

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY OCT 4: 27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Dining)
1:30pm CFC (Church basement)

MONDAY OCT 5:

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

TUESDAY OCT 6:

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)
7:00pm CCO Faith Study (Rectory Library)
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church basement)

WEDNESDAY OCT 7: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

6:30pm Bible Study (Church basement)
7:00pm Mass (Church) **No Adoration or Confession*
7:40pm Totus Tuus (Church)

THURSDAY OCT 8:

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
7:00pm Mass (Church) **No Adoration*
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)
7:40pm Totus Tuus (Church)

FRIDAY OCT 9:

6:00pm CFC-SFC (Church basement)
6:00pm CFC Youth (School Gym)
6:30pm Dev & Peace (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Ministry (Crying room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY OCT 10:

8:00am Marriage Enrichment Retreat (Church basement)
9:15am DNA Men's Discipleship Group (Rectory basement)
10:00am Youth basketball (School Gym)
1:00pm CFC Youth (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)

SUNDAY OCT 11: 28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
1:00pm 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 / 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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**Pastor's
Corner**

CATHOLIC DIVORCE?

Jesus said "The Two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." (Mark 10: 8-9) What might seem to us an interdiction borne of the rigidity of the Church is in fact an amazing affirmation by Christ Himself of God's involvement in the mutual attraction of man and woman. God is actually willing that union. Not just tolerating it. And He wants to fulfill the vow of those who fall in love. "I will love you forever."

"Wait a minute, I hear the married couple saying, we desire one another, we have been longing to be together for a long time and we went out of our way to make this union happen. Now you are saying that this is God's doing?" God answers "I was there in your heart when your love for one another was born and every step of the journey. I rejoiced in you, seeing the Love that I have for the Son and the Spirit, living in you. Don't you know that I, the Father, am passionately interested in every little detail that happens to you, even that one hair falling from your head? Are you telling me that I am not involved in the most important relationship of your life, in your marriage and in the genesis of your love? I have united you for a purpose. Indeed, I do nothing without a very good purpose. And it is so important that I don't want any man or any woman to break your union." Bishop Barron said that "married people are meant to work out their salvation in each other's presence. They are brought together for God's purpose."

This was the divine project right at the start of creation. God said in today's first reading "It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helper as his partner... Therefore a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife and they become one flesh." (Gen 2: 18-24) Now, this doesn't make sense in our secular culture where

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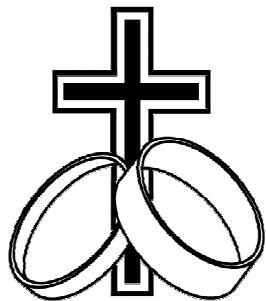
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people want to marry only because they have fallen in love. Then, indeed, when they fall out of love, when they no longer enjoy each other's company, they conclude that they must divorce. But in our Christian perspective, "if we hold that it is indeed God who has brought us together, not just for our own benefit, but for His purpose, to accomplish His purpose together, then we cannot imagine not remaining together. Because God doesn't make mistakes. If God has called you to say yes, He cannot now call you to say no." (Bishop Barron)

This is why the Church, when it nullifies a marriage is saying that a sacramental marriage never existed. "It is an acknowledgment that a particular couple was in fact not brought together according to God's design. God didn't want that marriage. How can the Church say such a thing? The Church looks at the consent that was given at the moment of the marriage. Was it a mature yes, a free yes, a yes that was not made said by concealment of serious marriage impediments? These conditions may not be visible at the moment of the wedding ceremony, but they come out later. God cannot be behind a false yes, a yes that was not real, mature, free, made in all necessary knowledge of the circumstances. God knows the future and the past and the present in a single, eternal act of knowing.

He cannot say yes with the couple making their vows when He knows that at least one of the two getting married is not really saying a true yes in full maturity of consent. Then the marriage ceremony was just a legal union, not a sacramental marriage.

A civil wedding is not by itself a sacred covenant between two persons and God. A civil wedding is a legal contract when that becomes a sacramental marriage when bride and bridegroom say "yes" before God's minister, in God and with God's consent.



God bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT

All married couples are invited to a Marriage Enrichment Retreat on Saturday, Oct 10 from 8am-4:30pm in the Church basement followed by Holy Mass and renewal of vows at 5pm. Strengthen and enhance your marriage relationship and have a better understanding of God's plan for your marriage and family life. No fee. Lunch/snacks served. Register with George/Susan 778-668-7422 or gpader1956@yahoo.ca or Rick/Rocky 778-855-0398 or rick_ysonza@yahoo.com or Dannie/Eden 604-710-6211 or danden.cfc1997@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY

The Footprints of God Bible study has just completed the series on Abraham. On October 7, we will begin the series on Moses. Author Steve Ray will take you to actual Bible locations, combining spectacular cinematography, solid Catholic teaching, and his unique, enthusiastic style in a lively travel documentary format that makes difficult concepts easy to understand. Join us every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm in the church basement. Free, including study guides!

TOTUS TUUS

On Wednesday Oct 7, Br. Mauricio of Totus Tuus will be at St. Mary's to give a teaching on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There will be a first class relic of St. John Paul II which will be offered for veneration, followed by healing prayer. On Thursday Oct 8 there will be a teaching on the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Both evenings begin with Mass at 7pm; please note there will be no adoration or confession on Wednesday, and no adoration on Thursday.

PSALM 98 CONCERTS

Psalm 98 Concert Saturday Nov 21 from 1pm-3pm and 7pm-9pm. Advent Talk with Fr. Tony Ricard on Saturday Nov 28 from 1pm-3pm and 7pm-9pm. Come, let us celebrate our faith and support our parish building fund. Tickets \$15 for both events combined.

THANK YOU!

Youth Ministry thanks parishioners for their prayer intercession and support for a very blessed Camp Flame 2015. Please continue praying for the participants and leaders that the fire in their hearts may keep burning for Christ.

PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE

We would like to thank you for your support and participation; total donations to date are \$106,738 or 53% of the parish goal. Please continue to give through the Sunday collection or online at rcav.org. Blank pledge forms are available at the registration desk for first time donors. All Project Advance donations from this point on will be routed back to our Parish Building Fund, so please give generously!

SATURDAY 5PM CHOIR

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 and singers. For more info, please contact Catty at frozentriqui@gmail.com.

SPARK - CAN I GET AN AMEN?

Do you know how much you are loved? The Gospels reveal to us a relationship that our loving Father wants to have with us. Don't miss out on hearing this great news this Monday, Oct 5 from 6:30-8:15pm in the Church basement.

LET'S MAKE CANADA A CLIMATE LEADER!

In December, world leaders will meet in Paris at United Nations Climate Change Conference to negotiate a binding universal agreement on world climate. On October 4 & 18, Development and Peace members will be in the church foyer asking for your signatures on the petition to our Canadian Government to take action on climate change. You can also sign online at devp.org/climateofchange.

SOCKS AND CHOCOLATES DRIVE

Street Ministry is asking for donation of men's socks and chocolates for street people. Chocolates must be individually wrapped and within 3 months of purchase. Please drop off in box in the foyer.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR REFUGEE CRISIS

Next weekend, Oct 10/11, there will be a special Archdiocesan collection for refugees. Proceeds will be divided among Development and Peace, Catholic Near East Welfare Association and Aid to the Church in Need Canada