

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

SUNDAY SEP 7: 23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Handmaids (School Seminar Room)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church basement)
1:30pm CFC (School Gym)

MONDAY SEP 8: NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
7:00pm Living Rosary (Church)
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)

TUESDAY SEP 9:

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

WEDNESDAY SEP 10:

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

THURSDAY SEP 11:

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

FRIDAY SEPT 12:

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
7:00pm CFC-SFL (School Seminar Room)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY SEP 13: ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

9:00am Bible Study (Church basement)
1:30am CFC Youth (Church basement)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church basement)

SUNDAY SEP 14: EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church basement)
6:15pm 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 from 9am-9pm

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. Email the Parish Office: parish.smarv@rcav.org 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

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

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

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PASTORS & STAFF

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Pastor's
Corner

DO YOU CARE?

I am always amazed at how much people are willing to help someone in a dangerous situation, or even just a troublesome one. Many years ago, my car passenger had forgotten his wallet on the roof of my car. We were already moving along, when someone started honking and pointing to the top of my car. I thought it was a joke, so I continued to accelerate. The guy followed and continued to honk until I stopped, looked up, and got the wallet!

Another time, there was a collapsed bridge right around a blind curve. Somebody stayed there, in the cold weather, to warn me of the danger. We could multiply these examples. But if someone is following a morally self-destructive path, will we warn him? Chances are we won't! "This is not my business! Who am I to tell him what to do!" Maybe we would help that person if we really loved him. We would gather a few friends who really care for him and say, "We really love you and we are concerned with this drinking problem, or this adulterous behavior." We would hope that he would get the point and get over his defensiveness and resentment. And accept our help! Blessed are we, if we do this and are really willing to help the person to get free! And this person is blessed to have us as a friend.

But very few of us do that. It is a very scary thing to do! We are afraid of losing a friend or even of being attacked by that friend. Maybe he could start gossiping against us and we would lose our reputation. It does happen!

However, God is asking us to do it. This first reading today is very strong about it. "If you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the

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wicked shall die for his guilt but I will hold you responsible for his death." (Ezekiel 33.8) In a way, even our civil laws have been influenced by this view of the Bible. If you do not assist someone who is in danger of death, by the road side, you may be held responsible and face criminal charges. But this civil law is only concerned about the life of the body. Jesus goes further. If a person is in danger of dying spiritually, you are responsible. you have to do something. Sometimes, all we can do is pray. But many times we could do more. If you do so, you may have saved your eternal life! And you will truly be sons and daughters of God.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



Ezekiel 33:7-9

You are a watchman for Israel. You must warn the wicked.

PARISH NEWS

PREP REGISTRATION

Registration for the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) has been extended until September 10. Applications can be submitted at the Parish Office, Monday-Friday from 12-5:30pm. We will also accept registrations during the opening day of classes on Tuesday, Sept 9 and Wednesday, Sept 10 from 6:30-8:00 pm at the School office. For further information, please contact the PREP Coordinator.

SPARK (GR. 6-8) - WELCOME BACK!

The first Spark event of the school year will be on Mon. Sept 15 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement. See you there!

LIVING ROSARY FOR THE NATIVITY OF MARY



What better gift can we offer to our patron saint, the Blessed Virgin Mary, than a bouquet of roses through her Rosary? All are invited to pray the Living Rosary in St. Mary's Church on Mon, Sept 8 from 7-8:30pm.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-35)-SACRED PATHWAYS

Though shalt not covet thy neighbour's spiritual walk. If your spiritual walk is not what you'd like it to be, you can change that by discovering the route you were made to travel, marked by growth and filled with the riches of a close walk with God. Contact yam.smarv@gmail.com for info or visit Facebook: St. Mary's Young Adult Ministry.

PROJECT ADVANCE



We are now at 53% of our parish goal. Please continue to send in your pledges through the Sunday collection, the parish office, or you may donate online at www.rcav.org/giving. New pledge forms are available in the foyer. Since we have achieved the diocesan goal, now every dollar we receive will go directly to the parish building fund. We need everyone's participation, no gift is too small!

BIBLE STUDY

Join us for an in-depth 8 session study of "Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother" beginning Sunday, September 14 in the Church Basement at 6:15pm. For more information or to register, call the parish office ext. 0.

PARISH NEWS

HANDS OF VERONICA

We attend to the sick and elderly in three care homes in Burnaby. Mass is celebrated monthly in each of the care homes on Wednesdays. We are appealing for more volunteers to help with these celebrations. We need people who can help bring the residents together for Mass and help them return to their rooms. Some are in wheelchairs and others need help walking. If you are free one Wednesday a month (morning or afternoon) and can help, please contact Barry at 604-327-5425 or bardes36@gmail.com or contact Edward at e.livera@yahoo.com.

HANDS OF VERONICA

Fall meeting on Wednesday, September 17 from 9:30-11:30am in the Rectory Dining Room, followed by light potluck lunch. For info contact Barry at 604-327-5425 or bardes36@gmail.com.

8AM CHOIR - MUSICIANS WANTED

Please contact Amalie Livera 778-836-4187 or Dominic Lau 778-885-0818 if you are a musician (pianist, guitarist, violinist, etc) and wish to offer your services at the Sunday 8am Mass.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

Focus is on Physical Healing with Fr Richard McAlear, three major talks and a healing service. Archbishop Miller will be the main celebrant of the concluding Mass. Friday, Sept. 19 from 7-9:30pm and Saturday, Sept. 20 from 10-8:30pm at St. Matthew's Church, Surrey. Tickets \$10 available at the parish office. For more info contact Lennie at 604-597-8227 or www.vccrs.ca.

CORPUS CHRISTI ANNUAL BAZAAR

Saturday Sept. 27 from 10am-4pm at Corpus Christi Parish. This is a family oriented event with various games, food, and numerous fun-filled activities for the entire family. All are welcome!

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriage. For info or to register for the session on the weekend of October 10-12, call 604-530-6710 or email vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org.