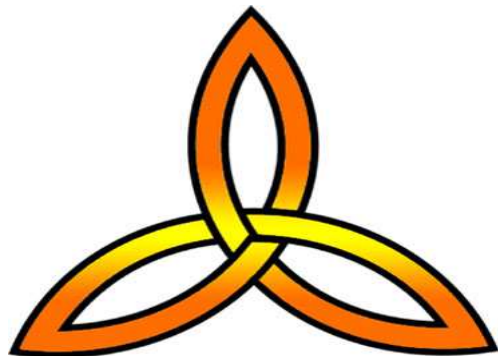


## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



### **SUNDAY MAY 26: TRINITY SUNDAY**

2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

3:00pm Filipino Mass (Church)

### **MONDAY MAY 27:**

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

6:30pm YM SPARK (Church Basement)

### **TUESDAY MAY 28:**

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

### **WEDNESDAY MAY 29:**

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

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

7:40pm YOUCAT (Church Basement)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **THURSDAY MAY 30:**

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

7:00pm Building Committee (Rectory Dining)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **FRIDAY MAY 31: VISITATION OF MARY**

6:30pm CFC-SFL (Seminar Room)

6:30pm YM FLAME (Church Basement)

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

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **SATURDAY JUN 1: ST. JUSTIN**

9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)

12:00pm YM Basketball (School Gym)

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)

2:30pm Baptism (Church)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)

6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

### **SUNDAY JUN 2: BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

1:30pm CFC-YFC (School Gym)

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.marisyouth.com

**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Principal: Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff

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Website: www.stmarysvancouver.ca

### **PASTORS & STAFF**

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

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

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**MAY 26, 2013**

*Pastor's  
Corner*

### **GOD IS NOT A THING, BUT A FAMILY!**

How did we get to know about the Trinity? Does it mean anything in our lives? We got to know about the Trinity through Jesus Christ. If He had not spoken to us about the Father and the Holy Spirit, and that He, is personally God, we would have never known about the Trinity. Note that the word "trinity" is not in the Bible, but the Bible affirms that there are three Divine Persons and one God.

Of course, Jesus did not walk around with a t-shirt bearing the inscription "I am God." But through His actions and His words, He revealed to His disciples that He was God. For example, by saying to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Only God could do that! Or when he claimed, "Unless you love me more than your father and mother, more than life itself, you cannot be my disciple." No human being, sane of mind and spirit can say such a thing, unless he truly is God! At the Last Supper, Jesus clearly says it, "I and the Father are one" "If you have seen me, you have seen the Father." "Father, give me the glory I had before the foundation of the world." Three days later, He rose from the dead, leaving no doubt that what He had said was true. So Jesus Christ is the son of God, sent by the Father, therefore distinct from the Father, and at the same divine level. Notice that we don't say His body by itself is God. Jesus is personally the Second Person of the Trinity. His Body, that He took at the virginal conception in Mary, is united very intimately, and personally to His Divine Nature. One Person, two natures. His Body is transfigured, divinized.

What about the Holy Spirit? Jesus said that at the Pentecost, He and the Father would send us the Holy Spirit. "Just as the Father has given all that He has, so the Spirit will take all that I have, and declare it to you." You cannot bear all that I have to say now, but the Holy Spirit will lead you into all truth."

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Does the Trinity mean anything in our lives? One of the terms the Church Fathers used to describe the Trinity is perichoresis. We could translate, "dancing and singing in circle." That is an image for what the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit do for all eternity. A play of persons in love! The Father is the Lover, the Son is the Beloved, and the Holy Spirit is the Love between them. We say a PLAY of persons: indeed, when we work, it is for a goal. When we play, we do it for the activity itself, for joy. The Trinity is an eternal celebration of one another in joy.

Because of Christ, and because He and the Father have given us the Holy Spirit, we can enter into the circle of joyful celebration of the Trinity forever! Indeed the spirit, who is the Love between the Father and the Son, has been poured out into our heart, and enables us to say to God "Abba" (Galatians 5, and Roman 8: 15-16.)

Can we enter into the highest family now, into the Trinity? Yes! "If you obey my word, I will abide in you as the Father abides in me, you in me and me in you." "The Father and I will make our home in you." We were created in the image of the Trinity, by the Father, through Christ, in the Spirit. Each time, we lose ourselves for the sake of Christ and the other, we are most ourselves, most alive. Living and loving in the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit is to be fully alive.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

## PARISH NEWS

### EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION JUN 2

To all participants and volunteers: please come to Church basement at 1pm sharp for the procession line-up and a run through of all the songs we will be singing during the procession. In order to maintain a prayerful atmosphere during the procession, everyone is encouraged to sing. There will be a song rehearsal on Mon May 27th at 7pm in the Church. All are welcome. For those who haven't signed up and would like to participate, please email mmoy\_ca@yahoo.com or sign up at the foyer.



### VOLUNTEER WITH VIDEOTAPING SKILLS

We are looking for a volunteer with videotaping skills to record our Eucharistic Procession next Sunday Jun 2. If you have the skills and can help us, please email mmoy\_ca@yahoo.com.

## 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. We are at 37% of our parish goal, and 74% of the diocesan goal. Thank you to all those who have donated so far. For those who haven't yet, please give generously to Project Advance!

### DID YOU KNOW?

Project Advance statistics:

Average gift 2007: \$200 / Average gift 2012: \$210

That is an increase of **only \$10.00** per gift over 5 years!

Parish Weekly Donation statistics

Average donation 2007: \$10 / Average donation 2012: \$10

While the weekly collection has risen over 5 years due to an increase in Mass attendees, individual giving has not. Let each of us examine our ability to give more generously to the works of the parish.

*Here are the Four Principles of Stewardship & Giving Gifts:*

1. *Receiving God's gifts gratefully and recognizing that everything is a gift from God*
2. *Cultivating our gifts responsibly, cherishing and tending them in a responsible and accountable manner.*
3. *Sharing our gifts with others, lovingly and in justice*
4. *Returning God's gifts gratefully and with **increase!!!***

### BIBLE STUDY

There is no session this Sunday, May26, for the BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY. The next session is on June 2.

### YOUCAT

On Wednesday, May 29, EXPLORING YOUCAT will discuss Baptism and Confirmation – the Sacraments of Initiation. Why do we get baptized? Why do we get confirmed? Join us in the church basement Wednesday evenings after Mass.

### INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

International greeters are needed for the Gala Night, Sep. 7. So far, we have Filipino, Chinese, and Malaysian speakers to receive guests at the Gala Night. We need more nationalities to come forward, and men and women dressed in traditional costumes. It's an International affair, so let's honor our cultures! Please contact Lynda Tamayo 604-563-5262 or lyndaqtamayo@yahoo.com.



## PARISH NEWS

### P.R.E.P. REGISTRATION

The Parish Religious Education Program offers religious instruction for children who attend public schools. The next P.R.E.P. year will start on September 10. Registrations are **May 28 & 29 at 6:00-8:00pm** in the **school office**. An early bird discounted rate will apply if you register now. Regular fees will be charged after May 31. **Forms are available only in the school office during registration dates and in the Reception Office at the Rectory thereafter, from 12:30-6:00pm Mon-Fri.** Please contact the PREP Coordinator 604-435-9611 ext. 5 or email prep.smarv@rcav.org.

### 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 Cathy ve7cld@shaw.ca.

### YOUTH BASKETBALL & BOARD GAMES (GR. 8-12)



Join youth basketball – all levels accepted – on Saturdays until June 29, 12pm-2pm at the School gym. For those who do not play basketball, do not worry! Starting June 8, board games will be available for added fun and fellowship.

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

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

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

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



### YOUNG ADULTS (18-39) – WALK/JOG ALONG SEAWALL



Meet new friends while enjoying one of Vancouver's most popular destinations! We will meet on Saturday, June 8 at 4:30pm in front of the Church. Please contact Rocelyn at 604--435-9611 ext. 247 for more details.