

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



### **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)

### **MONDAY MAY 13:**

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

### **TUESDAY MAY 14: ST. MATTHIAS**

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

### **WEDNESDAY MAY 15:**

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

### **THURSDAY MAY 16:**

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm Building Committee (Rectory Dining)  
7:00pm Legion of Mary (School Gym)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **FRIDAY MAY 17:**

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 MAY 18:**

12:00pm YM Basketball (School Gym)  
2:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)  
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)  
7:30pm ARC (Church)

### **SUNDAY MAY 19: PENTECOST**

2:00pm Eucharistic Procession  
6:20pm 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**

Principal: Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff

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

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### **PASTORS & STAFF**

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

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

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### **WHY BOTHER WITH THE ASCENSION?**

The atheists of the sixties and seventies took pleasure in making fun of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ. They compared it to Apollo 8, that spacecraft rising vertically from the ground and going to the moon. The Russian cosmonauts told the world, while they were travelling in their satellite through the stratosphere, "We went to heaven and we did not see God." Others would suggest that even if Jesus had been travelling at the speed of light, He would now, after 2000 years, have only reached the frontier of our galaxy, but would still have 14 billion light years of travelling before reaching the confines of the Universe. In other words, He would not yet be seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us!

All these difficulties vanish when we understand the Bible correctly and grasp the biblical relationship between heaven and earth.

1) For the Jewish people of the Bible, salvation does not mean escaping our body, leaving it on earth to decay, and going up to heaven with our soul only. Christ shows this clearly to His apostles by visually going up, with His Risen Body and disappearing in a cloud. He could have simply vanished in front of them, like He did at Emmaus. But He wanted to show them and us that He was keeping His human nature forever. By this, we know that something of this world has entered the heavens. St. Maximus of Turin, a bishop of the 5th century wrote, "It was not a cloud that received Christ, then, but God the Father who received His son, and by a kind of loving embrace. He grasped the ascending one to His tender bosom."

2) For the people of the bible, the earth was covered by a dome, not far away up from the highest mountain, heaven was the "place" where God reigned with His angels, above the dome. By going up with His Body towards the

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heavens, Jesus shows His disciples, that He is established above all other powers and that, from that vantage point, He rules over all humanity and all the creation forever, while still remaining true man and true God. True man, yes... but His Humanity has been elevated transfigured into a way of being, a way of living that is like that of God. His Body is freed from the limitations of time and space and on the Last Day, we too will be like Him. St. Paul speaks of a "spiritualized" body. At the Ascension, Christ is able to be present to all at the same time, with His Human Risen Body.

3) Thirdly, for the people of the Bible, the heavens are to come down to the earth to transform it. Saint John, the evangelist saw in a vision, the new Jerusalem, the new city of God, coming down from heaven. For the Bible, heaven is the place where God reigns. Hence the prayer of Jesus, "Our Father, who art in heaven...thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven..." By this, by doing the will of God as perfectly as we can, we hasten the coming down of the Kingdom of God, the Second Coming, when all will be in Christ, and Christ will be all in everything. Then Christ will present us to the Father, as His Bride. The marriage between Heaven and Earth, between humanity and divinity will be consummated!

4) What about now? It is already happening. It is a process taking place progressively, although with some setbacks. The Coming down of Heaven has already begun at the Pentecost. The Holy Spirit came down personally on earth, and keeps coming down, so that the Divine, the Heavens, penetrate the earth and transform it. The Bible understands the relationship between heaven and earth not as a mutual opposition and exclusion, "but it sees these two realms as interacting and interpenetrating fields of force. Heaven, the arena of God and the angels, touches upon and calls out to earth." (Fr. Barron)

*God Bless you, Fr. Pierre*



## PARISH NEWS

### **PROJECT ADVANCE**

We are now at 51% of the diocesan goal of \$100,000, and 25.5% of our parish goal of \$200,000, thanks to everyone who contributed so generously. For those who have not yet donated, please return pledge forms (blank pledges forms available in the pews) to the Sunday collection basket or to Project Advance volunteers after Mass. Donate on line, from the comfort of your home, at [www.racv.org](http://www.racv.org). Make a monthly pledge, or offer a one time donation through your credit card. Thank you again for your generosity!

### **MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS**

The Knights of Columbus are selling carnations for Mother's Day after all Masses. The minimum donation is \$1.00 per carnation, and all proceeds go to Knights of Columbus sponsored charities.



### **ROSARY MONTH**

May is the month of Mother Mary. In honour of our Blessed Mother, please join us in praying the rosary after the 5pm Mass each Sunday of May.

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

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

### **SPARK (GR.6-8) NIGHT**

Do you enjoy solving mysteries? Come on Monday, May 27 6:30pm-8:30pm to the Church basement and learn the central mystery of the Catholic Church. Don't miss the excitement! Contact Youth Ministry for details.

### **FLAME (GR.8-12) NIGHT**

Youth Day was a blast! Let us keep the flame burning in our lives and use it for God's kingdom. Come to Flame Night on May 31, 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Church basement. Please contact Youth Ministry for details.

### **LIGHT OF JESUS FAMILY GARAGE SALE**

On Sunday, May 12 from 9am-5pm at the School Gym entrance. Check out many interesting items. See you there!

### **PARISH LIBRARY**

CD's from Fr. Scott's talks "Set Ablaze in Jesus Christ" are available through our parish library for \$19.95. This weekend and next weekend we will preview "The Shroud of Turin" in the library after Sat. 5pm and Sun. 8, 9:30, 11:15am Masses. Pickup or return of library resources can be arranged at 604-200-3789 or [parishlibrary.stmarys@gmail.com](mailto:parishlibrary.stmarys@gmail.com).

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### **BIBLE STUDY**

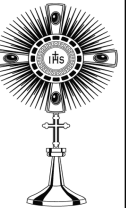
There is no BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY today, May 12. The next session is on May 19.

### **YOUCAT**

This Wednesday, May 15, EXPLORING YOUCAT will take a look at Liturgy— how we celebrate it, what happens during the Liturgy, why we should spend time with God in the Liturgy. Learn the Catholic faith, join us in the Church basement Wednesday evenings after Mass.

### **2ND ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION**

Our 2nd annual Eucharistic Procession will be on Sunday June 2 following the 1pm Mass. This is a chance for us to witness our faith in public and evangelize! Please save the date. If you would like to volunteer, please email [mmoy\\_ca@yahoo.com](mailto:mmoy_ca@yahoo.com) or sign up in the foyer.



### **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

We are looking for volunteers who have video-editing skills on a Mac to edit last year's Eucharistic Procession video. If you have the skills and time, please email Mildred at [mmoy\\_ca@yahoo.com](mailto:mmoy_ca@yahoo.com).

### **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. We are also in need of a carpenter and an electrician. If you can help, please contact Lynda Tamayo at 604-563-5262 or [lyndaqtamayo@yahoo.com](mailto:lyndaqtamayo@yahoo.com).

### **ARC PRAYER**

Archdiocesan Prayer Gathering organised by ARC will be on Saturday May 18 at 7:30pm. Praise and Worship, Adoration, Confession and Prayer Ministry. Please join us.

### **CATHOLIC FORUM**

THE CATHOLIC FORUM invites you to explore "What does Pope Francis expect from us?" on Tuesday June 4 at 7pm in the Church. The guest speaker is John O'Brien SJ, a Jesuit scholastic. Bring your questions! For information, see [www.dominicanlaity.ca/forum](http://www.dominicanlaity.ca/forum) or contact Dr. Paul Ungar at 604-588-5696 or [Cathyve7cld@shaw.ca](mailto:Cathyve7cld@shaw.ca).

