

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY OCT 16: 29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9:30am Mass-School Confirmation Enrolment (Church)
9:30am Young Adults (Rectory Living Room)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (School Gym)

MONDAY OCT 17: ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

6:15pm Youth Ministry-Spark (Church Basement)

TUESDAY OCT 18: ST. LUKE

6:45pm 1st Communion Parents Meeting (School Gym)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY OCT 19: ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

9:00am School Living Rosary (Church)
6:45pm Bible Study (Church Basement)
7:00pm CFC (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY OCT 20: ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

6:00pm Youth Ministry (School Gym)
6:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement Library)
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY OCT 21

6:00pm Singles for Christ (School Gym)
7:00pm Parenting Workshop (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY OCT 22: ST. JOHN PAUL II

10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
1:00pm CFC-Youth (School Gym)
3:00pm Youth Ministry-YA (Church Basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)
5:00pm Mass-1st Communion Enrolment-School (Church)
7:00pm Taize/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)

SUNDAY OCT 23: 30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9:30am Young Adults (Rectory Living Room)
11:15am Mass-1st Communion Enrolment PREP-Tue (Church)
1:00pm Mass-1st Communion Enrolment PREP-Wed (Church)
1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
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 of the Blessed Sacrament 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 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

Coordinator: Edwin Cruz E-mail: prep.smarv@rcav.org

Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6:30-8pm / Teen Prep Wednesdays only

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Coordinator: Rocelyn Catris Email: youth.smarv@rcav.org

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PASTORS & STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P. (ext. 6)

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Youth & Young Adult Ministry: Rocelyn Catris (ext. 247)

RCIA/PREP Coordinator: Edwin Cruz (ext. 5)

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 5pm
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Pastor's Corner

CONNECT WITH THE HEART OF THE WORLD

Have you found the center of gravity of your life?

Or your life's purpose? Join St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower. She was wondering about her vocation. She wanted to be a missionary, and then a teacher, and then a preacher, or a martyr, or a contemplative. She could not find peace. And she knew she had to choose. She could not be everything. Then she discovered in Chapter 12 and 13 of the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians a way to be everything. There, St. Paul speaks about the Mystical Body of Christ that is the Church. In that Body, there are many different members or parts. The head cannot be the feet. The hands cannot see like the eyes. What makes them one? What connects them together? She found, following St. Paul, that it is love that does that. If you have love, you are like the heart that pumps the blood to the feet so that they can walk, and then the missionary can walk. The heart pushes blood to the head so that it can think like the teacher. To the tongue, so that it can preach. To the hands, so that they can serve. To the muscles, so that the warrior can fight the spiritual warfare.

For St. Therese, prayer is the heart of the Church, that St. Paul calls the Body of Christ. When you pray, you push the life-giving blood to the different parts of the Body so that each of them can fulfill its vocation, its purpose. And this causes the health of the whole Body and the fruits become abundant for the salvation of the world.

So if you want to be useful to everyone, pray. Love moves us to pray. St. Teresa of Avila said "To pray is not to think much but to love much". In the first reading, Moses' prayer on the mountaintop makes possible the victory of the people of God against the enemy. When Moses cannot pray, the people lose the territory to the enemy. When he prays again, they regain the lost ground and finally overcome the enemy.

The Church is going through a heavy spiritual warfare. Our enemy is not "flesh and blood" but the "kingdom" of

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darkness, the power of evil. We cannot win that war and our own personal war, WITHOUT PRAYER. The saints, throughout the history of the Church, are unanimous about that. You still have to fight, sometimes directly against evil, yes... but you cannot win nor help others without praying for them and for yourself. That is why we have started a Padre Pio Prayer Group. Learn about the power of intercessory prayer and the spiritual warfare at the PPPG gathering every first Saturday of the month, from 10 am to 11 am in the church basement.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

P.S. You can trust this interpretation of St. Paul by St. Therese. She is one of the three women who have received from a pope the official title of Doctor of the Church.

"The Church does not regard God's mercy as an exclusive privilege, nor does the greatness of the privilege it enjoys make it feel unconcerned for those who do not share it. On the contrary, it finds in its own salvation an argument for showing more concern and more love for those who live close at hand, or to whom it can go in its endeavor to make all alike share the blessing of salvation."

-Blessed Paul VI

PARISH NEWS

POSITIVE PARENTING WORKSHOPS

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

WORKSHOP ON EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

ISSofBC & St. Mary's Migrant Ministry will hold a workshop on Employment Standards Act & Related Issues on Oct. 23rd, 1-3PM. Jonathon Braun, Legal Advocate of Westcoast Domestic Workers' Association will discuss wages, overtime & vacation pay and other legal rights of workers including legal remedies. Everyone is welcome. Please register with Lenn Castro at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com or Chit Arma at resoquita.arma@issbc.org or 604-684-7498 ext. 1666.

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (GR.6-8) - MADE FOR MORE

"We are created in the image and likeness of God." You might have heard this before. Do you believe it? How do you show it? Let's look at what this means for us on Monday, Oct 17 from 6:15pm-8:15pm in the church basement.

ADULTS (AGED 25-39) - THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

What are you thankful for? Meet other adults and join the conversation on Saturday, Oct 22 from 3pm-5pm in the church basement. Invite friends and bring food/drink to share. Please sign-up at youth.smarv@rcav.org.

BIBLE STUDY—MOVIE NIGHT

Join us in the journey from vice to virtue! On Wednesday Oct 19, we will watch Part II of the movie on the life of **St. Padre Pio**. The movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith and devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. The movie is free; it starts at 6:45pm in the church basement.

APOLOGETICS FOR PARENTS

Empower your kids to respond well to the hard questions that threaten their faith. Children of all ages are being exposed to negative criticism of Christianity. Join us in studying a new book *Keeping Your Kids on God's Side* where we will look at the most common challenges kids face. Mondays at 7pm starting November 7. For more information contact Chandra Lye, chandralye@yahoo.ca

VOLUNTEERS-LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

We are looking for volunteers to help facilitate the Liturgy of the Word for Children during the 11:15am or 1pm Sunday masses. If interested, please contact Lydes at 778-323-5572 email: lydes1180@yahoo.com or Adrian at 778-828-8982 email: adrianbc_casaje@yahoo.com.

VOLUNTEERS WITH HEALTH CARE BACKGROUND

Youth Ministry is requesting help from those who have a health care background to assist in our events. A genuine desire to help young people grow into healthy Christians is a prerequisite. No prior youth experience is required. Please contact Rocelyn at youth.smarv@rcav.org or 604-435-9611 ext.247. You may reach her even after office hours.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

ANNUAL WHITE MASS

A special Mass for all health care providers and their families will be celebrated by Archbishop Miller, CSB on Friday, Oct. 21, at 7pm at St. Augustine's Parish, Vancouver. Reception to follow. Financial donations gratefully accepted. For more info, please contact Judy Talas at 604 430-2712 or drtoniparsons@telus.net or visit rcav.org/white-mass

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA LIFE & MISSION EXHIBIT

View the Saint Mother Teresa Exhibit on Oct. 22 & 23 from 9:30am to 6:30pm. at St. Jude's Parish, Vancouver, or Oct. 29 & 30 from 9:30am to 5:30pm at Immaculate Conception, Delta. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the life and mission of the Saint of Calcutta! This exhibit has travelled the world and we are blessed to have it displayed within our Archdiocese. Special thanks to the Missionaries of Charities for making this exhibit possible! rcav.org/mother-teresa/

MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS, CLERGY AND CONSECRATED MEN AND WOMEN

The annual Mass for deceased bishops, clergy and consecrated men and women will be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Thursday, November 3 at 12:10pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend this special Liturgy concelebrated by the priests of the Archdiocese. Remember kindly in your prayers in the month of November those who have laboured for the Church in Vancouver and pray that the Lord will send more dedicated men and women to continue their ministry.

HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER

You are invited to join speakers from Judaism, Islam and Christianity in conversation. Rabbi Jonathan Infeld, Imam Mohammad Shujaath Ali Nadwi, and Sr. John Mary Sullivan, FSE, will talk about how mercy is understood and practised in three Abrahamic faiths. Arabic and Jewish live music will be played. Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 5-8 p.m. at John Paul II Pastoral Centre, 4885 Saint John Paul II Way. Cost: \$20/ adult and \$10/student, includes dinner. For more info or to register, contact Marjeta at ecumenism@rcav.org or 604-683-0281 or visit rcav.org/dialogue-with-other-churches

VOCATION LIVE-IN

Seminary of Christ the King invites young men who are interested in the priesthood or the life of a religious brother to come for a Vocation Live-in on Nov 4 to 6. Ph:604-826-8715