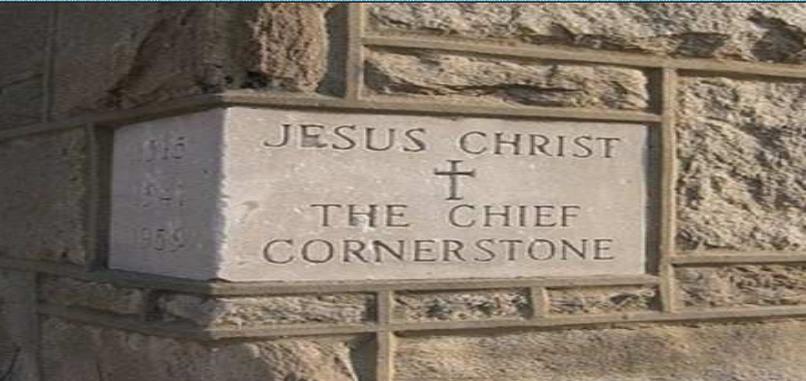


THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



JESUS CHRIST
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CORNERSTONE

SUNDAY OCT 5: 27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Handmaids (Seminar Room)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church basement)
1:30pm CFC (School Gym)
6:15pm Bible Study (Church basement)

MONDAY OCT 6:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)
7:30pm Lay Apostle (Church)

TUESDAY OCT 7: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

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

WEDNESDAY OCT 8:

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

THURSDAY OCT 9:

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

FRIDAY OCT 10:

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

SATURDAY OCT 11:

9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory basement)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
12:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church basement)
1:30pm CFC Youth (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

SUNDAY OCT 12: 28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

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 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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*Pastor's
Corner*

OWNER OR TENANT?

A major shift in the moral values of "developed" countries, has happened in the last sixty years. We could probably trace its "beginnings" in the horrors of World War II. It is about the lie that we own the world, and each one has to fight to grab the biggest share of it. It is also the lie that each one of us own his/her life and his/her body. The short and long term consequence of the acceptance of that lie, of that "new" creed are many.

One of the first consequences we saw was abortion. If my body is strictly mine and if I don't have to give an account of what I do with it, then I can get rid of any part of it that I don't want and even ask the state to pay the hospital for the "surgery." Indeed the fetus is considered to be only a mass of unwanted tissue, like a cancer.

The same public health insurance will pay a lot to help you get rid of your unborn child, but if you want to have a baby, it will also pay a lot to help you get it. It means that the main criteria is, "Do I want a baby or not?" My will, my fluctuating will, is the sole criteria of judgment. I don't have to give any account to God or society. Many "Christian" churches teach that implicitly, by legitimizing abortion. Nowadays, many hospitals deliver as many abortions as live babies. And in some of the poorest neighbourhoods of New York city, 2/3 of the pregnancies end up in abortion. Now, we even "abort" babies who are partly born. And the doctor will screen your fetus and the hospital counselors will likely advise you to get rid of the baby-fetus if he has down syndrome or other health problems.

Another consequence of the belief that we own our life and body is assisted suicide. The "value" that is being pushed in the front pages of big newspapers is that we have a right to choose when and how we will die, and that is a fundamental right, for which society has to provide services,

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through our health care system. The right to die? If each individual is given "divine" ownership of his/her life, it won't be long before the state decides to organize this right to live or die and exercise it "in our name." This happened in one of the most educated and advanced societies of the world: the Germany of World War II.

At the individual level, can't we see the emptiness and sadness of a life that I would live only for the satisfaction of my selfish desire? It would soon become boring. Boring! That is the word that is on the lips of so many youth and so many elderly. On the contrary, if my life is a gift and if I am the tenant who has to give an account to God and give Him the fruits, then I have a beautiful purpose. I acknowledge that I have received from God, a share in the providential governance of this world and of my life. I can choose to be co-creator with God and according to God's plan for my life and for the world. I become an active participant not only of the world but of all that exists, of the world and of God's purposes.

If we refuse that option, we become a collection of individuals seeking their own selfish interests and fighting one another for it.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

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

Did you miss the fun and fellowship of Youth Ministry? We did too! Let the leaders welcome you on Monday, Oct 6 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement for a night of fun games. Bring your friends. Please follow dress code of jeans (non-skinny) and T-shirt (not body-fit).

YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT (GR. 6-10)

Come for music, games, teaching and fellowship on Thursday, Oct 9 from 4:30-6pm in the Church basement. Let the Holy Spirit inspire you! Please follow dress code of jeans (non-skinny) and T-shirt (not body-fit).

YOUNG ADULTS (18-35) - SACRED PATHWAYS

Does your prayer life need a boost? Do you want to be part of a community? Then, join us and discover your personal spiritual walk that will draw you and Christ closer to each other. The next meeting is on Wednesday, Oct 8 from 6:30-8pm in the Church basement library. Please register at yam.smarv@gmail.com or call 604-435-9611 ext.247.

PARISH LIBRARY

The parish library will be open for at least 30 minutes after 1pm, 3pm, 5pm and 7pm Masses today and on all Sundays in October.

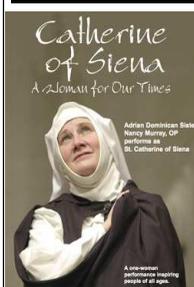


SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

Discover St. Catherine of Siena's inspiration for lay Catholics today to preach the Gospel! Saturday October 18, 9:30am-4pm in the Church basement. The morning features a one-woman drama of St. Catherine's life, by Sr. Nancy Murray OP. Afternoon presentations by Sr. Gabriella Yi OP and Mark Norbury OP. Tickets \$25 (full day) or \$15 (half day morning or afternoon) are available at the parish office. Bring your own lunch; hot drinks provided. For information, see www.dominicanlaity.ca/events, or call Adele 604-324-1908 or Lani 778-928-3912.

GRACE THAT REIGNS SOCIETY

Thank you for attending the Prayers for Priests Celebration of St. Padre Pio last Thursday. It was a blessed time with the relic of the *True Cross* present among us. See you for our regularly scheduled Prayers for Priests every 4th Thursday of the month.



PARISH NEWS

THANKSGIVING HIKE

Join Fr. Pierre and your fellow parishioners in an intermediate hike on Monday, Oct 13. Meeting time is at 8:45am in the parking lot and expected return is 4pm. There is a \$10 fee for bus transportation. Please register at 604-435-9611 ext. 247. Space is limited.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy Ministry is in need of volunteers for Sundays during 9:30 Mass. The time commitment is one Sunday per month. No experience is necessary and we will provide all the training needed. We would like to appeal especially to parents whose children participate in Children's Liturgy. This is a wonderful way to get involved in the parish. If you are interested please contact bevryznar@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY

Welcomes all prospective 2015-2016 candidates and their families to an Open House on Wednesday, October 15, from 6-8pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Welcome address starts at 6pm in the auditorium, 1625 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver and is followed by guided tours. Entrance exam application packages for Gr. 8 will be available. For more information please visit our website www.lfabc.org or contact Kathi Wilson, Registrar at wilsonk@lfabc.org or 604-738-9016 ext. 114.

IGNATIAN DISCERNMENT RETREAT

You're invited to explore Ignatian spirituality as a way of deepening your prayer life and growing in intimacy with God. Catherine M. Kelly, M.Div. and Leanne Salel, Christian Life Community coordinator, will offer an all-day retreat on St. Ignatius of Loyola's methods of discernment. Participants will learn and have the opportunity to experience different methods of praying with God through decision-making. We will meet from 9am-5pm on Saturday, October 25 at St. Mark's Parish, 5935 Iona Drive, Vancouver. Cost is \$50. Register at JSAVancouver@gmail.com.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CWL BAZAAR

Join us from 9:30am-2pm on Saturday October 25, St. Francis de Sales School Gym, 6656 Balmoral Street, Burnaby. Bazaar will have a Silent Auction, fresh Okanagan apples, homemade lunch, table rentals, home baking, and much more. A great opportunity to start Christmas shopping!