

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### **Sunday Feb 10: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 1:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
- 2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
- 3:00pm Filipino Mass (Church)
- 6:10pm Bible Study (Church Basement)
- 7:30pm Neo Catechumen (Seminar Room)

### **Monday Feb 11:** (Family Day Holiday – Parish Office Closed)

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

### **Tuesday Feb 12:**

- 6:30pm Baptism Prep (Church)
- 6:45pm PREP Mass** (School Gym)
- 7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)
- 7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

### **Wednesday Feb 13: ASH WEDNESDAY**

**8:00am, 10:00am (School Mass), 5:00pm, 7:00pm Mass**

- 2:00pm Willingdon Mass (4435 Grange)
- 6:45pm PREP Mass** (School Gym)
- 7:30pm Neo Cat (Seminar Room)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **Thursday Feb 14:**

- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **Friday Feb 15:**

- 6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
- 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **Saturday Feb 16:**

- 9:30am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
- 10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
- 11:00am Alpha (Church Basement)
- 2:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)
- 3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)
- 6:30pm CFC (Church Basement)
- 7:30pm ARC (Church)

### **Sunday Feb 17: 1st Sunday of Lent**

- 2:00pm New Parishioner Reception (Church Basement)
- 2:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
- 6:10pm Bible Study (Church Basement)
- 7:30pm Neo Catechumen (Seminar Room)

## 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

FILIPINO MASS: every 2nd & 4th Sunday 3:00pm

**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.

Coordinator: Edwin Cruz

Email:rcia.smarv@rcav.org.

**PREP/TEEN PREP:** Catechism Program for children attending public schools on Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm/ Teen Prep Tuesdays only

Coordinator: Edwin Cruz

E-mail: prep.smarv@rcav.org.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Coordinator: Rocelyn Catris

Email: youth.smarv@rcav.org

Website: www.marysyouth.com

**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Principal: Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 6:00pm

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**FEBRUARY 10, 2013**

*Pastor's  
Corner*

## GOD INTO YOUR BOAT

Jesus comes into Peter's boat without asking permission and then gives him orders to go where He wants to go. The same for Isaiah, Peter and Paul. Paul was "thrown off his horse," got blinded for those days by the Resurrected Jesus. But you say, "No God never did that for me. He won't do that for most people." Some of you may even hope that it won't happen to you! What is the problem? First, many of us don't discern the actions of God coming into our life, because we are not familiar with his ways; we lack familiarity with the Bible and/or the lives of the saints. Secondly, when we do recognize God's intervention in our life, we get paralyzed with fear and low self esteem. Thirdly, we refuse to cooperate with God, for fear that He will lead us where we don't want to go, for fear that His mission for us will be too difficult.

First point: the ways of God. Sometimes God does not barge into our life without asking permission. He just knocks at the door. "If anyone opens, I will come in and have dinner with him." (Rev. 3:20) That is what is happening when everything goes well in our life. We are happy, and healthy, but there is a sense of dissatisfaction. We know we are made for more. God is gently knocking! But sometimes, God barges in, in an almost brutal way. A sickness, a divorce, the breaking of a friendship, loss of a job, a move to a foreign country. It is God's way of saying to us, I am here, let me pilot your boat. I will steer you to the place of deep joy, even amidst life's uncertainties. You may say yes to Him, because really there is not much else in sight!

Secondly, fear may paralyze us at this point: Peter said to Jesus, "Stay away from me Lord, for I am a sinner." When God comes close, right there in our boat, we start to see how fragile and sinful we are. It is like when you hold a glass in front of the light. You suddenly see all the dirty spots on it! You say, "Lord I am too shallow, too sensuous to be

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your companion.” But wait a minute! You will see that the discovery of your sinfulness is not debilitating. Initially, you feel less confident, less sure of yourself, less in control. Persevere and your sense of inadequacy will empower you through Him. Paul said, “God’s strength manifests itself through my weakness. I can do everything with Him who lives in me.” And God removes your sins.

Finally, we “hear” God say to us like He said to Isaiah, “Whom shall I send?” Or to Peter, “Do not be afraid. From now on, you will be a fisher of men.” Don’t think that you must become like a priest or a nun. But God will lead you out of the shallows into the deep, from boredom to the real excitement of spiritual transformation and mission. You may fear your nets will break under the load. Let the Lord take care of it. That is the most important decision in your life.



God bless you, Fr. Pierre

## PARISH NEWS

### **FLAME (Gr 10-12) – ICE SKATING**

Join us on Friday, Feb 15 from 5-8pm at Robson Square outdoor skating rink and enjoy the high energy and upbeat music from a live D.J. Skating is free if you bring your own skates. Rentals are available for a cost of \$4. **Registration ends on Feb 13.** Please contact Rocelyn at youth.smarv@rcav.org or call 604-435-9611 ext.247.

### **PARISH LENTEN RETREAT**

Fr. Scott McCaig, CC, will give our 2013 Parish Lenten Retreat, “SET ABLAZE IN CHRIST.” He will preach at all Masses during the weekend of Feb 23/24 and on Tuesday, Feb 26, Wednesday Feb 27 and Thursday, Feb 28 at 8am & 7pm. Talks include: “Amazed by Jesus,” “Fire of the Holy Spirit,” and “Developing an Evangelical Heart.” Let us really prepare for Lent and be “SET ABLAZE IN CHRIST!”



## PARISH NEWS

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Do you know that God desires to be in conversation with you? Learn to recognize His voice! Get acquainted with His language! Come and join The Bible Timeline 24-part study! It starts Sunday, Feb 10 at 6:10pm in the Church basement. Watch the 50-55 minute talk, then stay for the discussion. Cost of the study kit is \$30, optional but highly recommended. See poster board in the Church foyer for more information.



### **EXPLORING YOUCAT**

Do you have the YOUCAT? Would you like to get the most out of YOUCAT? Join us Wednesday evenings to watch videos that will dig into the richness of our Catholic faith. The first video will be on Feb 20, 7:40pm, right after the Wednesday evening Mass in the Church basement. See full schedule on the Church bulletin board. Together, in this Year of Faith, let us learn our faith!

### **PAULINE BOOK FAIR**

Our Parish will be hosting a Catholic Book & Media Fair on the weekend of February 16/17 as part of our Celebration for the Year of Faith. This is hosted by the Daughters of St. Paul from Toronto. Everyone is invited to come and see the selection of Catholic books, music CDs and DVD movies and get something to deepen and nourish your Faith this year. You can find out more about the life and mission of the Daughters of St. Paul at [www.pauline.org](http://www.pauline.org).

### **WELCOME HOME RECEPTION**

Newly registered parishioners (less than 3 yrs.) and returning Catholics are invited to a “Welcome Home Reception” on Sunday Feb 17 from 2-4pm in the Church basement. Meet the priest(s) and coordinators of our 40+ parish ministries. Light refreshments will be served and door prizes will be drawn. Pre-registration for the reception is required. Catholic Women's League members will be in the Church foyer after Mass to assist you with the registration for the reception. Come and see why St. Mary's is YOUR home! Or RSVP by phone with Eileen 604- 220-3747 or Teresa 604-437-7745.

### **CATHOLIC FORUM**

The Catholic Forum invites you to explore the topic: “The Law or the Spirit?” on Tuesday Feb 19 at 7pm in the Church. Monsignor Rossi will discuss Canon law in the life of the Church 50 years after Vatican II. Come and bring your questions! For further information, contact Dr. Paul Ungar at 604-588-5696 or Cathy Neugebauer email: [ve7cld@shaw.ca](mailto:ve7cld@shaw.ca).

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday is February 13. The Mass times are as follows: 8am, 10am School Mass, 5pm and 7pm. PREP Masses are Tuesday & Wednesday at 6:45pm in the School Gym.

### **FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY**

The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 11 for the Family Day holiday.

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

### **PRAY FOR SOULS**

The Archbishop and the Office of Evangelization ask all parishioners to pray a nine-day Novena, Feb. 11-19, asking God to draw souls to the mercy of Christ in the sacrament of Confession. Sign up to receive a daily email for the novena prayer at [www.rcav.org/Novena](http://www.rcav.org/Novena).



### **WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**

Archbishop Miller will be the main celebrant at the Mass of Anointing on Tuesday, Feb 12 at 11am at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 555 South Slocan Street, Vancouver.

### **ARCHDIOCESAN ONE CONFERENCE**

Come and be inspired, united, and empowered in our faith and mission at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Archdiocesan Conference! Hear from dynamic speaker Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, celebrate Mass with Archbishop Miller, explore over 60 ministry and commercial exhibitors and enjoy an evening concert by international recording artist Matt Maher, on Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Vancouver Convention Centre. Tickets are available at the parish office or online at [RCAV.ORG/ONE](http://RCAV.ORG/ONE).

### **SPIRITUAL RENEWAL OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION PARISH**

Mission by Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM. Topic - Sin, conversion and the call to Holiness – A Message of Divine Mercy. Fr. Menezes is well-known for his preaching, missions and appearing on EWTN as a daily Mass celebrant and homilist, and is the host of several televised series for EWTN, including “The Crux of the Matter.” The Mission will be held from Feb. 18 to 21 at 7pm at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Port Coquitlam.

### **“PURSUIT OF LOVE” MUSICAL**



Do we live on bread alone or is there a deeper meaning to life? To align with the Year of Faith, we will host a Chinese Evangelization Event named “Pursuit of Love” on March 24, at the Michael J. Fox Theatre from 2:30-4:30pm. We invite Catholics to accompany those who have not been attending Mass and the non-Catholic seekers to come to this event that will include an inspiring musical and faith witnessing. For more information, please call 604-818 6888.

### **INNER HEALING CONFERENCE**

A presentation by world renowned speaker Fr. John Hampsch on Inner Healing will be held on Friday, Mar. 8 at 7:30pm and Saturday, Mar. 9 from 9am to 5pm at Archbishop Carney School, 1335 Dominion Ave., Port Coquitlam. Cost \$20 each or 2 for \$30. For more info and tickets call Vernon at 604-460-0114 or visit [www.stlukesparish.wordpress.com](http://www.stlukesparish.wordpress.com).

### **HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL GIFT SHOP**

Holy Family Auxiliary is looking for volunteers for the gift shop. For more information, please call Lorraine Vuch at 604-326-1318.