

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



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)

MONDAY APR 15:

- 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

TUESDAY APR 16:

- 7:00pm CWL (School Gym)
- 7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
- 7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY APR 17:

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

THURSDAY APR 18:

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

FRIDAY APR 19:

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

SATURDAY APR 20:

- 9:30am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
- 2:30pm Knights of Columbus (Rectory Basement)
- 3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)
- 6:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Dining Room)
- 6:30pm CFC (Church Basement)
- 7:30pm ARC (Church)

SUNDAY APR 21: 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 2:00pm Liturgy Committee (Rectory Dining)
- 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Coordinator: Rocelyn Catris

Email: youth.smarv@rcav.org

Website: www.marysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PASTORS & STAFF

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*Pastor's
Corner*

TRANSFORMING DENIALS INTO LOVE

I was about four years old during that Easter time Sunday Mass, when today's Gospel was proclaimed. The parish priest was a bit theatrical. During the homily, he asked the crowd, forcefully, and, by sheer coincidence, looking at me, "Pierre, m'aimes-tu?" Which means, "Peter, do you love me?" And he said it three times, with a long pause in between each time. I was sure the priest wanted an answer from me, loud and clear, right away! Full of anxiety, I turned to Mom and said loudly, "Mommy, he is asking me if I love him! What should I do? I don't like him." And my Mom said, "Please, shut up."

While in hospital, with all these tubes and wires around, plugged to a ventilator that would assist me in breathing, I felt God was asking me again that same question. Not with an external voice, but through all that thinking that was going on in my head. A psalm that I read was saying to God, "Your love is better than life." God was asking me "Do you love me more than life itself? Would you continue to love me even if you could no longer go on with your ministry? Would you continue to seek me, and desire to know me more and more?" My answer was "Yes. But I cannot promise you this on my own power. I need your strength and your love to follow you wherever you want." And I knew the strength was given me by that peaceful courage that I felt, nights and days. Then I knew that the Lord was asking me to continue feeding his lambs. But these words of the Lord are true for each of us, just as it was for Peter, "When you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go."

Now, these words of Christ for you and me should not be taken in a dreadful way! On the contrary, they mean that

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even when something is done to you that you would not have chosen, even there, and maybe more than ever, God's hand is right there, doing everything for His glory and for our sharing in it.

So, what about you? Are you ready to hear God's request to love Him more than life itself? He is not asking you "Is your faith complete and orthodox?" He is not asking you "Do you still have doubts about the Church's teaching?" He is asking you "Do you love me?" You don't have to answer, "I love you more than anyone else." Peter did that at the Last Supper. "Even if all fall away from you, I will never fall away" (Matthew 26, 33.) And that night, Peter denied Christ three times. "I do not know him." But in today's Gospel, at the dawn of a new day, Peter, in front of charcoal fire similar to the one of the denial, was given a chance, to turn his denial into love, three times! Give God permission to make this happen in your soul. Ask Him to put in your heart the desire to do so! And you will never regret it...

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE - OPEN WIDE THE DOOR OF FAITH

It is very exciting to launch the 33rd Project Advance! Here are the words of Archbishop Miller: "*Project Advance is stewardship in action. With your gift, you are opening wide the door for others. Thank you for recognizing that God has given you the blessing of faith, family and treasure. Be generous so that together we may ensure that all those who knock will find door open for them. May our generosity declare to one another and to the community at large that we are people who care and that you can make a difference!*" Committee members and volunteers are available to collect pledges and register new donors in the foyer after Mass. Participation from all parishioners is important and a key factor in making this a successful campaign. No gift is too small! You may also submit your gift online at www.rcav.org. This year's rebate will be put toward the Parish Building Fund. Thank you for your generous support.

PROJECT ADVANCE SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection for Project Advance next weekend, April 20/21. Please be generous.

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BIBLE STUDY

In the Bible Timeline Study today, the topic is on the book of Joshua. We will learn about how the Israelites, led by Joshua, victoriously took over the Promised Land. Join us Sunday evenings after the 5pm Mass in the Church basement.

YOUCAT

This Wednesday, April 17, Exploring Youcat will continue discussion on the Holy Spirit—the role of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in our personal lives. Come to the Church basement on Wednesday evenings after Mass.

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, 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement. Let the faith move you, the fun surprise you and the fellowship hook you. Please contact Youth Ministry for details.

YOUTH ADORATION (GR. 6-12)

Jesus waits for the you in the Blessed Sacrament. Come say hello to Him with other young people on April 27, 6:30-9pm at the Church. Join in adoration, recite your favourite prayer or simply keep Jesus company, like you would with a best friend. You are also encouraged to join the youth choir. Practice is on April 19 & 26, 4-5pm in the Church basement. Please sign-up with Rocelyn at youth.smarv@rcav.org or call 604-435-9611 ext. 247.

SPARK (GR. 6-8) NIGHT

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

YOUTH DAY (GR. 8-12)

Join us on May 4 at Archbishop Carney High School for Youth Day. This year's theme is "People, Rise Up!" Activities include general sessions, praise & worship, Divine Time prayer experiences, Witness Workshops, the MIB vs. Youth soccer game, Mass, meals and a variety of activities during the afternoon. Please see Youth Ministry bulletin board for details.

ARCHDIOCESAN PRAYER GATHERING

Come join our prayer gathering every 3rd Saturday of the month. Praise and Worship, Adoration, Confession and Prayer Ministry all in one night: Saturday, Apr 20 at 7:30pm in the Church.

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ST. MARK'S COLLEGE

Thinking of pursuing graduate studies or continuing education? Come and join the Information Session and learn about the various programs offered at Saint Mark's College, the Catholic Theological College at the UBC. This will be held on April 25 at 7pm in St. Mary's School Gym. For details, please see the poster in the foyer or contact Emil Canlas at 604-822-4463 or email at ecanlas@stmarkscollege.ca

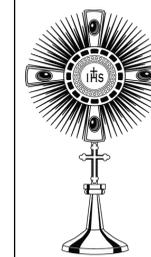


DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

ORGAN DONOR AWARENESS

Organ Donor Awareness Week is April 18-25. The Catholic Church approves of transplants and encourages us to register as potential donors. While 85% of the population says they agree with organ donation, only 15% of us are registered donors. The need for transplants continues to grow and many patients will die waiting for a transplant. The *Catholic Health Association of BC* will provide donor registration brochures for any person who wishes to have one. Call us at 604-524-3427 or email smhouse@shawlink.ca. You can also register online at www.transplant.bc.ca.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD EXHIBIT



St. Anthony of Padua will be present a Museum-Board display of Vatican-approved Eucharistic Miracles of the World; exact replica of the Holy Cup Valencia will be on display. The event will be held at St Anthony of Padua Parish, 1345, West 73rd Ave., Vancouver on Friday, Apr. 19, Saturday, Apr. 20 from 10am-5pm and on Sunday, Apr. 21 from 10am-3pm. A special talk by Fr. Anthony Ho will be on Friday, Apr. 19 from 7-9pm. Info: josi-e42334@yahoo.com, or 604-266-2431.

SPRING INTO FAITH FORMATION

Archdiocesan Spring Institute offers one-day faith formation and ministry training for adults. Topics include: Basics of the Faith, the New Evangelization, and more. Ministry training offered 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 information and registration visit: www.rcav.org/oc/spring.