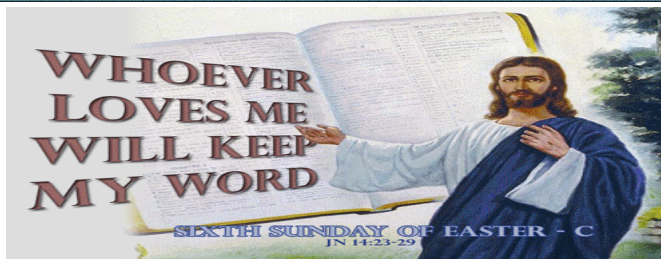


## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



### **SUNDAY MAY 5: 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 1:00pm CFC-YFL (School Gym)
- 1:30pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
- 6:10pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

### **MONDAY MAY 6:**

- 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
- 6:30pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)
- 7:00pm MVA (Rectory Basement)
- 7:00pm Lay Apostle (Church)

### **TUESDAY MAY 7:**

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

### **WEDNESDAY MAY 8:**

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

### **THURSDAY MAY 9:**

- 6:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **FRIDAY MAY 10:**

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

### **SATURDAY MAY 11:**

- 9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory Basement)
- 9:30am Talk on Depression (Church Basement)
- 12:00pm YM Basketball (School Gym)
- 1:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)
- 1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
- 2:30pm First Communion (Church)
- 3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)
- 7:00pm Source Psalm 98 (Church)

### **SUNDAY MAY 12: ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

- 11:00am Mother's Day Lunch (Church Basement)
- 2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
- 3:00pm CFC (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**

Principal: Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff

Website: www.stmary.bc.ca

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

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E-mail: parish.smarv@rcav.org

Website: www.stmarysvancouver.ca

### **PASTORS & STAFF**

**Pastor:** Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P. (ext. 6)

**Assistant Pastor:** Fr. Gabriel de Chadarevian, O.P. (ext. 3)

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**Finance & Property Manager:** Ossie Fernandes (ext. 7)

**Youth Ministry Coordinator:** Rocelyn Catris (ext. 247)

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**MAY 5, 2013**

*Pastor's  
Corner*

### **HAPPY TO BE LOVED?**

These days, I am filled with gratitude. First, for the second life given me. I am enjoying very much eating, walking, running, working. I praise God for giving me the grace of life, of a purposeful life.

Secondly, I am filled with gratitude for the gift of love. Last weekend, at all Masses, you expressed your love in many ways— through words, hugs, handshakes, smiles, applause, songs, gifts of food and wine. It went on for several days. At one point, when I was young, it was difficult for me to accept to be loved. Now I am slowly getting there. But it is still hard for me to receive love, to show that I appreciate it and to return it with thanksgiving.

Are you a little bit like that? I think so. But this is not what holiness is about. Holiness is not to say to God and to other people, "If you knew me, you would not love me." Neither it is to pretend that we don't care that much about being affirmed and recognized. Holiness is accepting our need to be loved, to be affirmed, to be recognized. Jesus accepted that for Himself in His own humanity. But He did not seek that at the expense of other people's dignity. He did not use anyone for selfish reasons. He freely accepted who was given to Him. But when no one was supporting Him, loving Him and recognizing Him, He chose to trust the love, affirmation and support of His own Father. He said, at the Last Supper, "Listen, the time will come— indeed it has come already— when you are going to be scattered, each going his own way and leaving me alone. And yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. I have told you this so that you may find peace in me." (John 16, 32-33a.)

Jesus did not say, "I could not care less about your love, since I have the Father's love with me," but rather, "Because the Father's love is with me, in me, I can love you even when you don't love me. And I am not afraid to receive

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your love, because even if I come to lose it, my Father will be there." Yes, Jesus was free to accept the "hosannah" of Palm Sunday, even if He knew that Good Friday was coming. His hope in the Easter Resurrection made Him free to love and be loved by human beings. He knew that our love would one day become true and eternal, by the grace of God.

So I believe there is in your love something that is true and eternal, and God will raise it up on the last day. On that eternal day it will be everybody's birthday. Then, we will celebrate one another in God through Him, with Him and in Him.

*God bless you, Fr. Pierre*

## PARISH NEWS

### **PROJECT ADVANCE**

The call of the Gospel is clear. Our sacrificial gift given in a spirit of joy proves our willingness to care— because we are prepared to share. Your participation and support are critical— all gifts matter!



Studies show that those who commit to monthly giving are committed to the cause! It is EASY to set up monthly giving at [rcav.org](http://rcav.org), or you can provide postdated cheques!

### **DO WE NEED A PARISH CENTRE?**

Here are some interesting statistics about our parish facility usage. The following numbers are for March 2013:

#### Number of Meetings by Room:

*Rectory: 81*  
*School Gym: 28*  
*School Seminar Room: 47*  
*Church: 29*  
*Church Basement: 41*

This makes for a total of 226 meetings during the month of March, or an average of 7.5 meetings per day. We have over 40 ministries, and only 6 meeting rooms, so you can see the demand exceeds the supply! Please give generously to project Advance, or to the Parish Building Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

## PARISH NEWS

### **BIBLE STUDY**

This Sunday, May 5, the BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY takes up the 2<sup>nd</sup> book of SAMUEL. We learn about King David, King Solomon, and how God's covenant with David relates back to His covenant with Abraham. Join us Sunday evenings at 6:20pm in the Church basement.

### **YOUCAT**

This Wednesday, May 8, EXPLORING YOUCAT will discuss the meaning of the "Communion of Saints". We will see the role of Mary in the Church and in our lives. We will also find out about heaven, hell and purgatory. Join us in the Church basement Wednesday evenings after Mass.

### **DEPRESSION**

Come to a free seminar on depression. Know the signs, symptoms, causes and treatments. Get guidance on coping, supporting, and helping. To be presented by Dr. Paul Ungar, a practicing psychologist and Lay Dominican, on Saturday, May 11 from 9:30am to 12pm in the Church basement.

### **MIGRANT MINISTRY**

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry in collaboration with ISS of BC and Westcoast Domestic Workers Association will hold a free workshop on "Employment Standard Acts & Related Issues." The speaker, Liza Guevarra is a legal advocate at Westcoast. Please come on Saturday May 11, 1-3pm in the School Seminar Room. Info: Chit Arma 604-684-7498 (ext.1666) or [resoquita.arma@issbc.org](mailto:resoquita.arma@issbc.org), or Lenn Castro [stmarysmigrant@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmigrant@gmail.com). Light refreshments will be served.

### **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.



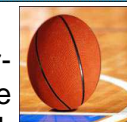
### **INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**

Thank you to all parishioners who have placed an ad in the Int'l Festival Souvenir booklet. Please continue to submit your ads. We are looking for some business people with experience in sales to be part of the Int'l Festival Executive Committee. Please contact Lynda Tamayo at 604-563-5262 or [lyndaqtamayo@yahoo.com](mailto:lyndaqtamayo@yahoo.com).

## PARISH NEWS

### **YOUTH BASKETBALL (GR. 8-12)**

Join youth basketball—all levels accepted, on Saturdays from April 27-June 29, 12pm-2pm at the school gym. Meet Coach Patrick and his assistants!



### **YOUNG ADULTS (18-39) – CALL TO WITNESS**

Get to know the young adults of our community on Thursday May 9, 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Rectory Basement. Hear personal testimonials, ask questions, and grow in faith and fellowship. If you are interested to give testimony, please contact Rocelyn at [youth.smarv@rcav.org](mailto:youth.smarv@rcav.org) or 604-435-9611 ext. 247. Feel free to bring snacks to share.

### **ROSARY MONTH**

Please join us pray the rosary after the 5pm mass on all Sundays of May.

## PARISH NEWS

### **END FEMALE GENDERCIDE**

The annual March for Life in Victoria will be held Thursday, May 9. Mass at noon at St. Andrew's Cathedral. March and rally begin at 2pm from Centennial Square to the BC Legislature. For more information [www.m4lvictoria.ca](http://www.m4lvictoria.ca).

### **BE HEALED BY THE POWER OF GOD**

Be touched by God's healing love, let Him renew your mind, body and spirit. Mustard Seed Healing Ministry invites you to a Healing Prayer Service on May 11 after 5pm Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Parish 7455 - 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Burnaby. Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during the entire service and a procession will follow. For information call 778-688-4752.

### **FOCUS ON LIFE GALA DINNER**

Annual fundraising event featuring Reggie Littlejohn, founder and president of Women's Rights with Frontiers, an international coalition to expose and oppose forced abortions, gendercide and sexual slavery. Monday, May 27 at Hyatt Regency, Vancouver. Tickets \$90 per person or \$900 per table of 10. Info/tickets [www.focusonlife.ca](http://www.focusonlife.ca) or 1-877-7SIGNAL.

### **BIRTHRIGHT VANCOUVER**

Birthright Vancouver will be holding a fundraiser to support the ongoing services for pregnant women in need. The event will be a Walk or Run at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 4925 Cambie Street, Vancouver on Saturday, June 1 - 10am. All are welcome. Info: [birthrightvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:birthrightvancouver@gmail.com); call 604-687-7223; visit [www.birthright.org](http://www.birthright.org).