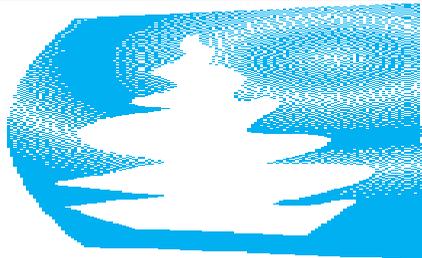


THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



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ABRAHAM
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SUNDAY NOV 10: 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
1:00pm Handmaids (Rectory Dining)
3:00pm Filipino Mass (Church)
6:20pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

MONDAY NOV 11: REMEMBRANCE DAY (Parish office closed)

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

TUESDAY NOV 12: ST. JOSAPHAT

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 13:

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

THURSDAY NOV 14:

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

FRIDAY NOV 15:

6:30pm Dev & Peace (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:30pm CCO (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY NOV 16:

12:00pm YM Basketball (School Gym)
2:00pm Youth for Christ (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)
7:30pm ARC (Church)

SUNDAY NOV 17: 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Craft Fair & Pancake Breakfast (School Gym)
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)
6:20pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

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

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Pastor's
Corner

REAL RESURRECTION

Many people today find it difficult to believe in the resurrection of the body. In the time of Jesus, the sect of the Sadducees did not believe in it. In today's Gospel, Jesus uncovers one of the difficulties: most people like the Sadducees, have a crude understanding of the resurrected body and life after death. They see them as the simple continuation of this present life, a return to what was before death. Hence, what happens to the widow who had been married several times? Will she have seven husbands to please? Then, heaven would be worst than hell for her, and for the jealous husbands! And what about those who hated their body during their life because it was too short, too tall? I don't want my big nose back for eternity! In fact, as people get old, they experience their body as a limitation to their freedom and to their capacity to love and to live fully. They sometimes see death as the soul escaping from the prison of their suffering body. They wish they could get rid of their body.

But then, is life after death worth desiring if it is just the life of a disembodied soul? Spending eternity looking at the face of God doesn't seem exciting for most men! And when we truly love someone, we can't imagine loving him/her without his/her body. Once, I saw a woman beside her dead husband, crying and kissing his hands. It took hours before she would let go of them. Here it is. We want life after death to be a real continuation of this life, yet something quite different, much better, where there is a body that is not a prison, but a perfect instrument of communion, of love and freedom, a perfect expression of our true self, of our redeemed self.

Well Jesus agreed to that! So much that he himself was ready to go through his terrible death "for the sake of the joy to come", as the Bible says in the Book of Hebrews. And his

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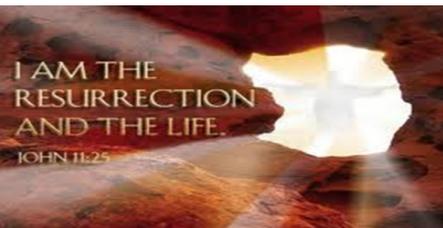
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appearances after his death show that he was the same, very real, touchable, yet very different. He even ate in the presence of his disciples, many times. He said to Thomas, "Put your fingers into my wounds". But then, he also showed his disciples, he could be present to them and love them and help them in a far greater way now that his body was spiritualized. A bit like a mix of the angelic way of being with the goodness of a real, objective, lovable and living human body. He was able to see through the thoughts of Thomas and touch him spiritually, changing this doubting Thomas into one who sees and say, "My Lord and my God". At the same time, the risen Jesus is able to love and communicate his love to all other disciples whether they are in Jerusalem or in Emmaus. He was able to be intimately present to many people at the same time.

Brothers and sisters, this is what we are going to be in heaven. We will be able to love each and everybody around the throne of God with a far greater intimacy than in the best marriage in this earth. Our body will be a perfect means of communion and of communication. And that is why we look for the Resurrection of the dead as we say in the creed.

OK! This is all good. But can we have something of that enhanced life right now, on earth, to the hope of eternal resurrected life may become real life-changing. Yes. The life of the saints demonstrate that. They have a real love of Christ that is greater and more intimate than husband and wife even in the best possible marriage. You can see that in their letters and writings. You can see it with your eyes in the life of today's saints like Jean Vanier, Mother Teresa, blessed John Paul the Second, Pope Francis.

Their love for Christ enables them to love the poorest of the poor with the same love that Christ has for themselves. You and I are called to be like these saints, here on earth. If we accept this gift and challenge, we will be greatly blessed.



*God bless you,
Fr. Pierre*

PARISH NEWS

ST. MARY'S CRAFT FAIR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Join us on Sunday Nov. 17th from 9am-3pm. Pancake breakfast served all day until closing, small \$2/large \$3. Start your Christmas shopping with crafts, baking, gifts and more!

YOUTH PRAYER MEETING GRADE 6-10

All Grade 6-10 students are invited to the Youth Prayer Meeting every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 4:30-6pm in the Church basement. The meetings include singing songs of praise, a teaching, and prayer ministry. Snacks provided.

YOUTH PRAYER MEETING - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 4-6pm to order or prepare snacks, welcome the kids when they arrive, and clean up at the end. Info: Rocelyn 604-435-9611 ext. 247.

SPARK NIGHT: MODEST IS COOLEST! - GR.6-8

Modesty does not only show in the way we dress. How else can we practice modesty? Find out on Monday, Nov 18 at 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement.

FLAME SOCIAL - GR.8-12



Find out why it's fun to join Youth Ministry! Is it the games? The teachings? Or is it the awesome guys and girls? Do not miss out on Friday, Nov 22 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement. Refreshments are included.

STREET MINISTRY LOOKING FOR DONATIONS

St. Mary's Street Ministry is asking for donations of Halloween size chocolate within 3 months of purchase; new men's socks, winter gloves, hats, scarves, and winter jackets. Please place donations in the boxes in the foyer.

LIGHT OF JESUS GARAGE SALE



Light of Jesus Family is having its Fall Garage Sale today (Sunday, Nov 10) from 9:30am-5:00pm at the gym. Please check out the very interesting items for sale. See you there!

PAPAL AWARD- MILDRED MOY

Mildred will receive the Papal "Benemerenti Medal" on Nov. 24 at Holy Rosary Cathedral. As a parish we will celebrate as on the weekend of Nov 30/Dec 1 after the Masses in the Church basement. All are invited to come and greet and congratulate Mildred!

COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS

LUKE 15 HOUSE DINNER

Come and join us for a special and inspirational 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.

VOCATION-LIVE IN

On the weekend of Nov. 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.

FAITH IN ACTION

The Ecclesial Movements and New Communities will host a gathering to celebrate the Year of Faith on Nov. 16 at St. Matthew's Parish, Surrey. Mass at 9am with Archbishop Miller. Abbot John Braganza will speak on the role of laity, and Archbishop Miller will speak about Archdiocesan priorities and goals. Cost \$15 per person includes lunch and break. Tickets at the parish office.

INAUGURAL ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Come together with Catholic Women for the First Archdiocesan Women's Conference on November 23 from 8:30am to 5:30pm at Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre. Speakers include Teresa Tomeo, Author, Syndicated Catholic talk show host, and motivational speaker; Therese Polakovic, Founder and Executive Director, ENDOW; and Cheridan Sanders, Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation. Tickets available online at <http://rcav.org/womenconference/> or at the parish office.

SEMINARY LECTURE

On Saturday, Nov. 23, from 10am-3pm there will be a free lecture, "Men, Couples, Families and Abortion" by Kevin Burke, co-founder of Rachel's Vineyard, at the Seminary of Christ the King. For more information call 604-826-8975.

YEAR OF FAITH CLOSING AND PAPAL HONOURS MASS

All are invited to help close the Year of Faith with a special Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Sunday, Nov. 24. Archbishop Miller will celebrate at 2:30pm. In addition, awards from Pope Francis will be given out to several men and women in the Archdiocese for unstinting service to the Archdiocese. A reception will follow in the cathedral hall.

