

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY FEB 24: 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (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 24:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

TUESDAY FEB 26:

8:00am **MASS & LENTEN RETREAT (Church)**
7:00pm **MASS & LENTEN RETREAT (Church)**
7:00pm CWL (School Gym)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

WEDNESDAY FEB 27:

8:00am **LENTEN RETREAT (Church)**
3:00pm St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex)
7:00pm **MASS & LENTEN RETREAT/Adoration/Confession (Church)**
7:30pm Neo Cat (Seminar Room)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
7:40pm YOUCAT (Church Basement)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY FEB 28:

8:00am **LENTEN RETREAT (Church)**
7:00pm **MASS & LENTEN RETREAT/Adoration (Church)**
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY MAR 1:

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

SATURDAY MAR 2:

9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)
9:30am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
11:00am Alpha (Church Basement)
2:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
6:30pm CFC (Church Basement)
7:00pm CCO Summit (Church)

SUNDAY MAR 3: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

1:00pm CFC (School Gym)
1:30pm YFC (Church Basement)
2:00pm Liturgy Committee (Seminar Room)
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

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

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*Pastor's
Corner*

HEAVEN IS REAL!

Did you ever wonder if there is anything beyond this life, beyond this world? Is there more about life than eating, drinking, working, having kids and dying? Is there something more durable, more real, more beautiful, a permanent and solid reality in which we will ultimately live? Do we have to wait until after death to find out about this?

No, God gives us some "breakthrough" moments! In these moments, the reality and beauty of heaven shine through in this world. Some philosophers and psychologists call these moments "peak-experiences." In today's Gospel, Jesus gives the disciples a chance to glimpse at this heavenly reality. By showing what He will be at the Resurrection, He shows them the heaven in which they will participate. Jesus becomes "transfigured," radiant with a light that glows from within: a stunningly beautiful and peaceful light. They fall in adoration! Later on, many saints did shine in a similar way. St. Elisabeth of Hungary, coming from prayer would shine like that, radiant with an inner glow. Before Christ, Moses' face shone with light after his encounter with God on Mount Sinai. Nowadays, saints like Mother Teresa or Padre Pio also radiated inner light at certain key moments of their lives.

Have you experienced these breakthroughs of the Other World in your life? If not, it could be that you did not recognize them, or that you are too busy to pay attention to them. First, you may not recognize them because you may have a false conception of what they look like. They are rarely visual experiences. They are more like an inner word from God, or a sense of being touched by God's glory, as St. Peter wrote in his first letter. These moments, we often recognized them **after** they have happened. Reflecting on them, we exclaim, "God was there" or "I will never be the same again" or "I can't wait to be there, forever with God" or simply

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Then we have the courage to go down the mountain with Christ to complete our mission.

How can we open ourselves to these "Transfiguration experiences?" Simply by praying more and by living differently. Pay attention to God, to the Saints, to breakthroughs of heaven in your life. Seek and you shall find!

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Fr. Scott McCaig, CC, General Superior of the Companions of the Cross, 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!" No registration required, all are welcome!

REGISTRATION DESK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the registration desk in the foyer after the 11:15am, 1pm and 7pm Masses. Please complete the yellow Parish Participation form, found on line or in the Church foyer. For more info, please call Frances at 604-433-2156.

PARISH NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Timeline study is ongoing. Come to the Church basement on Sundays at 6:10pm (after the 5pm Mass) and get deeper into the heart of God. Feb 24 session is on Genesis, chapters 4 to 11, mainly on God's covenant with Noah. The full schedule is posted on the board in the Church foyer.



EXPLORING YOUCAT

There will be no YOUCAT session on Feb 27 as everyone is encouraged to attend the Parish Lenten Retreat. The YOUCAT session on the following Wednesday, Mar 6, will be on two topics: Man's Response to God and Creation. The full schedule is posted on the board in the Church foyer. Together, in this Year of Faith, let us learn our faith!

FAMILY LIFE WORKSHOP



"Love and Anger in Parenting" is the 3rd in our series of Family Life Workshops at St. Mary's Parish. This will be held on Friday, March 1 at 7pm in the school seminar room. Facilitator is Joy Jose, Pastoral Counselor and a Filipino support worker for the Vancouver School Board. Please bring family and friends.

CCO SUMMIT

Join us on Friday, March 2 at 7:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration and Praise & Worship. There will be amazing music, confession, free food and fellowship afterwards. Everyone is invited.

WELCOME SESSION FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-35)

Have something in mind for our Young Adult Group? Please join us on Thursday, March 7 at 6:30-8:30pm in the Rectory Dining Room. For info, please contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext. 247 or youth.smarv@rcav.bc.ca.

FREEDOM - YOUTH (Gr 6-12) & YOUNG ADULTS

Join us on March 8, 7:30-10:30pm for FREEDOM: a powerful, one-of-a-kind reconciliation event for youth and young adults. Admission is free. Event will take place at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Port Coquitlam. Music, witness, catechesis and an examination of conscience are part of the dynamic program that prepares the participants for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please register with Rocelyn at youth.smarv@rcav.org or call 604-435-9611 ext. 247. Space is limited.

ADVERTISE IN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL MAGAZINE



We invite businesses, organizations, and families with their portraits to advertise in St. Mary's International Festival 2013 Souvenir Program. This is a great way to reach over 5,000 community members. Please pick up your booking forms at the foyer. Deadline for submission is April 10.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

MASS FOR POPE BENEDICT XVI

All are invited to a Mass in Thanksgiving for Pope Benedict XVI on Friday, March 1, at 5:10pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral.

PRO-LIFE MASS & VIGIL

Peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents will be held on Saturday, Mar. 2 at St. Helen's Parish, 3860 Triumph Street, Burnaby. Mass at 9am followed by Rosary and prayers at Burnaby Hospital.

ENCOURAGE MEETING

This public meeting is sponsored by Courage, a Catholic organization founded to support those struggling with same-sex attractions; for parents, other relatives and friends of persons struggling with same-sex attractions. Sunday, Mar. 3 from 2:30 - 4pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish hall, 2465 Crown St., Vancouver.

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

St. Augustine's Vancouver Parish Mission will be held Mar. 2 to 6, at 8am and 7pm Masses, led by Fr. Rusty Sullivan, a Franciscan priest. The Mission begins with all the weekend Masses. More information call 604-736-4455.

BULLYING AND CYBER BULLYING

Are you a concerned parent? Sr. Mary Angela Shaughnessey, SC, will talk about Bullying and Cyber Bullying - 7pm to 8pm on Thursday, Mar. 7 at Notre Dame Regional Secondary. For more information visit www.cisva.bc.ca.

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.

SYMPOSIUM AT ST. MARK'S COLLEGE

St. Mark's College invites you to a symposium entitled "Vatican II and the Faith of the Church: Reflections on the New Evangelization" on Mar 1/2, featuring 15 scholarly speakers, including Fr. Gabriel de Chadarevian, Dr. Michael Attridge of University of St. Michael's College in Toronto and Ottawa Archbishop Terrence Prendergast. For more info or to register please call 604-822-4463 or stmarkscollege.ca/conferences.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR FOR THE FAMILY

An instrument for bringing people into a deeper experience of the work of the Holy Spirit, at St. Peter's Parish, 330 Royal Avenue, New Westminster on Saturday Mar. 16-May 11, 10am to noon. Includes children's, teens and adults components. Babysitting available; lunch provided. Pre-registration required. More information contact Bev 778-558-9551; Roy 604-523-2769; Ashanti 604-526-9910; e-mail rmacintyrester@gmail.com.

