

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

The Invitation



SUNDAY OCT 12: 28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

MONDAY OCT 13: THANKSGIVING DAY (Parish Office Closed)

8:45am Thanksgiving Hike (Meet in Parking Lot)

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

TUESDAY OCT 14:

6:00pm Baptism Prep (Church)

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)

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

WEDNESDAY OCT 15: ST. TERESA OF JESUS

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

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY OCT 16: ST. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY OCT 17: ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

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

7:00pm CFC-FFL (Seminar Room)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY OCT 18: ST. LUKE

10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)

2:00pm CFC Youth (School Gym)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)

7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

7:30pm ARC (Church)

SUNDAY OCT 19: 29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

6:30pm Youth Ministry (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 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*

YOU ABSOLUTELY MUST DO THIS NOW

The Catholic Church teaches that we all received at least one grace of conversion during our lifetime. If we answer yes to that invitation and persevere in it, we will enter into the wedding banquet of God's Son with humankind. In fact, we will be the bride! The bride of Christ! That is said of the people of God as a whole, that it will be the bride of Christ, but in a sense also of each one of us, who will go to heaven. Imagine being one with God for eternity, to share in his love, in his beauty, in his power, in his understanding for ever, and still be a distinct and unique person.

But today's Gospel teaches us that we can make light of it, and neglect to answer it because we have other things apparently more important to do: attend to our business and our daily routine. Jesus told us that the road to heaven is "the road less travelled", few take it, it is a hard climb, a twisting narrow road. But the road to hell is easy and wide. Many take it. Some theologians believe that in the end of our life, at the moment of death, God will give powerful graces, so that he will draw us powerfully to him, that only the most hardened sinners will resist his invitation. But the church cannot guarantee this position. The Church can only say that God could decide to save all, but it cannot say that God has to save us all. In other words, don't bet on that possibility! You could end up missing the eternal wedding banquet. Jesus has warned us many times in the Gospel. Today's Gospel is one example of that warning.

You can be sure that the devil doesn't want anyone to go to heaven. Out of vengeance and rage, he wants all of us to share in his eternal misery, in hell. So far, the devil has accumulated so much power that he claims to have dominion over everything—it is a lie—and tempts us in our wounded

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human nature.

Precisely one of his tactics is deceit about our future. He makes us believe that pleasure, power, prestige, possession are everything we need, and that eventually, we will be fulfilled if we pursue these "idols" long enough and hard enough, and he convinces us that, if heaven exists, we still have a lot of time to accept God's invitation, that maybe, we can do that even after death, or at the moment of death.

Another tactic the devil uses is diversions. "He wants us to focus on lesser things to avoid focusing on greater things, such as, a moral decision, or our relationship with our family and God, or the overall direction of our lives. Little by little we aim at the wrong direction. We don't hear God's invitation to the wedding banquet of His Son because we have too many distractions and worries that lead us sideways.

We become like Martha, who was worried and distracted by a complicated service and forgot that Jesus just wanted to be with her, not necessarily eat a big banquet. How can we detect this form of diversion in our life? The devil will make us believe that "we absolutely must do this absorbing task" along with his discouragement of any critical self-reflection or examination ("you don't have any real time or energy to look at this in a different way"). If one believes that we will become so absorbed in our task, whatever it is, we will slowly move away from our ultimate purpose and mission, the wedding banquet of God's Son with us.

*God bless you,
Father Pierre*

For further reading:

"The Devil You Don't Know—Recognizing and Resisting Evil in Everyday Life" by Louis Cameli, Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, IN

PARISH NEWS

THANKSGIVING HIKE - BUS FULL



Join Fr. Pierre and parishioners for an intermediate hike on Monday, Oct 13. Meeting time is 8:45am in the parking lot, expected return is 4pm. Bus is full but if interested, please carpool or bring your own vehicle.

NO SPARK EVENT

Please remember that there is NO Spark event for gr 6-8 on Thanksgiving Monday, Oct 13. The next one is on Oct 20.

FLAME (GR. 8-12) – MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

Do you struggle to appreciate yourself? You are not alone. Experience God's love and blessings with your peers on Sunday, Oct 19 from 6:30-9pm in the Church basement. No pre-registration required and refreshments are provided.

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 Sunday, Oct 19 from 7-8:30pm in the school gym. Please register at yam.smarv@gmail.com or call 604-435-9611 ext.247.

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 on sale after all Masses this weekend, and also 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.

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.



TALITHA KOUM SOCIETY

We thank you for your past support of the Talitha Koum Society. Some of our women will be present next weekend, October 18/19 to tell you more about our needs and meet with you after all Masses. Thank you in advance for your support.

PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE

Our pledges to date total \$115,069 or 58% of our parish goal. Please continue to donate through the Sunday collection, the parish office, or online at rcav.org. Pledge forms may be obtained at the registration desk in the Church foyer. Thank you for your generosity.



ADORATION WITH TAIZE MUSIC

Come join us on Saturday Oct 25th from 7-8pm in Adoration to pray for peace in the Middle East, persecuted Christians around the world, our volunteers and families, and for an end to sex trafficking.



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.

SOW MUCH LOVE

As we celebrate Thanksgiving with family and loved ones, giving glory to God for the bounty of the harvest, let us think of the small farmers, many of whom are in developing countries. Their way of life is being threatened by multinational companies lobbying the governments to pass laws that will force farmers, not to grow their own seeds, but to buy them from these companies. The multinationals' seeds are genetically modified requiring much fertilizers and pesticides. What's more, they can only be used once, meaning that farmers have to buy the seeds from them every year. Please take the time to sign the online petition by going to http://www.devp.org/en/education/fall_campaign_2014 and click on the ACTION tab.

LIVE IN RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Silent live-in retreat for women interested in discerning a call to religious life from Friday Nov 7 to Sunday Nov 9. For more information or to register contact Sr. Denece at 604-985-4872 or dbillesberger@shaw.ca. Space is limited.