

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY NOV 6: 32ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

11:15am Mass-First Communion Enrolment Gr 3-7 (Church)
1:00pm Light of Jesus (Seminar Room)
1:30pm CFC (Church Basement)
5:00pm SFC (Seminar Room)

MONDAY NOV 7

6:15pm Youth Ministry-Spark (Church Basement)
7:00pm Lay Apostles (Church)
7:00pm Apologetics for Parents (Rectory Living Room)

TUESDAY NOV 8

6:00pm Baptism Preparation (Church)
7:00pm **Spanish Rosary** (Church)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm MVA (Rectory Living Room)
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY NOV 9: DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9:30am School Mass (Church)
6:45pm Bible Study (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY NOV 10: ST. LEO THE GREAT

9:00am St. Mother Teresa Exhibit (Church Basement)
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY NOV 11: ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

9:00am St. Mother Teresa Exhibit (Church Basement)
6:00pm Youth Ministry (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY NOV 12: ST. JOSAPHAT

9:00am St. Mother Teresa Exhibit (Church Basement)
10:00am Youth Ministry (School Gym)
5:00pm Mass-PREP Confirmation Enrolment (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)
7:00pm Youth Ministry YA (Rectory Basement)

SUNDAY NOV 13: 33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
5:00pm SFC (Seminar Room)

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

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

CALLED TO A LOVE THAT IS RADICAL, UNIVERSAL AND INTIMATE

"Father, will I recognize my husband in heaven? And my children? Jesus said that we will be like angels, and that we won't marry in heaven. What if I am a widow and get married again, will I have two jealous husbands in heaven?" Few people dare to ask these questions, and they are misled to believe that all our present relationships on earth will be forgotten in heaven and that we won't recognize one another. Moreover, they are led to believe that we will somewhat be like ghosts, non-physical persons. If that would be the case, the Resurrection from the dead would not be real; it would be just about the survival of the soul.

But our first reading today, from the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time of Year C, clears that issue. Even before Christ was born, in the Old Testament, the Bible affirms that those who are martyred for the sake of fidelity to God's laws will rise up after death with their bodies. When one of the Maccabees was asked to present his tongue and extend his hands so that the executioner might cut them off, he said, "I got these from Heaven, and because of God's laws I disdain them, and from God I hope to get them back again." (2 Maccabees 7:9-11)

Throughout the Church history, tens of thousands of people died as martyrs. Nearly all the popes of the first three centuries died as martyrs. In the 20th century, more people died as martyrs, some as young as 14 years old, than all the previous centuries combined. Recently, in February 2015, 20 Coptic Christians were martyred by ISIS. Just before being beheaded, some of them spoke the Name of Jesus. And another one, who was not Christian but a co-worker with them, said "Their God is my God", and he was killed with them.

When I read the stories of martyrs, I am amazed at their certitude about heaven and Resurrection. They die joyfully, often praising the Lord at the moment of death. They have received a special grace. Don't doubt you will receive that grace, too, if you are called to witness Jesus through

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your death, whether through martyrdom or through natural cause.

Now in the Gospel, Jesus extended the gift of Resurrection to all who believe in Him. In today's Gospel, he says, "The fact that the dead are raised, Moses himself showed in the story about the bush..." (Luke 20:37). And Jesus says that in Heaven, we will be "children of the Resurrection, children of God." (Luke 20:36)

We will be like Him, the Risen Jesus, fully human, and able to love everyone, as He loves everyone. Jesus said he is the Bridegroom of all God's people. He can love each and every one with love that is more powerful and more intimate than the love between husband and wife in this life. And Jesus proved it through the lives of the Saints. In Heaven, we will have a Risen body like his, and we will love all, perfectly, more than any husband and wife can love each other. Some saints have received the gift of love even before dying. But left to themselves, they would have never been able to do that. You can start now, growing to that kind of love, until you receive it perfectly in heaven.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (GR.6-8) - LIFE IS WONDERFUL

Life can be pictured as a roller coaster ride, ain't it? With its ups and downs, life can still be enjoyed meaningfully. Take a seat with us this Mon, Nov 7 from 6:15-8:15pm in the church basement and don't forget to buckle up! :)

FLAME (GR.8-12) - EXHIBIT AND FELLOWSHIP

She wore blue and white, touched hearts and was greatly admired around the world, Who is SHE? St. Teresa of Calcutta! Don't miss out on visiting her exhibit with us on Fri, Nov 11 at 6:30pm in the church basement. Look for the adult leaders with red bandanas! Food and fellowship will follow.

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* and learn the most common challenges kids face. Mondays 7pm starting Nov 7. For more info, contact Chandra Lye, chandralye@yahoo.ca

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ST. MOTHER TERESA EXHIBIT AT ST. MARY'S

The St. Mother Teresa Exhibit will be on display at St. Mary's on Nov 10 Thursday & Nov 11 Friday from 9am-9pm, and Nov 12 Saturday from 9am-5pm. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the life and mission of the Saint of Calcutta! This exhibit has travelled the world; special thanks to the Missionaries of Charities for bringing this to us!

SAME-SEX ATTRACTION SUPPORT GROUP

COURAGE is a spiritual support group of Catholic lay men and women who aspire to live chaste lives in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church on same-sex attraction. If you experience same-sex attraction and wish to join COURAGE, please contact Deacon Hilmar Pabel: courage@rcav.org. ENCOURAGE is a support group dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, and other relatives and friends of persons who have same-sex attraction. If you wish to join ENCOURAGE, please contact Deacon Bruce Fraser: encourage@rcav.org

24-HOUR FAST AND PILGRIMAGE TO MISSION

Young adults (19-39) are invited to a 24-hour Fast and Pilgrimage to Mission to pray for the marginalized and to launch Catholic Street Missionaries Ministry. The event starts on Friday Nov 18 at 6:30pm and ends on Saturday Nov 19 at 7:30pm, with an Anticipation Mass by **Archbishop Miller** at 5pm. \$25/person includes tour bus and food after the fast. For more details, go to <http://24hourfast.eventbrite.ca> and <https://youtu.be/LTmmNMWbsGA>

KINDERGARTEN 2017-2018

St. Mary's School will be accepting Kindergarten Registration for 2017-2018 starting Nov 7. Children must be turning 5 years old by Dec 31, 2017 to be eligible. Pick up application forms at the school office or at stmary.bc.ca. St. Mary's offers high quality education in a faith-based environment.

BIBLE STUDY

Avarice is the immoderate or unreasonable desire for riches. On Wednesday, Nov 9, Bishop Barron discusses the sin of **Avarice** and the conquering virtue of **Generosity**. He urges us to recognize our wealth as a gift of God given to be shared with our neighbor. Join the study **Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues**, Wednesdays, 6:45pm. Free.

PARISH & ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE PROJECT ADVANCE TEAM

Let's make November a special month for Project Advance. Volunteers will be available AFTER each mass this month to help collect pledges and donations by debit or credit card. To date, total pledges are \$97K or 48% of our parish goal of \$200K. You may also donate online at projectadvance.ca. Please note there will be a 2nd collection on Nov 26 & 27. We hope to reach at least 75% of our goal. Thank you again for your support and participation.

SHARE THE JOY WITH A TOY

Join us in the Share The Joy With A Toy Drive by donating any toy in its original packaging. The toys will be collected and brought to BC Children's Hospital Child Life Dept. Drop off the toy in the church basement anytime Sunday, Nov 20. Greatest needs are infant rattles, washable mobiles, board books, self-contained craft kits, crayola crayons and markers, teen arts, small Lego sets. Let's put a smile back on the sick kids this Christmas!

ORGAN DONATION SAVES LIVES

One of our parishioners is in need of a kidney. Did you know that you can become a live donor? Meet with us at the church foyer after Nov 5 & 6 Masses to learn how to become an organ donor. For more information, visit transplant.bc.ca/be-donor/becoming-living-donor or call 604-877-2240.

CWL ONE-DAY RETREAT

A one-day Retreat will be offered by the CWL to all women who desire a day of prayer and silence. Nov 19 9:45am-3pm at St. Jude's Parish. Theme: "Mercy of God". Contact Beth at 604-230-0827 or Cynthia at 604-561-7258. Suggested donation \$20. Bring your own lunch. Register by: Nov 10, 2016.

CCO RISE UP

What are your New Year's Plans? Come to Rise Up, Catholic Christian Outreach's annual conference, at the Westin Bayshore Hotel Dec 28 - Jan 1. Registration is open to all young adults ages 18 - 35. Keynotes include Dr. Mary Healy, André Regnier and Jake Khym. Prices go up Nov 15. Visit cco.ca/riseup or contact mark.suezo@cco.ca for more info.

DOCUMENTARY ON PORNOGRAPHY

Monday, Nov. 7, 7pm-9pm - screening of **OVER 18**, a documentary about pornography. FREE, at JPPII Pastoral Centre.