

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### SUNDAY SEP 6: 23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)  
1:00pm CFC (Church basement)  
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Dining)

### MONDAY SEP 7: \*Parish Office Closed\*

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
7:00pm Lay Apostle (Church)

### TUESDAY SEP 8: NATIVITY OF MARY

6:00pm Baptism Prep (Church)  
**7:00pm Mass / Living Rosary (Church)**  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)

### WEDNESDAY SEP 9:

6:30pm Bible Study (Church basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)  
7:40pm Healing Ministry (Crying room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### THURSDAY SEP 10:

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (Rectory basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm RCIA (Church basement)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### FRIDAY SEP 11:

6:00pm CFC Youth (Rectory basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Ministry (Crying room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### SATURDAY SEP 12:

8:00am CFC Kids for Christ (Church basement)  
9:00am Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)  
9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory basement)  
2:30pm Baptism (Church)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)  
7:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)  
7:30pm CFC (Church basement)

### SUNDAY SEP 13: 23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)  
1:00pm CFC (Church basement)  
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Dining)

## 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 / 3pm (**Tagalog**) / 5pm / 7pm

**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 & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:** Coordinator: Rocelyn Catris

Email: youth.smarv@rcav.org

**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 5pm

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### PASTORS & STAFF

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**SEP 6, 2015**

**Pastor's  
Corner**

### **DEAD SILENCE**

Today's Gospel from Mark 7:31-37, relates one of the many miracles Jesus did throughout His three years of ministry. St. John tells us that Jesus worked so many signs and miracles that "if all was written down, the world itself would not hold all the books that would have to be written." (John 22:1-25) In other words, the miracles that are related in the four Gospels that we have, represent only a very small fraction of those that Jesus did.

What criteria did the Gospel writers use to select the miracles they put in our Bible? They chose those having a deep symbolic resonance. Those we could relate to in our spiritual life, those who were symbolic of spiritual healing. "Jesus came so that we may have life, life to the full-est." (John 10:10) This means, not only physical healing, but deep spiritual healing. On the Cross, Jesus showed us the length, the depth and the width of God's love for us. Through the miracles, He expressed the healing power of this love for us.

Let's apply this to the healing of the deaf-mute in today's Gospel. Fr. Mark Link S.J. wrote: "Many awake each day not to the sound of an alarm on a table, but to the whir of a vibrator under a pillow. Like the deaf-mute in the gospel, these people live in a silent world. For them, turning on the radio is useless. Watching TV is a bland experience. Conversation is virtually impossible, But the plight of a *physical* deaf-mute is nothing compared to the plight of a *spiritual* deaf-mute- someone who can't hear God or talk to God in prayer. And all of us fall into this category, at least at times in our lives. Spiritually, we live in a silent world."

"Have I ever asked Jesus to take me off "away from the crowd" and heal me of my *spiritual* deafness and dumbness?"

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Most of us, have experienced the silence of God but few ever wondered if in fact, they could be deaf to His voice, not attuned to it, too busy with all the voices and lures of this world, putting these first in their agenda, and slowly but surely becoming cut off from God. What if God is always speaking, but we became deaf? That is what the Psalm 139 says.

Today's first reading from Isaiah 35:4-7 relates the kind of miracles the Messiah would do to bring back His people from exile. Jesus is the Messiah that brings us back to God, from whom we came forth. We still have to take a long journey, hard and dangerous. But the Lord wants to heal us from the greatest obstacles that we will encounter during the journey. They come from within ourselves: being spiritually blind, deaf, mute, lame. How can we walk safely to our Home, if we can't see the obstacles, and hear His guiding voice?

At baptism, the Lord anointed us with the "oil of salvation" through which our ears were opened (Ephphatha) to the Word of God, and our eyes were opened to His presence. This started a spiritual healing of mind and heart so we could see, and hear God. Indeed our mind and will have been wounded and weakened by the consequences of the original sin. How can we reactivate that healing grace of baptism? Each night, ask God for His light to see your day. Review it with Him. Choose one thing that you should be grateful for. And one thing that you need to ask forgiveness for. For example you might have lost patience, or you might do good things but with the intention of being praised and honoured. Or you might have been a slave to selfish pleasures. Maybe you compromised the truth (you lied) in order to look good. You sought your happiness in the wrong places. After this brief review of your day, ask pardon for what went wrong and be grateful for what was good. Finally ask the grace to do better for the coming day. You can also do the examen in the morning or even when commuting, or walking the dog! After a while, the obstacles that prevent you from hearing God will be removed.

"Is anything too hard for the Lord?" (Genesis 18:14)

*God bless you, Fr. Pierre*

## PARISH NEWS

### COUPLES FOR CHRIST CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

We invite all married couples, singles, single parents, divorced, separated, widowed to a Christian Life Program (CLP) sponsored by Couples for Christ. The program starts Saturday Sep 19 at 7:30pm in the Church basement. Refreshments served, no fee. Bring your children to join Kids for Christ-Christian Life Program. More info: Chris/Julie 778-996-4420, Andy/Cheng 778-988-3835 or Dannie/Eden 604-710-6211 or email [chriscanilanza@yahoo.com](mailto:chriscanilanza@yahoo.com).

### LIVING ROSARY - NATIVITY OF MARY

Come and celebrate our Blessed Mother with Mass and solemn prayer on the Nativity of Mary, Tuesday Sep 8 at 7pm. The Living Rosary is a special way to pray the rosary; instead of beads, parishioners will lead us in prayer. You will hear Hail Mary in ten different languages! Bring flowers or special candles with you.

### BIBLE STUDY

Watch a preview of the next bible study series "The Footprints of God," [www.youtube.com/watch?v=iVfzxbPWTa4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iVfzxbPWTa4). Join us every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Church basement starting September 9. The first topic is Abraham. Free, including study guides!

### SENIOR YOUTH BASKETBALL

Youth basketball is open for grades 8-12 from 10am-12pm in the School Gym. See <https://goo.gl/tG5FYQ> for schedule.

### SPARK EVENT (GR.6-8)

Welcome back to Youth Ministry 2015-2016! Get ready to be energized and witness what faith, fun and fellowship looks like at youth events. Come to our opening night on Monday, Sept 14 from 6:30-8pm in the Church basement. Bring friends!

### CAMP FLAME: RANSOMED (GR.9-12)

Have you been hurt before? Most of us, if not all, certainly have been. Perhaps you or someone you know could benefit from receiving healing through this upcoming retreat on Sept 25-27 at Camp Capilano, North Vancouver. Space is limited, so reserve early. For info, contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext. 247 or email [youth.smarv@rcav.org](mailto:youth.smarv@rcav.org).

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### ST. PADRE PIO EVENING OF PRAYER AND HEALING

On the Feast Day of St. Padre Pio, we invite you to venerate St. Pio's Relic and ask him to intercede for the priests of the Archdiocese, for yourself, your family and friends. Jacqueline Loh of Grace that Reigns Society will offer a short talk and healing prayers. Your sponsorship/offering for this event will continue the work of Grace that Reigns in their renewal of our sense of wonder. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver. Mass at 7pm, followed by talk, veneration of St. Pio's relic and healing session.

### DISCOVERY FAITH STUDY

Discovery helps you to build your relationship with God by getting back to the basics, and leads you closer to answering the question that is on all of our hearts. What is our mission or purpose in life? So if you feel like you are stuck in the routine of weekly Sunday mass and you are looking to dig a bit deeper, come join us Tuesday, Sept 15 at 7pm in the Rectory Library. More info: Kimberly 778-952-8962.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### MEN'S DISCERNMENT BBQ

Are you being called to priesthood? How do you find out? Vocations Office invites you to a BBQ and talk on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 6pm. This group is open to any single man of any age who is open to the possibility of a call to the priesthood. Vianney House, 691 West 33rd Avenue, Vancouver. Please RSVP to [vocations@rcav.org](mailto:vocations@rcav.org) or 604-443-3254.

### ARCHDIOCESAN VOCATIONS FAIR

Join us on Sunday, Sept. 20 from 1-5pm at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Vancouver for an Archdiocesan Vocations Fair. Come celebrate the many different religious orders in the diocese, both men and women, followed by Mass in the Church celebrated by Archbishop Miller. Visit [vocationsvancouver.ca](http://vocationsvancouver.ca) for more details.

### THE FOURTH ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER

Join us at the Fourth Annual Archbishop's Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 29, at Hyatt Regency Vancouver. Tickets are \$150 each with approximately \$70 receipted as a charitable donation. Please register with the Parish Office 604-435-9611 ext. 6 or email [parish.smarv@rcav.org](mailto:parish.smarv@rcav.org).