

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY SEP 18: 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)

MONDAY SEP 19:

6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)

TUESDAY SEP 20: STS. ANDREW KIM & COMPANIONS

6:30pm CWL (Seminar Room)

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)

7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church)

WEDNESDAY SEP 21: ST. MATTHEW

6:30pm Bible Study (Church basement)

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

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY SEP 22:

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (Rectory basement)

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

7:00pm CFC (Church basement)

7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY SEP 23: ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

6:30pm Youth Ministry (School Gym)

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

7:00pm Parenting Workshop (Church basement)

7:00pm Holy Trinity Community (Rectory Library)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY SEP 24:

10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)

1:00pm CFC Youth (School Gym)

2:00pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)

2:30pm Baptism (Church)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)

6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

7:00pm CFC (Church basement)

7:00pm Taize/Adoration (Church)

SUNDAY SEP 25: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Knights of Columbus Brunch (Church basement)

10:00am Young Adults (Rectory dining)

1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

2:00pm CFC (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

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

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PASTORS & STAFF

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*Pastor's
Corner*

DRIFTING AWAY FROM THE ONLY ONE NECESSARY PERSON

Have you ever drifted out of your target while crossing a sizable lake on a rowboat? You wanted to go to a certain cottage on the other side of the lake, but the breeze and the waves moved you more and more to the right or to the left of the cottage. In our lives too, we often drift away from our goal without noticing it. For example, you may have had to move to Canada for the welfare of your children and family. So you had to take on two full-time jobs, or three part-time jobs. You don't see your children anymore except for a few minutes a day. They feel lonely and don't adjust well to the new culture. They get the wrong friends and stop going to church. They try drugs and pre-marital sex. They rebel against your values and traditions. Meanwhile, you are worn out and stressed out by your work schedule. You want to reward yourself by buying stuff you don't need, cumulate debts, must work more. No time for church. You feel you are a hypocrite. You feel you have lost your bearings... your soul. You have drifted away from your initial goal --little by little, without realizing it. Then something happens, inside yourself and/or outside, and you wake up from your spiritual slumber, and you are summoned to spiritual attention.

That is what today's parable from Jesus is all about. In our lives there are many things that present themselves to us as important and urgent. We go about doing them. But this leaves us very little time, if any, for those things that are not urgent but very important, like taking quality time with our children and spouse, going to church, all those things that make your relationship with God and your loved ones, vibrant and alive.

Are you losing your soul? Are you losing what can put your life together? Are you losing the spirit, the soul, that can help you handle the stressful and difficult things in your life? Have you drifted out of a living relation to God?

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Are you constantly postponing the demands of your spiritual life? These demands rarely look urgent (except at the moment of your death) but they are way more important than the demands coming from your financial problems, or even from your health problem. Those are important too, but not as much.

That is what Jesus is trying to say in today's Gospel. The children of this world are wise and more proactive than the children of light. What does a man profit by gaining the whole world if he loses his soul? If you feel lost, maybe it is time to wake up, assess your spiritual situation and do something right away, while there's still time. For all of us, the time left is short. But it can be wonderfully used. Clear the path of too many urgent but not so important realities and each day do something that is not urgent but important.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

Though Jesus Christ
was rich,
yet he became poor,
so that by his poverty
you might become
rich.

- 2 Corinthians 8:9

PARISH NEWS

ST. MARY'S PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Please come and join us at the inauguration of our St. Mary's Padre Pio Prayer Group on Saturday Oct 1. After the 8:30am Mass, there will be a relic of Padre Pio to venerate until 9:30am, then the first prayer meeting will commence at 10am. Prayer Meetings will be held every 1st Saturday of the month. St. Mary's Padre Pio Prayer Group is affiliated with the Int'l Padre Pio Prayer Group in San Giovanni Rotondo founded by Padre Pio himself. We will focus on intercessory prayer – the Call to stand in the Gap - to continue the works that Padre Pio started years ago to help souls to meet Christ. Are you called to be an intercessor? See you on Oct 1st!!

BIBLE STUDY – MOVIE NIGHT

To help us grow in the virtue of **Humility** and conquer the sin of **Pride**, we will look into the example of **St. Therese of Lisieux**. Join us on Wednesday, Sep 21, to watch a movie on the life of this beloved 'saint of the little way'. The movie starts at 6:30pm in the church basement. Free.

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. Sept 23, 30, Oct 7, 14, 21. Time: 7-9pm in the Church basement.

ADORATION WITH TAIZE MUSIC

Come join us on Saturday Sep 24 for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration with meditative Taize music to pray for an END to sex trafficking, the street people, our parish volunteers and loved ones and street ministry intentions from 7-8:15pm, followed by refreshments.

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.

SPARK (GR.6-8) - NEW SCHEDULE

From Sep-Dec 2016, Spark events are held every 1st-4th Mondays of the month from 6:15-8:15pm in the Church basement. Please take a copy of the schedule from the YM bulletin board or parish office.

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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.

ST. MARY'S PARISH 2016 GALA

We are 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. Event includes dinner, live band, and silent auction. Tickets \$85, with a tax receipt of \$35. Proceeds to the Parish Building Fund. Tickets on sale this weekend after all Masses. More info: tky.lung@telus.net.

DONATION TO THE STREET PEOPLE

St. Mary's Street Ministry is asking for donations of brand-new men's socks and individually-wrapped chocolates bought within the last 3 months. Please drop off donations in the blue bin in the foyer. Thank you for your generosity!

JOHN OAKLEY'S POETRY-PHOTO BOOK

If you still haven't picked up the book that you ordered and prepaid, please do so ASAP at the parish office Monday to Friday from 9am-5pm. If you are unable to pick up the book or have lost the receipt, please contact Mildred at mmoy_ca@yahoo.com or leave a message at 778-885-9611

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

You are invited to the Catholic Charismatic Conference on Sep 23/24 at Broadway Church, 2700 E. Broadway. Speakers are Bishop Sam Jacobs and Dr. Margaret Schlientz For tickets, call 604-597-8227.

CELEBRATION: SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Mark the canonization of St. Mother Teresa! Join us on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 2:30 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Mass celebrated by Archbishop Miller. Reception to follow in Rosary Hall.