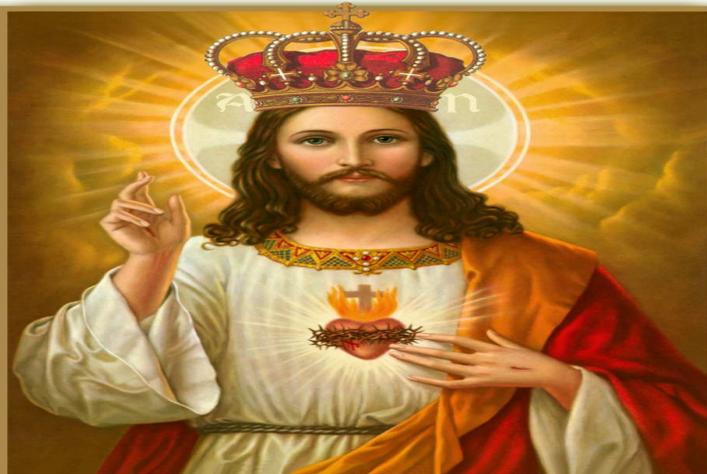


THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY NOV 23: CHRIST THE KING

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
6:15pm Bible Study (Church basement)

MONDAY NOV 24: ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMPANIONS

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

TUESDAY NOV 25:

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 26:

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

THURSDAY NOV 27:

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

FRIDAY NOV 28:

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

SATURDAY NOV 29:

8:00am Marriage Enrichment Retreat (Church Basement)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

SUNDAY NOV 30: 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 Sunday 3pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:

Wednesday 6pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:

Thursday: 7:20am & Saturday: 8am

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

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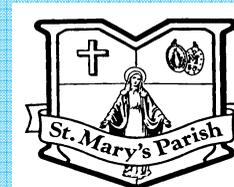
Pastoral Assistant: Vesna Jankovic (ext. 6)

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NOVEMBER 23, 2014

*Pastor's
Corner*

**"THE GOD WHO WRITES STRAIGHT ON
CROOKED LINES"**
(Pope Benedict XVI)

Almost everyday, 6-7 days a week, all year long, I listen to the cries of mothers and fathers who worry about the salvation of their children and grandchildren. "They never go to Church except to please me at Christmas and Easter. But they are good kids. They would never hurt anyone. They truly care for the sick, the homeless, the poor, the neglected. Should I keep worrying about their salvation? Should I keep harassing them about Church every Sunday?"

Today's Gospel from Matthew 25:31-46 is the best answer I could give them. "I (Jesus speaking at the last judgment) was hungry and you gave me food, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me and cared for me." But they, your children, will answer, "Lord, when did we see you hungry, and feed you, when did we see you a stranger and welcome you?" And the Lord will reply, "Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me. Come. Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you before the foundation of the world!" Maybe your children are loving and generous but **NOT** because of Christ's command. It is out of sheer goodness. Well then, this Gospel applies directly to them. Those people in Matthew 25 did not know that Christ was there in the poorest of the poor. They did it out of love, not out of obligation, and that is why God recognizes Himself in what they have done and He wants them to be with Him forever in heaven.

Well then Father, what about those children of mine who are not generous, who don't care about the sick, the hungry, the stranger? Will they be saved? The odds are pretty good for them, **because of you!** He wants to save you, and **you** don't want to be saved if they are not. Well, God will find a way to save them.

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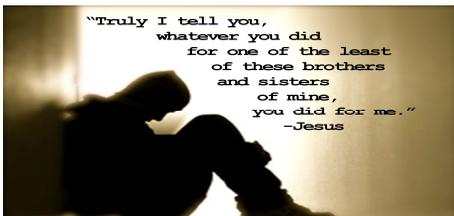
Listen to that convincing true story from St. John Vianney's entourage. A very devout woman was married to a militant atheist, well known for his virulent attacks on the Catholic Church and on its teachings. But he deeply respected his wife and let her practice her faith, even at home. She loved him greatly and prayed ardently for his conversion. Alas...the man ended up taking his life away and she was very much afraid for his salvation. She prayed for many years and doubted if she should continue. She was advised to go to Ars and ask St. John Vianney about this. She went and got discouraged by the two day long line up at the confessional. So she decided to pray in the saint's chapel. After a while, St. John Vianney went out of his confessional and walked directly to her. At this point, he was not, humanly speaking, supposed to know anything about the woman's anguish. Inspired by God, the saint said, "Remember that big Sacred Heart painting you put over your shared bed with him, well he did not object to it— even though he didn't like it at all. He let you hang this painting at the head of your bed and his bed. For his act of goodness, God admitted your husband into paradise. Madame, you don't need to worry for your husband's salvation anymore."

Beautiful, it shows God wants to get us into heaven by every possible means. Out of love for that lady, He let her husband enter into heaven. He considered that the love of this man for his wife was worthy of heaven! That is why I say that God can save your children because of His love for you! And because of their love for you, whom He loves dearly.

He can do all that because He is the King! And because of that, He can grant mercy to whoever He wants. Like Therese of Lisieux, bet on the God of Mercy.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

"God does not have a fixed plan that He must carry out; on the contrary, He has many ways of finding man and even of turning his wrong ways into right ways... (Pope Benedict XVI)



PARISH NEWS

ONE VOICE...ONE HEART...ONE SPIRIT

Mark your calendars! Come and enjoy a musical production hosted by the different ministries of our parish. The concert is on Saturday Dec 6, with showings at 1pm and 7pm in the School Gym. Doors open one hour before each showing. There is no reserve seating, so come early! Tickets are \$12 or \$45 for package of 4 tickets. Tickets are on sale after all Masses Nov 22/23 and Nov 29/30. There will be door prizes and food for sale before and after the performance. Come and enjoy this wonderful performance with your family and friends, and support your parish ministries!



ADVENT BOOKLETS

The season of Advent begins next Sunday, Nov 30. We are selling three different booklets that will help you to pray and reflect during Advent. Booklets are selling after all Masses this weekend, \$2/each.

ST. MARY'S SIMBANG GABI

Simbang Gabi is fast approaching, and we are in need of sponsors and volunteers. If you are able to help, please sign up in the foyer.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

St. Mary's School is now accepting applications for Kindergarten & Grade 1-7 for the 2015-2016 school year. Application forms can be downloaded from our website or picked up from the school office 8:30-4:00 M-F.

GRACE THAT REIGNS: PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

Please join us to pray for the priests of the Vancouver West Deanery on Thursday, Nov 27 at 7:40pm in the Church. See <http://www.gracethatreigns.com/>.

2015 SUNDAY ENVELOPES

The 2015 envelopes are now ready to be picked up from the Church basement. If you cannot locate your envelopes, or there are errors in the name or address, please fill out the appropriate form at the table advising same.

ECUMENICAL & INTERFAITH RELATIONS

We are looking for a parishioner who is interested in ecumenical relations and would like to represent the Parish to the Archdiocesan Commission. If you think this could be you, please email parish.smarv@rcav.org for more information.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

L'ARCHE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT

The concert featuring VanDeca is on Sunday, November 30 at 3pm at Sherbrooke Mennonite Church, 7155 Sherbrooke St. Vancouver. Admission is free.

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY

We are accepting applications from prospective Grade Eight candidates for the 2015-2016 school year. All students wishing to apply must write the Entrance Exam on Saturday, December 13. Applications are available on our school website www.lfabc.org/apply or by contacting Kathi Wilson at 604-738-9016 ext 114.

DISCERNING THE VOICE OF GOD IN ONE'S PRAYER

A practical weekend retreat on how and where to find the voice of God in one's personal prayer, facilitated by Fr. Richard Soo, S.J., on Friday, Dec. 12 at 7pm to Sunday, Dec. 14 at 12pm, at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, Surrey. Opportunity for individual spiritual direction provided. Cost: \$179 per person in single occupancy room or \$159 per person in shared occupancy room. Price includes presentations, four meals, and two nights in a comfortable room with shared bathroom facilities. Pre-registration required by Dec. 8 at www.rosemaryheights.com/events/discerning-the-voice-of-god-in-ones-prayer-an-introduction/.

MEN'S HOSTEL: REQUEST FOR MUGS

Every night our emergency homeless shelter hosts over 100 men who drink lots of coffee. Serving beverages in ceramic mugs is so much more welcoming than disposable cups. We also encourage our guests to keep their mugs so they can have something to call their own as they seek more stable long-term housing. We are happy we have over 1,000 mugs leave our doors every year, with our guests. If you have any mugs that you could donate to our guests, please contact us at 604-443-3292 or menshostel@rcav.bc.ca.

THINKING OF THE SEAFARERS AT CHRISTMAS

Please extend an act of God's love to sailors who will be spending their Christmas in Vancouver, away from their families. Just make a cheque out to "Archdiocese of Vancouver," with "Sailors Gift" on the memo line and we'll do the shopping for you, bringing a gift to the sailors. Please mail your cheque to 150 Robson Street, c/o Finance Office. A charitable receipt will be issued for donations of \$20 or more. Donations can also be made online at rcav.org/seafarers/.