

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### SUNDAY AUG 13: 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08:00 AM Cake & Ministry Presentations for Fr. Pierre (8am-7pm) (Church Hall)  
08:00 PM Choir (Rectory Basement)  
10:00 AM SFL (Rectory Dining Room)  
10:30 AM Handmaids of the Lord (School Seminar Room)  
12:00 PM Choir (Rectory Basement)  
01:00 PM Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
12:45 PM Legion of Mary Juniors (Rectory Living Room)  
02:00 PM CSM (Rectory Living Room)  
03:00 PM Choir (Rectory Basement)  
06:00 PM Choir (School Seminar Room)

### MONDAY AUG 14: ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

### TUESDAY AUG 15: ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

07:00 PM Families for Christ (School Gym)  
07:00 PM **Mass and Living Rosary (Church)**

### WEDNESDAY AUG 16: ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

06:45 PM Bible Study/Lectio Divina (Church Hall)  
07:00 PM Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
09:00 PM Benediction (Church)

### THURSDAY AUG 17:

06:30 PM Knights of Columbus (Church Library)  
07:00 PM Mass/Adoration (Church)  
09:00 PM Benediction (Church)

### FRIDAY AUG 18

06:00 PM Street Ministry (Rectory Living Room)  
06:00 PM CSM (Rectory Dining)  
06:30 PM Choir (Rectory Basement)  
07:00 PM SFL (Rectory Library)  
07:00 PM Choir (School Seminar Room)  
07:00 PM Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
07:40 PM Healing Prayer (Church Children's Room)  
09:00 PM Benediction (Church)

### SATURDAY AUG 19: ST. JOHN EUDES

10:30 AM Families For Christ (Rectory Library)  
12:00 PM Light of Jesus (Rectory Dining Room)  
02:00 PM Couples for Christ FFL (Seminar Room)  
03:00 PM Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)  
05:00 PM **Farewell Mass with Archbishop Miller (Church)**  
03:00 PM Choir (Rectory Basement)  
06:00 PM Choir (Rectory Basement)  
06:00 PM Cancer (Rectory Living Room)  
06:15 PM **Farewell Light Reception (School Gym)**  
07:30 PM **Farewell Celebration (Church)**

### SUNDAY AUG 20: 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08:00 PM Choir (Rectory Basement)  
12:00 PM Choir (Rectory Basement)  
01:00 PM Migrant Ministry (School Seminar Room)  
01:00 PM Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
12:45 PM Legion of Mary Juniors (Rectory Living Room)  
02:00 PM CSM (Rectory Living Room)  
03:00 PM Choir (Rectory Basement)

**“Lord, increase my faith,  
bless my efforts and work, now and for evermore. Amen”  
- St. Teresa of Kolkata**

## 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**

Principal: Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff

Website: www.stmary.bc.ca

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### PASTORS & STAFF

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

**Assistant Pastor:** Fr. Gabriel de Chadarévian, O.P. (ext. 3)

**Assistant to the Pastors:** Theresa De Ocampo (ext. 6)

**Finance & Property Manager:** Ossie Fernandes (ext. 7)

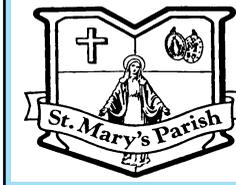
**Youth & Young Adult Ministry:** Rocelyn Catris (ext. 247)

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

**Reception:** Marianne Peraro (ext. 0)

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

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**AUG 13, 2017**

### *Pastor's Corner*

### WHY SURRENDER?

To a person who was begging for God's help in a time of anxiety and trial, God answered clearly, "I know that you need me, I am with you. Do not be afraid." God didn't tell her how He would help but asked her to trust Him. This is in line with today's Gospel. Jesus said to Peter in the boat while the storm was raging in the sea, "Come". He didn't say how it could be made possible for him to walk over the raging sea. He just said something like "Just do it! Step out of the boat in faith, in radical trust and surrender". Jesus knew that Peter's courage would collapse when he would see the size of the waves that threatened him. Indeed, Peter sank and started shouting "Lord, save me". Jesus immediately reached out to Peter's hand and pulled him out! Not without a reproach, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" Now Peter's initial act of faith was great, asking the Lord to command him to walk out of the boat. But it was not perseverant under pressure. "When Peter noticed the strong winds, he became frightened and began to sink." The Lord knows it is difficult for us to surrender but he asks us "to seek the kingdom of God first and everything will be given us besides" (Luke 12:31) "Every hair of your head is counted." The Father knows all about us, about all our real needs.



Now to step out of the boat in faith, to surrender to God's call, we need a strong incentive. Peter had at least two incentives. For one, he knew that they were in great danger of perishing. The boat was no longer a haven of security. For two, he knew that safety and life were in Christ, and through him, Christ was the real haven, not the boat.

What are your reasons to surrender? It could be that you don't know how to get out of your impasse without him. It could be that you found the pearl of great price in him, the one who is worthy of selling all, giving all to him.

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross knew this when she was put in a cattle train on the way to Auschwitz to be killed. Previously,  
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she had written "By doing what God demands of us with total surrender in our innermost being, we cause that divine life to become our own inner life." (Living With Christ, August 2017, p68)

What does that divine life in us do when it becomes our own inner life? An increase of faith, hope, and love. These three theological virtues are not acquired by our own efforts only, even though we need to put our perseverant efforts. They are ultimately infused by God. An increase of faith may look like this. The teachings of Christ, the realities of faith begin to look more and more real to us, and they progressively annul within us the lies of the culture marked by sin. When we sin habitually, the realities of faith seem so weak, so unreal. But the infusion of faith reestablishes in our perception and judgments the realities of faith as the only ones worthy of our trust and adhesion. We are less and less attracted by the mirages of sin, and false teaching so prevalent in the world. We are free to go to Jesus.

An increase of hope means that God has unmasked all the false promises of happiness in a world without God. Now, we can allow the promises of the Lord to take hold of us, personally, really. We "know" that this life is only a preparation for eternal life and true joy. Heaven is real, because we know God is real and cannot lie.

An increase of love means that we can love more and more like Christ, joyfully forget ourselves to put Christ and others first for the sake of God. The resulting joy gives us another increase of faith and hope. And it gives on and on, until we are conformed with Christ, from glory to glory.

*God bless you,  
Fr. Pierre*

## PARISH NEWS



### **BIBLE STUDY**

Do you feel like your prayers are not being heard? Join Lectio Divina this Wednesday, Aug 16 at 6:45pm in the church basement, let us learn from the Canaanite woman how persistent prayer backed by unwavering faith touches the Lord. Everyone is welcome!

### **FAMILY SPONSORSHIP WORKSHOP**

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry in collaboration with ISSofBC will hold a free workshop on Family Sponsorship on Sunday, August 20, 1-3PM, in the school seminar room. Speaker is Tim Bailey, an Immigration and Refugee lawyer, who will discuss recent changes to immigration policies, documents required, and issues related to sponsorship. To register, please email Lenn Castro at [stmarysmigrant@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmigrant@gmail.com) or Chit Arma at [resochoita.arma@issbc.org](mailto:resochoita.arma@issbc.org) or call 604-684-7498 ext. 1666

### **FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR FR. PIERRE**

After 17 years at St. Mary's, our parish priest, Father Pierre LeBlond is returning to Quebec on September 1. The parish is hosting a special going away party for Father Pierre on Saturday August 19 with Archbishop Miller celebrating the 5:00 pm Mass. Light refreshments will be served in the school gym starting at 6:15 pm before the 7:30 pm Farewell Celebration in the Church. Please see the poster and bulletin inserts for more details. Everyone is welcome!

### **VIRTUAL SCRAPBOOK FOR FR. PIERRE**

Parishioners of St. Mary's are invited to submit messages of gratitude and goodbye to Father Pierre. Please submit your prayers, well-wishes, photographs, etc. to [ThanksFatherPierre@gmail.com](mailto:ThanksFatherPierre@gmail.com). Your email messages and attachments will be compiled into a virtual scrapbook for him. The deadline for submissions is Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **SELFIE WITH FR. PIERRE**

This Sunday, Aug 13, from 8am to 7pm, Fr. Pierre will be in the church basement, except when he is celebrating Mass, to meet parishioners. This is your chance to bid him farewell and take a photo with him. Several parish ministries will be serving cake and refreshments and doing presentations.

### **LIVING ROSARY AND PRAYER SEND-OFF TO FR. PIERRE**

On August 15th, 7pm Tuesday, we will have the Living Rosary, as a celebration of the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, and as a prayer send-off for Father Pierre. All parishioners, ministries and friends are invited to attend this prayerful evening. The parish has been praying the Living Rosary for almost 10 years as a celebration and prayer dedication for the many events of our community and the world. Let us all join this prayerful evening to bring the many intentions of our hearts to the Blessed Mother. And to offer this rosary as a parting gift of prayer for Fr. Pierre.

### **RCIA**

Are you an adult in need of Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation? Or you would just like to learn more about the Catholic Faith? Welcome to St. Mary's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA 2017-2018. The journey starts mid-September and registrations are now being accepted. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

### **PREP**

PREP (Catechism for Children) registrations are still open. You can register your child at the Parish Office, Mon-Fri, 2:00-5:00pm. If your child is enrolling for the first time, kindly bring a copy of the child's baptismal certificate. Registration deadline is August 30.

**REMEMBER ST. MARY'S PARISH IN YOUR WILL**

### **PARISH LIBRARY**

The parish library is open after the 8:00 and 11:15 Masses. Christian fiction is good summer reading. There are also CDs in the collection to nurture your faith.

### **ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES GROTTTO**

The Legion of Mary invites you to our Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto Fraser River Heritage Park, Mission on August 19, 2017 Saturday. Assembly time 8:00 am at St Mary's parking lot. Bus is provided by St Aquinas Institute Corporation cost \$20.00 per person. Please contact Sis. Cathy at 7789264882 for reservation.

### **HANDS OF VERONICA**

Volunteers needed to help with our monthly Mass at our three Care Homes, Willingdon, St. Michael's and Fair Haven, all located in the Metrotown area of Burnaby. Our most urgent need is for people to help gather the residents for Mass on a WEDNESDAY either morning or afternoon once a month, and help them return again to their rooms. Most need assistance with walking or are in wheelchairs. If you can be of assistance please contact Barry at 604-327-5425 or email [bardes36@gmail.com](mailto:bardes36@gmail.com)

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### **CATHOLIC STREET MISSIONARIES**

This weekend at St. Mary's, Catholic Street Missionaries (CSM) is selling T-shirts at the end of all Masses at \$10 each. All proceeds will go to the operation of the organization. Please support us!

### **KERYGMA GRAND FEAST**

Light of Jesus Family wishes to announce that tickets to the Kerygma Grand Feast, featuring best-selling author and renowned speaker, Bo Sanchez with Archbishop Michael Miller on September 30, Saturday, 6:00 pm. at the Broadway Church, are still available at the discounted price of \$20 until August 15th only. Very limited number of tickets left, so please hurry while supply lasts. Regular price is \$25. Please contact the Parish Office.

### **MEN'S RETREAT**

The Men's Retreat is for every man searching for a deeper relationship with God and a fuller understanding of what it means to live as a son of the Father. Get away from the busyness and demands of our schedules to personally encounter God the Father and experience His generous love. With powerful presentations, prayer time, Sacraments, fellowship, adventure, music, rest, hiking, swimming, and the rugged beauty of Rockridge Canyon, this is the Men's retreat you do not want to miss. Join us from Sep 29 to Oct. 1, 2017 at Rockridge Canyon, Princeton, 2000 Willies Ranch Rd. Register today! \$285 until Sep 15. Visit <http://rcav.org/mensretreat/>