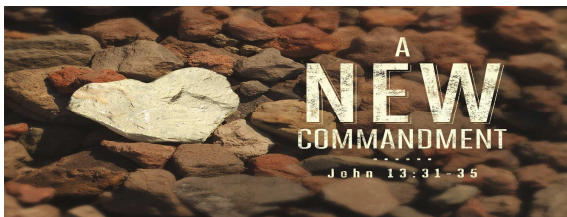


THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY APR 28: 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

6:10pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

MONDAY APR 29: ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

TUESDAY APR 30:

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY MAY 1:

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

7:40pm YOUCAT (Church Basement)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY MAY 2: ST. ATHANASIUS

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

7:00pm Building Committee (Rectory Dining)

7:00pm YM Training (Church Basement)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY MAY 3: ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

6:30pm CFC-YFL (School Gym)

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)

7:00pm Parenting Workshop (Seminar Room)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY MAY 4:

9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)

9:30am Light of Jesus Retreat (Church Basement)

12:00pm YM Basketball (School Gym)

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)

2:00pm Handmaids (Rectory Basement)

2:30pm Baptism (Church)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)

6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

SUNDAY MAY 5: 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1:30pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)

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

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Website: www.marysyouth.com

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*Pastor's
Corner*

BECOME WHAT YOU LOVE

What a surprising and beautiful God we have. The Father doesn't think about Himself but constantly about His Son, Jesus Christ, whom He wants to glorify. The Son doesn't seek His own glory but wants to glorify the Father. In today's Gospel we read, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself and will glorify Him at once."

Do you dare believe that these words Jesus said about Himself applies to you?! Saint Faustina did. In her diary, number 1246, page 451, she wrote, "By giving Him glory, I myself am lifted up. On seeing His happiness, I myself am made happy because all that is in Him flows back upon me." She exclaims, "God's greatness does not frighten me, but makes me happy."

She is right. Lucifer, the fallen angel, hates God's greatness because he is jealous. In his prideful stance, he wants all the glory and greatness to himself alone. What is the difference between Saint Faustina and the devil? She is immersed in love of God and therefore forgets herself. He, Lucifer, is immersed in egoistic "love" and hates all that is not himself, sees everything as a threat to his identity.

God cannot give Himself to prideful persons because they steal the gifts (grace) that He gives them. That is, they make it look like the gifts are not gifts but are due to their own doing. But when a soul is humble, God can give her more than she can ever desire. Because she will always glorify God with all that she receives. Just like Christ did.

So, if you want to become the best version of yourself, if you want to be fully alive and holy, be humble. How? Pray that God shows you His greatness and your nothingness (compared to Him.) Pray that He makes you love His Greatness and rejoice in it, far from being afraid of it. Pray

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that He makes you rejoice in your nothingness, because it attracts His awesome mercy. Then He will be able to transform you into His likeness. Do some good deeds for a person whom you find difficult. Do not lose your peace by trying to justify yourself in the eyes of others who condemn you. Accept humiliations as a path to freedom. Pray for the gift par excellence, the Holy Spirit. He takes all that is in the Father and in the Son, and gives it to us. He glorifies us. By the way, glory in the Gospel of John is not superficial glitter. It is the Beauty that emanates from Love.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR- PROJECT ADVANCE

My appreciation goes out to the 126 parishioners who gave a total of \$21,152. It is a good start, but still only 21% of our diocesan goal of \$100,000 and 10.5% of our parish goal of \$200,000. Remember that funds received over our first \$100,000 will be returned to us and used for the building of our new parish centre. Fr. Pierre

Did you know you can give **MONTHLY** to Project Advance? This way you don't have to give your donation all at once! Through on line giving at rcav.org, you can arrange for a monthly gift to be deducted from your credit card. You can also provide a series of post dated cheques every month. Thank you for your support and generosity!

- Last year the average gift to Project Advance throughout the diocese was \$334.58. St. Mary's average gift was \$210.00. We can do better than that!

- Last year the average parish collected 232% of their diocesan goal. We collected only 126% of ours.



PARISH NEWS

BIBLE STUDY



This Sunday, April 28, we will study the Royal Kingdom under King Saul in the first book of SAMUEL. Join us Sunday evenings after the 5pm Mass in the Church basement.

YOUCAT

There will be no session of EXPLORING YOUCAT on Wednesday, May 1. The next session is on May 8. All remaining YOUCAT sessions will be in the Church basement.

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 BASKETBALL (GR. 8-12)

Join youth in playing basketball on Saturdays from April 27-June 29, 12:00pm-2:00pm at the school gym.



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.

TRAINING WITH MIKE PATIN

Join Youth Day keynote speaker Mike Patin for a free special session for youth ministry leaders, volunteers and parents on Thursday, May 2 from 7:30pm-9pm in the Church Basement. Mike will no doubt inspire, encourage, affirm, and challenge all of us as he looks at what makes youth ministry challenging, 5 unspoken threats to ministry and 4 values that will help sustain us in youth ministry. Don't miss this awesome opportunity to hear from a most sought-after speaker!

YOUNG ADULTS (18-39) – CALL TO WITNESS

You are invited on Thursday May 9, 6:30-8:30pm in the Rectory Basement, to listen or share personal testimonials that witness to God's power and wisdom. Do not fear if you have no stories to share; you are welcome to listen and be inspired. If you are interested to give testimony, please contact Rocelyn at youth.smarv@rcav.org or 604-435-9611 ext. 247. Feel free to bring snacks to share.

PARISH NEWS

PARENTING WORKSHOP

Do you have difficulty dealing with the busyness of life? Is your family life affected by the lack of skills in dealing with stress? Come and attend the workshop on "Stress Management" this coming Friday, May 3rd from 7-9pm in the School Seminar Room, and learn new skills on how to deal with the everyday stresses of life. Speaker will be Joy Jose, pastoral counselor and Filipino support worker for the Vancouver School board. All are welcome!

LIGHT OF JESUS RETREAT

Are you feeling empty? Lacking purpose? Looking for meaning? Then...be nourished...be empowered...be inspired and truly blessed! Light of Jesus Family invites you to a Living in the Light Retreat "Pathways to Glory: From Fear to Freedom", Saturday, May 4th, 9:30am-6pm at the Church basement. Featured speakers: Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP, Fr. Felix Labor, Sister Kathy Stark, DSMP, Adelina Kelly & Bo Sanchez (DVD presentation). Bring a friend. Free admission. For more information, please call 604-507-8649 or email ecruz.loj.vancity@gmail.com.

DEPRESSION

Come and learn about depression. Recognize the signs and symptoms. Understand the causes and treatments. Get guidance on coping, supporting, and helping. To be presented by Dr. Paul Ungar, MD, PhD, Lay Dominican on Saturday, May 11 from 9:30am-12pm in the Church basement.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

CWL would like to invite all families to treat their mothers to lunch on Sunday May 12. The hot lunch will be served in the Church basement from 11am-2pm. See the poster in the foyer for complete menu. Tickets (Adult \$18/Children 7-12 \$10/children 6 & under free) will be sold after all Masses.



PARISH NEWS

OYYAM SCHOLARSHIPS

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is pleased to offer two \$500 scholarships this June for gr. 12 students exemplifying outstanding leadership in their parishes, schools, communities and homes. Download the application from our website at www.ooyam.com. Application deadline is May 17.

