

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



### **SUNDAY SEP 21: 25TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (School Gym)  
6:15pm Bible Study (Church basement)

### **MONDAY SEP 22:**

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

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

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)  
7:00pm CWL (School Gym)  
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Basement)

### **WEDNESDAY SEP 24:**

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

### **THURSDAY SEP 25:**

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

### **FRIDAY SEPT 26: STS. DE BREBEUF, JOGUES & COMPANIONS**

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)  
7:00pm CWL Trivia Night (Church Basement)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **SATURDAY SEP 27: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

9:00am Bible Study (Church basement)  
9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory basement)  
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)  
10:00am Knights of Columbus (Church basement)  
1:30pm CFC Youth (Church basement)  
2:30pm Baptism (Church)  
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church basement)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)  
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)  
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church basement)

### **SUNDAY SEP 28: 26TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)  
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

Phone: (604) 437-1312 Fax: (604) 437-1193

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

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:** Joseph Mendoza (ext. 0)



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**SEPTEMBER 21, 2014**

*Pastor's  
Corner*

## IT'S NOT FAIR!

Jesus told this parable, the most troubling one... A landowner goes up at 6:00am to hire labourers at the usual daily wage: one denarius for a twelve hour day. That was a normal day. The wage was enough to provide bread for the family that day. Rare were those who had a permanent job offering security for weeks ahead. The landowner comes back to the hiring place, the village square, at 9:00am, at noon, at 3:00pm and 5:00pm. "I will give you what is just." At 6:00pm, it's pay time. He starts by paying those who he hired at 5:00pm, and gives them a full day wage. Very generous pay! Those who were hired earlier naturally expected more, especially those who worked twelve hours, twelve times more than those who worked only one hour (and were spared the scorching heat of noon.) But they all received the normal, agreed upon wage. Don't we agree with them when they say: It's not fair!

We are vis-à-vis God like them. We see justice from the standpoint of our limited self-centered view. Instead of rejoicing with those latecomers who received enough money to put bread on the table for the whole family that night, even though they were hired for only one hour, we grumble against the landowner, who stands for God, the owner of the Universe. How many times have we thought: "If I were God, things would be different. Children would not get sick. The young mother would not die young. The elderly who suffer would not have to live longer. The wicked would not prosper. I would have more talents, more health, a better spouse, better kids."

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The following story illustrates well one of the meanings of today's parable.

During World War II, in Poland, shortly after Germany invaded Poland, a high ranking officer came to a Polish village and told them they would be transferred to a much better place. People believed that lie and waited for the proposed day for the transfer. The day before, a beloved grandmother was killed accidentally by a car while buying food for her family. The villagers were indignant at God. "She was about to enjoy the happiest retirement, had she been protected from death. Why, God, did you let her die?" The next day, everybody was deported to a horrible concentration camp. The grandmother was spared seeing all her children being tortured to death. They later invoked her as the patron of a happy death.

Let us take another look at God, the landowner. Far from being mean, he himself relentlessly goes out five times to those who need to put bread on the table. He is willing to hire those who were rejected by the other hiring landowners, probably because they were judged too weak to stand a full day of work. And yet, he hires them and pays them a full day wage...because this is what they need for their family, even though they don't deserve it, according to our own narrow minded sense of justice.

"Jesus tells us that the kingdom of heaven is like this landowner. The Love of heaven takes the initiative in seeking us out. The Love of heaven chooses us despite our utter unworthiness." (Magnificat September 2014)

I found myself in the situation of those late labourers, having been ordained at 38 years of age. I did complain: "Why did you let me lose ten years of priesthood? I could have been ordained at 28 or even 25!" But the Lord reminded me that at that younger age, I could not stand the perspective of living a whole life without a wife and kids, and having a job that required a total trust in God. Out of mercy, He waited to hire me so that I did not have to bear the heat of noon day. And now, at an age when some others start to get tired of their jobs, and seek retirement, I find myself fresh and eager to do more.

Oh God, you knew what you were doing, when dealing with me! Should I not trust you forever?

*God bless you, Fr. Pierre*

## PARISH NEWS

### **CWL TRIVIA NIGHT**

St Mary's CWL is happy to announce TRIVIA NIGHT is back for the fourth year! Have fun with friends, family, and your community for only \$5 per person (includes refreshments.) Save the date, Friday, September 26, from 7-9:30pm in the Church Basement.

### **GRACE THAT REIGNS**



Grace that Reigns Society presents an evening of prayer for Archbishop Miller and our priests as we celebrate the Feast of St. Padre Pio on Thursday, September 25. Mass at 7pm, followed by devotional prayers, healing and graces. Goodwill offering is appreciated! <http://www.gracethatreigns.com/>.

### **THANK YOU**

Youth Ministry would like to thank everyone who supported Camp Flame. It was a beautiful success because of your prayers!

### **YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT (GR. 6-10)**

Come for music, games, teaching and fellowship on Thursday, Sept 25 from 4:30-6pm in the Church basement. Let the Holy Spirit inspire you!

### **DONATIONS OPTIONS**

Do you know you can make your weekly or other parish donations online? Go to [www.stmaryvancouver.ca](http://www.stmaryvancouver.ca), click "Donate," enter the required information and click "Complete." Payment can be made using credit card or Paypal. There is also an option for automatic monthly payment, so you don't have to worry about remembering your envelope. You can also earn points if using a credit card. Please contact Ossie at the parish office if you have further questions or require assistance.



### **EXCITING UPCOMING PARISH EVENT - DECEMBER 6**

Mark your calendar and make sure you and your family are free that day to enjoy a special event hosted by the different ministries of the parish! We promise an exciting event you don't want to miss, including a very special guest. So stay tuned, more details to come soon!

### **ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH RELATIONS**

We are looking for a parishioner who is interested in promoting and encouraging interfaith relations and representing our parish in this regard. If interested, please email [parish.smarv@rcav.org](mailto:parish.smarv@rcav.org) for more details.

## PARISH NEWS

### **SATURDAY 5PM CHOIR LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

The Saturday 5pm choir would like to invite singers and musicians to consider joining our choir to praise God through the ministry of music. We are especially looking for a piano player or guitar player. For more info, please contact Catty at [frozentriqui@gmail.com](mailto:frozentriqui@gmail.com).

### **VOCATION COMMITTEE**

St. Mary's Vocation Committee invites you to come and listen to a talk on "Finding God in the Home: A Family Spirituality" on Saturday, October 4 in the Church Basement from 9:30-11:30am. Refreshments will be served. For more info, email [josephmary1964@gmail.com](mailto:josephmary1964@gmail.com).

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

### **COLLECTION FOR NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA**

Every year, the Bishops of Canada make an appeal for financial assistance to support their work and the work of each diocese by means of the Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. The collection is next weekend, Sept. 27/28. Through your contribution, you too can collaborate with the bishops in their ministry to teach, sanctify and govern.

### **PRO-LIFE MASS AND PRAYER VIGIL**

Peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents. Saturday, Oct. 4 at 9am. Mass at Holy Spirit Parish, New Westminster, followed by rosary and vigil in the Church.



### **SHARING THE FAITH - PRISON MINISTRY**

Catholic Charities Justice Services of the Archdiocese of Vancouver invites you to come and explore the rewarding and transformative work of Prison Ministry. A volunteer support and development conference will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9am-5pm, St. Andrew Kim Parish, Surrey. Lunch and refreshments provided. RSVP Germaine Solaiman 604-307-8481 or [gsolaiman@rcav.org](mailto:gsolaiman@rcav.org).

### **MAN ALIVE**

Join the Archbishop, 30 priests, and 800 other men, on Friday, Nov. 7 at St. Patrick's Parish in Vancouver, 7:30pm start, for a powerful evening with speaker Matt Fradd. Tickets are \$10 and available at [www.rcav.org/manalive](http://www.rcav.org/manalive); price includes materials and manly, quality refreshments. As the venue only permits 800 attendees, act fast to ensure your seat on November 7!