

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY AUG 21: 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY AUG 22: QUEENSHIP OF MARY

6:00pm CFC-SFL (Seminar Room)

TUESDAY AUG 23:

6:00pm Knights of Columbus Installation (Church)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)
7:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church)

WEDNESDAY AUG 24: ST. BATHOLEMEW

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

THURSDAY AUG 25:

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

FRIDAY AUG 26:

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:00pm Holy Trinity Community (Rectory Library)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Seminar Room)
7:00pm CFC-SFC (School Gym)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY AUG 27: ST. MONICA

10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
1:00pm Handmaids (Church basement)
1:30pm CFC Youth (School Gym)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
7:00pm Taize/Adoration (Church)

SUNDAY AUG 28: 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00am Young Adults (Rectory Dining)
1:00pm Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
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

Principal: Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff Website: www.stmary.bc.ca

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

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Pastor's Corner

PREFERRING THE NARROW GATES

"Someone asked Jesus, 'Lord, will only a few be saved?' Jesus said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.'" (Luke 13: 23-24) These words from today's Gospel scare me, but not to the point of panic. How do I know that I am walking the path that leads to the narrow gate, to Life Eternal?

Many answers have been given to that question, like having a real relationship to Jesus, being at peace, in joy. Here is one sign that you are on the right path, that leads to Eternal Life. When you have planned to do something and are actually doing it, are you ready to drop that occupation immediately in order to obey God or practice charity for others because God wants you to do so? If you refuse to serve or obey God because what you are doing at that moment is pleasant or according to YOUR PLAN, you are in danger of taking the wrong path. You are actually taking it.

Here is a teaching from St. Claude La Colombiere:

"By God's Grace I overcame it and am ready for anything. I reflected that it is dangerous to make plans, even in matters of slight importance, unless one be quite resolved to drop everything in order to obey or practice charity. Every occupation which one leaves with difficulty and which one would rather keep than do anything else, or even to do nothing, if God should so wish, offers the danger of human attachment. I have really resolved to be on my guard on this point.

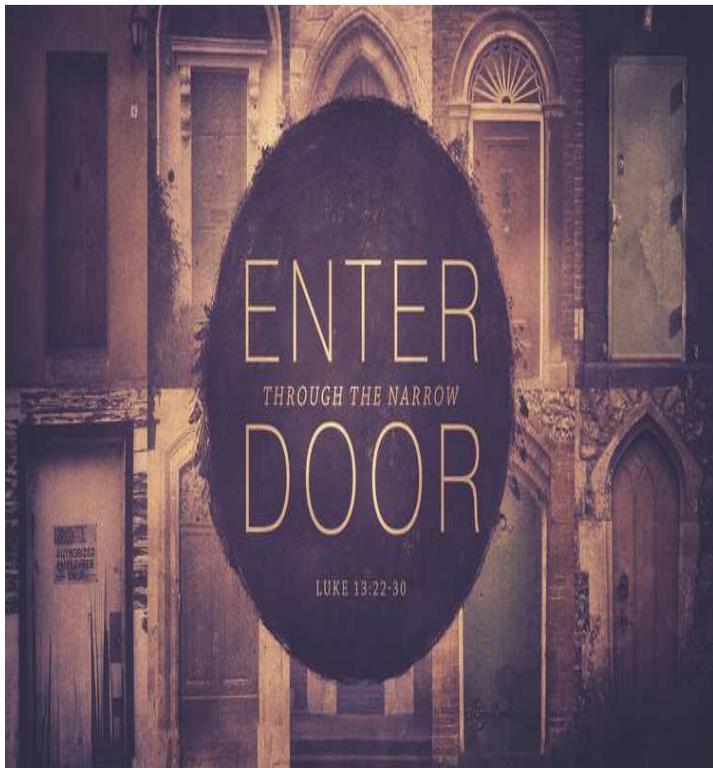
I must have this consolation, with God's grace, of yielding nothing to nature. With God's help I must, before coming to a decision on anything at all, on any proposal that is made to me, I must, I say, consult God, and accustom myself to anticipate the movement which things produce in my soul, by elevating my mind to God, and seeing what thought I ought to have about it according to the Gospel.

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Unless I am careful about this, it is impossible to preserve peace of heart and to keep from falling into many faults because everything that happens appears either agreeable or disagreeable to nature, and it is not from this angle that we must take our view. To keep from doing so there is no means other than this manner of raising my mind to whom everything I observe should be referred."

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Are you an adult in need of Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation? Or would you just like to learn more about your Catholic Faith? This is your opportunity to join the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for 2016–2017. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH NEWS

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

Allow us to welcome you in this new school year by joining our first event on Monday Sept 19 from 6:30-8:15pm in the Church basement. Bring friends and meet new ones! No pre-registration or fee required.

CAMP FLAME

This year 24 youth will attend Camp Flame from Aug 26-28. Youth Ministry humbly asks your prayers for a Spirit-filled retreat for the team serving the youth and for all the participants. Please consider to sign as our prayer warriors on the sheets found in the foyer. Thanks and God bless you!

ST. MARY'S MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT

All married couples are invited to St. Mary's Parish Marriage Enrichment Retreat on Sep 10 from 9am-4:30pm in the School Gym, followed by Mass and renewal of vows at 5pm. Strengthen and enhance your marriage and have a better understanding of God's plan for your marriage and family life. The event is free and lunch/snacks will be served. Please register: Romer/Romenin 778-875-2327/rno28@yahoo.com, George/Susan 778-668-7422/ gpader1956@yahoo.ca.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

St Mary's Parish invites all married couples, single men/women, single parents, divorced, separated men/women, widows/widowers to a Christian Life Program sponsored by Couples for Christ on Sep 17 at 7:30pm in the Church basement. The CLP is an integrated course on the basics of Christianity leading to a renewed understanding of God's call to us as Christians. Refreshments served, no fee. Bring your kids to join the Kids for Christ CLP. For more info contact: George/Susan 778-668-7422, Abet/Anna 778-989-2259, Elhy/Jona 604-782—4802 or email: esj3416@yahoo.com.

POKEVANGELIZATION

Attention youth, young adults and young-at-heart: during the month of August, you're invited to our Pokevangelization every Saturday evening from 7-9pm right outside the Church. This event is to evangelize to the Pokemon players in our front yard, we want to make them feel welcome. Please make friends with 1 or 2 people and invite them to come inside. There will be adoration, P&W music, free snacks and triple lures. Please come join us!

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POSITIVE PARENTING WORKSHOPS

The Positive Parenting workshops are a series of six dynamic workshops that aim to support and equip parents with tools to connect and guide their child/teen towards becoming capable, confident and responsible. Sep 16, 23, 30, Oct 7, 14, 21. Time: 7-9pm in the Church basement.

ADORATION WITH TAIZE MUSIC

St. Mary's Street Ministry invites you to join us for an evening of Adoration with Taize music to pray for an end to sex trafficking, our volunteers and loved ones, and other street ministry intentions on Sat Aug 27 from 7-8:15pm.

JOHN OAKLEY'S BOOK "EYES WIDE OPEN"

For those who have paid for and haven't picked up the poetry -photo book by John Oakley, please come to the Parish Office during office hours and pick up your book as soon as possible. If you lost your receipt, please email Mildred mmoy_ca@yahoo.com.

DONATION TO THE STREET PEOPLE

St. Mary's Street Ministry is requesting donations of new men's socks and individually-wrapped chocolates purchased within the last 3 months. Please deposit your donation in the box in the foyer. Thank you for your generosity!

ST. MARY'S PARISH 2016 GALA

The fundraising committee is very excited to invite you to the St. Mary's Gala Dinner on Oct 1 at Delta Burnaby Hotel and Conference Centre at 4331 Dominion Street, Burnaby. The event includes dinner, live band, and silent auction. Ticket price is \$85, with a tax receipt or \$35. All proceeds to the Parish Building Fund. Please contact Teresa Lung at tly.ling@telus.net for tickets and info.

PROJECT ADVANCE

Thank you for your support and participation, donations to date are \$84,382 or 42% of the parish goal. We encourage all parishioners to continue to return your pledges or register as new donors. Please deposit all returned or new pledges through the Sunday collection. Blank pledge forms are available at the registration desk for first time donors or you can donate online at www.projectadvance.ca at the comfort of your own home.