR NOTHING, WILL FALL FOR ANYTHING

When I was thirteen years old, I almost drowned in the ice cold water of a fast flowing river near Montreal. The thin ice broke under my feet. I didn't know how to swim. The current was pushing me under the ice. Only my head remained out of the water. A very young boy saved me by crawling over the thin ice to reach my hand. The next day I came back, looking from the bridge, at the hole that could have been my burial site! I promised myself that I would fulfill the purpose God had for my life. I promised myself that I would live in such a way that my death would be a grateful and joyful surrendering to the Lord. Not a desperate fight to cling to this earthly life, but the moment of ultimate freedom, when I would take all my past life and give it to God, knowing that He would receive it lovingly and...yes, gratefully!

I have taken this promise more seriously, since 1993, twenty years ago. It is an amazing blessing! I am sharing this with you, teenagers, who want to defy death by doing dangerous things. I am sharing this with you, senior citizens who are sad because they are losing their youth and see death as the final dissolution down into the pit of the graveyard. And with you middle aged men and women who seek to live for a goal that will last forever.

Take the second reading of today's Mass. St. Paul is under house arrest. He knows he will be sentenced to death, to a very cruel death at the hands of the Romans. But he is not depressed. In Timothy 4, he said, "I am already being poured out as a libation." A libation was the pouring out of a very expensive wine on the burnt offering. Paul is aware that his life has been poured out as a loving and precious gift of God. "I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith." I want to be able to say that at the moment of my death. In fact this goal has kept me on the right

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path most of my life, even though there was some serious zigzagging, slip-sliding away. But God kept re-aiming my ship. Like Paul, I don't measure my life by what I have accumulated in terms of money, awards, degrees, cars, houses. You and I can measure our lives by how much we have given away.

"The time of my departure has come" (2 Timothy 4). The word Paul used here means more than simple departure. It was used for the unmooring of a ship, when the boat and its passengers were set free for a journey. Think of the excitement as the cruise ship is about to set sail. The whole life of Paul was a preparation for that moment. Dying was to be the most "active" moment of his life – like Jesus who said, "Nobody takes away my life, I give it freely." And to make sure He would be understood, he poured out the wine in the chalice saying, "This is my blood...which will be poured out for you and in forgiveness of sins."

Don't you wish you could say like Paul, at the approaching of your death, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race. I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7). "Brothers and sisters, 'Have you found something worth fighting for, something worth living and dying for? If not, you haven't begun to live.' 'Have you been opposed? Or has your life been a series of compromises, of hiding around corners of concealment?'" (Fr. Barron sermon 355) Winston Churchill said, "Never trust a man who has no enemies. He stands for nothing."

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

"Those who stand for nothing will fall for anything." (Alexander Hamilton)

PARISH NEWS

PAPAL AWARDS

Archbishop Miller will confer papal awards approved by Pope Francis on Nov. 24 at 2:30pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral. The Benemerenti medal is conferred on those with long and exceptional service to the Catholic Church, their families, and the community. Thirteen lay people will receive the medal, including our very own **MILDRED MOY!** **CONGRATULA-**



PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE

The collection to date is \$125,555 which is 63% of our parish goal of \$200,000. Thank you so much for your generosity! We encourage you to continue to support the campaign by returning pledges or registering as new donors. Please continue to drop off your donations through the Sunday collection basket or donate online at www.rcav.org (select St. Mary's Parish). You have until December 31 to claim the donation for your 2013 income tax return.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Mother Teresa said, "If we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"



Take a stand for life on Saturday Nov 2, 3:30pm-4:30pm (or later) at the corner of 29th Avenue and Heather Street, Vancouver. All are welcome to come and join this peaceful prayer vigil to end abortion. Meet at 3pm in front of St. Mary's School. Minors are required to submit permission forms, which are available in the foyer or on YM website. For info, contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext. 247.

SPIRIT DAY- GR. 7

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

FLAME NIGHT: MASTERS OF CREATION- GR. 8-12

All things bright and beautiful, all things great and small, all things wise and wonderful...the Lord God made them all. Join Mark Norbury on Friday Nov 8, 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Church basement, as he explores the wonders of God's creation and our call to stewardship. Bring your friends and meet new ones too!

MOVIE: MARY OF NAZARETH

Watch an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, Mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. Do not miss this Vancouver premiere on Saturday Nov 16, 3pm or 7pm at Chandos Pattison Auditorium, Surrey. Contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext. 247 or youth.smarv@rcav.org for discounted



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EPIC JOURNEY

In tonight's Epic Journey: Conversion & Councils, we will see how Constantine become a great proponent of the Church, gathering bishops together to solemnly condemn Arianism. Also, a new form of living the Christian faith emerged during this period, Monasticism. Join the adventure at 6:20pm in the Church basement.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Next Sunday November 3, don't forget to move your clocks back one hour!



COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS

LET ME LOVE YOU

Presentation by Christopher West, author, speaker and teacher on Desire, Design, Destiny at Our Lady of Good Counsel on Saturday, Nov. 9. Mass at 8am celebrated by Archbishop Miller. Tickets: \$30 and workbook is \$12. The workbook is integral for the conference, as Christopher West uses it during the sessions. For info and reservation 604-270-9463 or email cfcvanc@cfc.ca.

LUKE 15 FUNDRAISER

Come and join us for a night of fellowship, buffet dinner, silent auction, door prizes, live entertainment and life changing testimonies. The event will take place at Gracepoint Community Church, 3487 King George Blvd., South Surrey on Friday, Nov. 15 at 7pm. Tickets are available at the parish office. For more information about Luke 15 House please visit www.luke15house.com.

FAITH IN ACTION

The Ecclesial Movements and New Communities will host a gathering to celebrate the Year of Faith. The event will be on Nov. 16 at St. Matthew's Parish, Surrey. Mass 9am celebrated by Archbishop Miller. Abbot John Braganza will speak on the role of laity. Archbishop Miller will speak on Archdiocesan priorities and goals. Cost \$15/person includes lunch. Register at www.rcav.org/faithinaction. More info at 604-683-0281 ext. 229 or mbobnar@rcav.org.

VOCATION LIVE IN WEEKEND

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. For more information call 604-826-8715.