

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY MAR 24: PASSION SUNDAY

2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
6:10pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

MONDAY MAR 25:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

TUESDAY MAR 26:

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY MAR 27:

7:00pm Mass (Church) **No Adoration or Confession**
8:00pm Vigil Rehearsal (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY MAR 29: GOOD FRIDAY

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY MAR 30: HOLY SATURDAY

9:30am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
6:30pm CFC (Church Basement)

SUNDAY MAR 31: EASTER SUNDAY

2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

TRIDUUM MASS SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY: 7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY: 3pm (Church & School Gym)

7pm Stations of the Cross

EASTER VIGIL: 8:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY: 8am, 9:30am, 11:15am (Church & Church Basement), 1pm, 3pm (Filipino) 5pm, 7pm

TRIDUUM CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday : 6:45pm – 7:15pm, 8:40pm – 10pm

Good Friday: 10am – 2:30pm, 4:30pm – 10pm

Holy Saturday: 3pm – 6pm

Easter Sunday: No Confessions

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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PASTORS & STAFF

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Pastor's Corner

LIVING HOLY WEEK

The entry into Jerusalem...is the beginning of the most important week in human history, when Jesus died and rose again, when we were offered eternal safety and protection in the Spirit of the risen Jesus. From now on, unless we reject his grace, we can be hurt but never truly damaged.

This was the only time in the life of Jesus when he was wanted, welcomed, hailed. There are small boys busily tearing down branches for the people to wave, there is a man laying down his cloak for Jesus to ride over, and others preparing to do the same. There are the city elders, at the gates, hands raised in awed greeting...Jesus comes to his own city, which up to now has refused him, and they hail him triumphantly. He has grieved over Jerusalem, saying, with a smile, surely that he was like a hen who wanted to shelter her chickens under her wings, and they "would not." But this day it would seem that they "would," and Jesus, for the only time in the Gospels, rides a donkey, to receive their welcome...

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion summons us to align ourselves either with Jesus or against him. It would seem that even to say "against" is ridiculous; are we not his followers? Well, perhaps we are not, really. Perhaps we are among the Jerusalemites who welcomed him when he seemed the Messiah who would magically take away their problems, but rejected him when he turned out to be a saviour who carried a cross and died upon it, and asked those who loved him to do the same. Cheers and acclamations can pass as belief, but it is actions that count.

Lent asks us to scrutinize, calmly and in the presence of God, what direction our actions have led us and will lead us. Are we directed toward God? Or toward ourselves? Do we forgive? Do we pray? Do we try to be patient? The list is endless. Jesus offers his blessing to anybody who is sincere and seeks him.

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The Pastor's Corner text is by Sister Wendy Beckett, taken from the Holy Week Magnificat Vol. 15, No. 1.



PARISH NEWS

GR. 6-8 YOUTH - SPARKLE NIGHT

Jesus calls us to a deeper relationship with Him, but how do we respond? Join us on March 25, 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Church basement and find out. Parents are invited to bring food/snacks to share with the youth. Please contact Youth Ministry for details.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 27

Please note there is no adoration or confession following the Wednesday 7pm Mass.

GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29

The parish office will be closed on Good Friday, March 29.

PARISH NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

In the Bible Timeline Study today, we will learn about God's instructions to Moses regarding the Law, the Priesthood and the Tabernacle as written in Exodus 19 to 40. We will also learn their significance in the New Testament. Come to the Church basement after the Sunday 5pm Mass.



YOUCAT

During Holy Week, EXPLORING YOUCAT will take a break. YOUCAT will resume next Wednesday, April 3.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2013

Calling for volunteers! The Project Advance committee needs your help to assist in this year's campaign. Volunteer cards are available in the Church foyer, please return the cards by March 30. There will be an information and training meeting on April 2 at 6pm in the Rectory. We look forward to working with you in this year's campaign.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE HUNGER SNACK

Thank you all for participating in the Hunger Snack last week which was served after the Saturday evening mass and Sunday morning masses. We collected \$332.27 all of which will go to the Share Lent Collection. Special thanks to the cooks and volunteer servers who made it all possible.

ADVERTISE IN INT'L FESTIVAL SOUVENIR PROGRAM

We invite businesses, organizations, and families with 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 booking forms from the Church foyer. Deadline is March 31. Please contact Lynda at lyndaqtamayo@yahoo.com.

YOUTH CAMP

CFC-Youth (formerly known as Youth for Christ-YFC) of Couples for Christ invites all youth ages 12-21 to a Youth Camp scheduled on April 6-7, to be held at St. Joseph's Parish, 1612 East 18th Ave, Van. It is an experience which will afford all youth the opportunity to know Jesus Christ in a personal way and build Christian friendships with other young adults in High School and College. It will be a weekend of faith, fun and fellowship. To register please contact: Jonathan Tee 778-386-7511 or Jessica Villanueva 778-558-8034.



DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

DISCOVERING CHRIST

At St. Francis de Sales Parish, Burnaby. Experience a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through Discussion, DVD and Dinner. Scheduled on Wednesdays from Apr. 17 to May 29 - 6:30 to 9pm. Pre registration required. Call Parish Office 604-434-1328 or email parish.sfds@rcav.org.

WELCOME THE MIGRANT FARM WORKERS

Learn how our parishes provide support to farm workers from Latin American Countries. Info session on welcoming migrant farm workers in your parish will be held on Apr. 18 from 7-9pm at St. Luke Parish, Maple Ridge. Begins with a spiritual reflection by Father Richard Zanotti, C.S.; discover how dedicated parishioners, who currently support the farm workers, are welcoming and serving them in numerous parish communities. They will share their experiences and the joys of this ministry. For info contact: Evelyn Vollet at evollet@rcav.org.

VOCATION LIVE-IN WEEKEND

On the weekend of April 12 - 14 there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715.

ANNUAL SPRING FAIR

Catholic Women's League - Holy Name Council will be having their Annual Spring Fair- near new clothing, kitchen items, garage sale items, home-made baked goods and Coffee-Tea garden on Saturday, Apr. 13 and Sunday, Apr. 14 from 10am to 1pm at Holy Name of Jesus Parish hall, 4925 Cambie Street. All are welcome.

COME AND BE HEALED BY THE POWER OF GOD.

Let Him renew your mind, body and spirit. Mustard Seed Healing Ministry invites you to a Healing Prayer Service on Apr. 13 after the 5pm Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, 7455- 10th Avenue, Burnaby. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during the entire service. A procession with the Blessed Sacrament will follow. Be touched by God's healing love. For info call 778-688-4752.

MARRIAGE CRISIS? RETROUVAILLE IS THE ANSWER

Retrouvaille is a marriage recovery program for couples in crisis or whose marriage is in serious need of repair. Retrouvaille has succeeded in saving many couples from marital breakdown. For confidential information or to register call 604-530-6710, email vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org or visit www.retrouvaille.org; www.retrouvaillevancover.com.