

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



Sunday Jan 13: Baptism of the Lord

- 1:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

Monday Jan 14:

- 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
7:00pm MVA (Rectory Basement)

Tuesday Jan 15:

- 7:00pm Courage/Encourage (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

Wednesday Jan 16:

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

Thursday Jan 17: St. Anthony

- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm Building Committee (Rectory Dining)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Friday Jan 18:

- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:30pm CCO (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Saturday Jan 19:

- 10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
2:00pm Handmaids (School Gym)
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
7:30pm ARC (Church)

Sunday Jan 20

- 6:30pm YM FLAME (Church Basement)

PARISH INFORMATION

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS: Monday - Friday: 8:00am

Weekday Morning Rosary 7:00am / Weekday Morning Lauds 7:30am

WEEKDAY EVENING MASS: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7pm
followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:00pm

SATURDAY MASS: Our Lady's Mass 8:30am

SUNDAY MASS: Anticipated Mass Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am / 9:30am / 11:15am / 1:00pm / 5:00pm / 7:00pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:

Wednesday 6:00pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:

Thursday: 8:00am & Saturday: 8:30am

DIVINE MERCY: Friday 3:00pm & 6:15pm

FIRST FRIDAY: Adoration throughout the day after morning Mass
CONFESSION:

Weekdays: After all Masses (except Thursday Evening Mass)

Saturday: 9:00am-9:30am, 4:15pm- 4:55pm, 6:10pm- 7:00pm

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. Contact the Parish Office 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. Contact soberg@rcav.org.

PREP: Catechism Program for children attending public schools on Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm

Coordinator: Stefan Oberg E-mail: soberg@rcav.org.

TEEN PREP: Interactive Catechism Sessions for Teens on Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm

Coordinator: Stefan Oberg E-mail: soberg@rcav.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY: E-mail: ana@marysyouth.com

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ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 6:30pm

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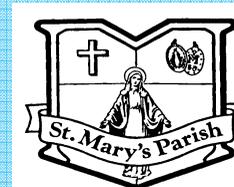
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*Pastor's
Corner*

YOU ARE GREAT!

Most of us, probably all of us, have been striving hard to please our mother and father, and still do, even after they have passed away. My mother passed away 18 years ago, and my dad, 23 years ago. Yet I surprise myself from time to time saying, "Mom and Dad would be proud of me, if they could see this thing that I have accomplished." The fact is that we all want to be affirmed by our parents, to be recognized. And we transfer this need to other authority figures. We want to be recognized by a teacher, a role model, a priest, a sports coach, a boss at the work place. We want to please them.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is being affirmed by His Father. "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Did Jesus need to be affirmed? Humanly speaking, yes. But not in His divine nature. As God, He didn't need to be affirmed, to be recognized. He did not need to be baptized in order to receive forgiveness of sin— He never sinned— or to receive the Holy Spirit, the very life of God. He had all this before the foundation of the world.

Why then was He baptized? To stoop down into our sinfulness, and lift us out of it, into God's Grace, the Holy Spirit. When Jesus heard the voice of the Father saying, "You are my Beloved. I am well pleased with you," He, Jesus, knew it was meant for all who would be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus being baptized, we are born anew. We live out of the very life of God, through Christ. That was given to us at our own baptism.

Now, you don't need to be a people pleaser. You don't need to exhaust yourself in multiple achievements. It is between you and God, not between you and them. Hear the Words of God. Hear the Father saying to you, "You are my

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beloved son, my beloved daughter. I am well pleased with you. You were in Jesus, when He was baptized in the Jordan. He had chosen you before the foundation of the world."

Yes, God wants to free us from our addiction to seeking approval from others. He wants us to freely receive His love and the Love of your brothers and sisters in Christ. You don't have to earn it. Just be grateful. And live like a son and daughter of God. He has given you the power to do it.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

FLAME (grades 10-12) – FLAME TIME

Come one, come all. The FLAME time fun continues and we are ready for another event filled with faith, fun and fellowship. Get ready for the games, open your heart to go deeper in your faith and step out your comfort zone to make some new friends. What's the event all about? Well you'll just have to come and see for yourself. Join us on Sunday, Jan 20 at 6:30pm in the Church basement for a night of faith, fun and fellowship.



DISCOVER THE MEANING OF LIFE

Come to the first ALPHA course and meet new friends over a free lunch and learn about the most intriguing topics of the Christian FAITH and about LIFE; then discuss the topics in small groups. This 8 session course starts on Saturday, Jan 26 at 11am-2:30pm in the Church basement. Each session starts with a (free) meal. You don't have to come to the whole course, pop in for the first session and see what you think. Pre-registration required; please contact the parish office at 604 435-9611 ext 0; or alphastmarysvan@gmail.com.

PARISH LIBRARY

Do you like listening to great stories? Are you hungry for best practices? Are you committed to continuous learning? Then check out the media kiosk at the back of the Church. Our parish library also has new additions including the Catholicism series, Beginning Apologetics, and DVDs on several saints. On Sunday Jan.13, the library will be open from 10:30am-12:30pm, and from 4pm-7pm, and will be previewing the Catholicism series DVD. Future openings will be posted in the bulletin and website. We are looking for more volunteers so we can be open after all Sunday masses.

PARISH NEWS

HELP KEEP THE HOMELESS WARM

St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Society and St. Mary's Street Outreach need really warm stuff: winter gear including hats, gloves, socks, scarves, toques, and winter jackets, especially for men. We will be collecting donations of NEW winter items during the month of Jan 2013, as part of our outreach program for the homeless. Please drop your donations into the box in the foyer marked "Socks, Gloves, Scarves and Toques". On behalf of the homeless we thank you in advance for your generosity.



COURAGE/ENCOURAGE

A presentation will be given by Fr. Bill Comerford, director of Courage/Encourage for the Archdiocese of Vancouver on Tuesday, Jan 15 at 7:30pm in the Rectory Dining Room. "Courage" is a support group for men and women who struggle with same-sex attraction. "Encourage" is a ministry within Courage dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents and other relatives and friends of persons who struggle with same-sex attraction. All are welcome! For info: 604-916-6192 or email: vancouvercourage1@live.ca or encourage-in-bc@live.ca.

VIETNAMESE MISSION

The Archdiocese of Vancouver has begun a process to establish a sisterhood with the Diocese of Lang Son, a mission diocese in northern Vietnam where majority of the people are poor and needy. On Sunday, Jan. 20, the Bishop of Lang Son, Most Reverend Joseph Ngan Dang, will be visiting our parish and will celebrate the 7pm Mass.

SINGERS & MUSICIANS WANTED

The Saturday 5 pm choir would like to invite singers and musicians to join our choir to praise God through the ministry of music. We are especially looking for a piano player who can start playing full time in September. For more info, please contact Patricia at patriciahyma@gmail.com / 604-782-8850.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

Couples for Christ is inviting all married couples, widows or widowers, and separated Catholics to a Christian Life Program that will start on Jan 26 at 7pm at St Mary's School Gym. Fellowship and free light snacks follow. The program is free but pre-registration is requested. To register or to inquire, please call: Albert & Anna Angeles at 604-522-2259; Ricky & Rocky Ysonza at 778-855-0398, Elhy & Jona Juan at 604-782-4802 or Joe & Flor Pelingon at 604-438-3821.

PARISH NEWS

CATHOLICS COME HOME PRAY & FAST

Archbishop Miller is inviting all parishioners to choose one day to fast during our Catholics Come Home campaign. Please sign up in the foyer.



CATHOLICS COME HOME PRAYER COMMITMENTS

Please find CCH prayer commitment forms in the foyer that you can fill out and commit yourself to. Keep the form with you, or in your prayer book, as a reminder of the CCH program, and your commitment to pray for its fruitful success.

CATHOLICS COME HOME "WE MISS YOU" CARDS

Please take a "We Miss You" card from the foyer. Read the instructions, fill out the card, and give it to someone you would like to invite back to the Church. Please take as many as you need.

ARC ARCHDIOCESAN PRAYER GATHERING

Join us in adoration on Saturday, Jan 19 from 7:30-9:30pm in the Church. This time of prayer, adoration, confession, prayers for healing and Benediction are a blessing to those who attend and gain grace for all the efforts of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in our Archdiocese.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

20th ANNIVERSARY OF LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Cardinal Collins of the Archdiocese of Toronto will be the principal celebrant, along with Archbishop Miller and several priests of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Join us on Friday Jan 25 at 7:30pm at Immaculate Conception Church, 8842 119th Street, Delta. Info: Lennie David at 604-597-8227, reception to follow.

CANTONESE EVANGELIZATION WORKSHOP

Come and learn skills to become effective in proclaiming the Gospel to your family and friends. An Evangelization Workshop in two parts conducted in Cantonese - January 26 (Part 1) & February 9 (Part 2) Saturdays, 1pm to 3:30pm at St. Francis Xavier Church, 438 Great Northern Way. To register: sfxbsg@outlook.com / Tel. Francis at (604) 261-2663

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

We are searching for the longest married couple in Canada! Submit their names, address, contact number and wedding date, as well as a contact number or email address of the person nominating the couple to renewmare@gmail.com.

