THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY APR 7: 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
1:30pm CFC-Youth (Church Basement)
6:10pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

MONDAY APR 8: ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
7:00pm MVA (Rectory Basement)

TUESDAY APR 9:
6:30pm Baptism Prep (Church)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY APR 10:
2:00pm Willingdon Mass (4435 Grange)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
7:40pm YOUCAT (Church Basement)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY APR 11: ST. STANISLAUS
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY APR 12:
6:30pm CFC-YFL (Seminar Room)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY APR 13:
9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory Basement)
9:30am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
1:00pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

SUNDAY APR 14: 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:00am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)
1:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
5:30pm CFC (School Gym)
6:10pm Bible Study (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
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.
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Pastor's Corner

DIVINE MERCY IN I.C.U.

The modern culture makes it difficult for us to accept mercy from one another and even from God. We have lost the sense of sin. We prefer to speak of "mistakes" rather than sins. Mistakes are excused or justified. Sins are forgiven. In our pride, we prefer to be excused than to be forgiven. We try to make up for our so-called "mistakes" by our own extra effort. The self-righteousness of the Pharisees is still alive in us. But there is another way, more accessible to our culture, to experience the Divine Mercy. It is the experience of our fragility, of our powerlessness, of our dependence on others and ultimately on God. Then we can discover that God's love for us manifests itself in the form of mercy. Think for a moment about the parents' love for their baby. It shows itself in the form of mercy. Not pity but loving care.

God allowed this pneumonia to happen in my lungs, so that I may discover His Merciful Love in a new and deeper way. During my twelve-day stay at Mount St. Joseph's I.C.U. I could do nothing by myself, at least for the first five days. I was "tied" to my bed by all these tubes and sensors and probes. I could hardly move in this spaghetti-like maze. I was totally dependent on the nurses 24/7. I could only be there, passively, and accept to be cared for. It was quite devastating for me. Calling the nurses for everything, like the bedpan, and having to be washed after that!

The fear of choking during the night, when my throat was clogged with mucus and phlegm, kept me awake 24/7. In fact, some of the phlegm went into my lungs and caused my middle right lobe to collapse. Night and day, I knew the only way I could go through that ordeal was by holding the hand of the Risen Christ and trusting in Him all the time. Rebelling was not an option. I had no energy for that. So I took everything, pain and anxiety, as a share in His passion, for my salvation and yours. I realized what Christ had gone

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through for me and for us. And I became reconciled with this total dependence on Him, on His mercy.

God's mercy did not belittle me. It lifted me up and gave the grace to respond with all my might. It led me to become a channel of His mercy for others. Then I was able to see the power of His Resurrection at work in me and in us.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

p.s.

Even though you may see me at Mass, I am still not able to resume my work. The doctor asked me to take four weeks of rest. I should be back by April 25th. If I start too early to work, I may never regain my energy fully. St. Vincent de Paul said the devil tempts us to do more now, so that we can do nothing later. I don't want this to happen!

PARISH NEWS

YOUNG ADULTS (18-39) – CALL TO WITNESS

Do you wish you could do more than thank God in personal prayer? Join young adults on April 11, 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Rectory Basement. Do not fear if you have no stories to share; you are welcome to listen to inspiring stories from our own community. Please contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 (ext. 247) or youth.smarv@rcav.org if you are interested to give testimony. Feel free to bring snacks to share.

FLAME (GR. 8-12) NIGHT

How do you keep the flame in your heart burning? Find out in this year's first Flame Night on April 26, 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Church basement. Let the faith move you, the fun to surprise you and the fellowship hook you. Please contact Youth Ministry for details.

SPARK (GR. 6-8) NIGHT

Let faith move you, fun surprise you and fellowship hook you on April 29, 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Church basement. Join fellow youth in their journey to knowing and loving Christ, and having fun at it! Contact Youth Ministry for details.

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PROJECT ADVANCE 2013

Please take a moment to read the 2013 Project Advance brochure inserted in the bulletin. It outlines the causes that will be supported by the campaign and a sample of a monthly gift plan. There will also be a video presentation at all Masses April 13/14. Pledge forms have been mailed out and committee members will be available next week to collect returned pledges or to register new donors. Any rebate received will be used for the Parish Centre Building fund, so your participation is very important. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

MIGRANT MINISTRY

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry in collaboration with ISS of BC and Westcoast Domestic Workers Association (WDWA) will hold a free workshop on "Live-In Caregiver Program: Immigration Process and Issues." The speaker, Ai Li Lim, is a lawyer and executive director at WDWA. Please come on Sunday, April 14 from 10am-12:30pm to the School Gym. For more info, please call Chit Arma at 604-684-7498 (ext.1666) or email resochita.arma@issbc.org or Lenn Castro at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com. Light refreshments will be served.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL SOUVENIR PROGRAM

Ads for the Souvenir Program are still being accepted. Please pick up an application form from the Church foyer. Cheques are to be made payable to "St. Mary's Parish, re: International Festival." Do not leave a cheque or cash with the application, contact Lynda Tamayo at 604-563-5262. Also, the 2002 International Fair Album is missing from the Parish Office. Please return it as soon as possible, thank you.

THANK YOU FROM THE CWL

Catholic Women's League would like to thank the parishioners for their support in 2012. Because of your participation in our annual events (Mother's Day Brunch, October Family Fun Night, Advent Craft Fair, Pancake Breakfast) we fundraised more than $6,600 distributed to various charities including the Poor Clares, Seminarians, Covenant House, Domestic Abuse Services, First Communicants, L'Arche, St. Mary's Student Aid, Talitha Koum Society, Luke 15 House, Dominican Nuns and Queen of Peace Monastery. With your prayers, we will continue our mission to support our parish, community and country. Thank you!

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BIBLE STUDY

In the BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY this Sunday April 7, focus is on the Book of Numbers. We will learn about the forty years that the Israelites spent wandering in the desert. Join us Sunday evenings after the 5pm Mass in the Church basement.

YOUCAT

This Wednesday, April 10 in EXPLORING YOUCAT, we will learn about the Holy Spirit and what it means to live in the truth through the Holy Spirit. Drop by on Wednesday evenings after Mass in the Church basement and bring up your questions about your faith.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

COME AND BE HEALED BY THE POWER OF GOD.

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. Be touched by God's healing love. For information call 778-688-4752.

DISCOVERING CHRIST

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

SPRING INTO FAITH FORMATION

Archdiocesan Spring Institute offers one-day faith formation and ministry training for adults. Topics include: Basics of the Faith, New Evangelization, and more. Ministry training for RCIA, PREP, LWC & Youth Ministry. April 20 at Holy Cross Secondary School, Surrey from 10am-4pm. Early bird cost before Apr. 12 - $35; thereafter - $40. Lunch included. All are welcome. For more info and registration www.rcav.org/oc/spring.

50TH WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Given the increasingly secular and materialistic culture, there is an urgent need for the Church to incite and renew a yearning, especially among our younger ones, to respond to God's call to priesthood and consecrated life. A Mass will be held at the Holy Rosary Cathedral on Apr. 21–11am to celebrate, pray and be inspired by those who have responded to God's call. Refreshment follows. All are welcome. For more info, contact Vocations Office: 604-683-0281 or e-mail vocations@rcav.org.