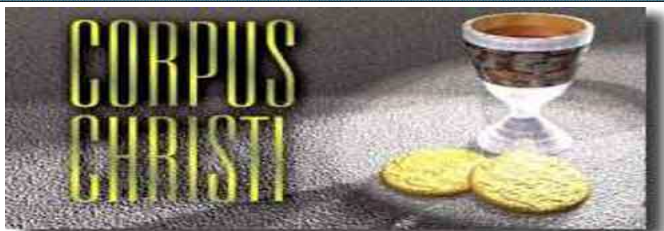


THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY JUN 2: BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

- 1:30pm CFC-YFC (School Gym)
- 2:00pm Eucharistic Procession
- 6:20pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

MONDAY JUN 3: ST. CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS

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

TUESDAY JUN 4:

- 6:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
- 7:00pm Catholic Forum (Church)
- 7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY JUN 5: ST. BONIFACE

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

THURSDAY JUN 6:

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

FRIDAY JUN 7: SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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

SATURDAY JUN 8: IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

- 9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory Basement)
- 12:00pm YM Basketball (School Gym)
- 1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
- 3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)
- 6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
- 6:30pm CFC (Church Basement)

SUNDAY JUN 9: 10TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

- 1:30pm CFC-YFC (School Gym)
- 3:00pm Filipino Mass (Church)
- 6:20pm Bible Study (Church Basement)
- 6:30pm Young Adults (Church Basement Library)

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

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*Pastor's
Corner*

GOD SACRIFICES HIMSELF FOR US!

When I preside Mass, I wear a chasuble, a vestment without sleeves that is similar to what the priests of the ancient time before Christ wore to offer animal sacrifices. This is to signal that Mass is a sacrifice. Notice that in Protestant denominations, the minister who presides the Sunday Liturgy doesn't wear a chasuble but a doctoral robe. He is there to teach only, not to offer a sacrifice. A Sunday "liturgy" at most Protestant Churches is a long, one hour teaching, preceded and followed by praise and worship. The Anglican High Church is an exception because they are not really Protestant but "Catholics" separated from Rome. So also the Orthodox Church (in a different way.)

Now you understand why it is important to understand that the Mass is a sacrifice, not just a Liturgy of the Word, with a teaching on the Scriptures. What is a sacrifice? Why do we offer a sacrifice? The first reason is this. We offer something to God because we have received everything from Him: life, existence, the earth, our very talents. We need to give Him back something. Something very good. This is strict justice. In a relationship with a person, you cannot only receive, you must give. Even a little child feels the need to give a small gift to his parents, even if he has to take it from what belongs to them. And the parents accept the gift with joy, not because they need the gift, not because the gift is worth a lot of money, but because it expresses the love and the gratitude of their child towards them. They are happy, because through that gift, their child becomes a giver, not just a receiver. He becomes like them. God too rejoices in our sacrifice for it transforms us into His likeness. Mass is a sacrifice that is due to God in justice. That is why we are obliged to attend Mass every Sunday. Mass is a sacrifice that transforms us into the likeness of God, capable of a real interaction with God, giving and receiving.

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Now let us push this one step further. Because of sin, we are off kilter with God. Our relationship with Him is skewed, twisted. We don't recognize His authority and Lordship. We use our gifts against His will as if they were never given, but resulted in our own activity. We steal God's gifts by grasping them as if they were not received from Him, and by pretending they are the fruit of our own doing. We become rivals of God. Or rather God becomes a threatening rival to us. We need to straighten our relationship with God, by giving God His proper place in our lives. This is going to be hard! Here is an analogy. If a husband who has committed adultery wants to restore his relationship with his wife, it will require a lot of sacrifice and a lot of humility. So it is with God. God delights in our painful sacrifices, not because He needs them, but because through them, we express our commitment to belong to Him.

Now nothing we can offer to God is enough to make amends and to straighten our relationship, because God is infinitely worthy and we are not. So we need Christ's offering of Himself as both Man and God to restore our relationship with God. We need a sin offering, a sacrifice of expiation, of reparation. On the Cross, Christ performed this sacrifice once and for all, by giving His Life, and shedding His Blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The Mass is the reenactment of this Sacrifice. In the sacrifices of old, animals were slain, and gave their blood. Now Jesus Christ on the cross does it. "This is My Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins, Do this in memory of me." Each time, we participate in Mass, we are transferred at the foot of the Cross, with Mary and John and we receive His last Words, His last drop of Blood.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

CWL THANKS YOU!

A big "THANK YOU" from CWL. The Mother's day luncheon held on May 12 was a big success. It was a well attended event and the Catholic Women's League would like to extend their appreciation for your support. We pray that we can count on your continued support for our future activities and projects. God bless us all.

PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE - DID YOU KNOW?

Extra Tax Credit for First Time Donors! The federal government has created the Super Tax Credit for First Time Donors, in a move to encourage first time donors, particularly young people. If you have not claimed income tax credits for charitable gifts before, you could be eligible for this special tax benefit which increases the existing charitable tax credit by 25% for donations of up to \$1,000 claimed in any one tax year from 2013 to 2017. Donations to your parish or to Project Advance count! Our current total is \$86,850, or 87% of the diocesan goal. We still have a way to go to our parish goal of \$200,000, but are inching our way there. Thank you so much for your generosity!



YOUCAT

This Wednesday, June 5, in EXPLORING YOUCAT, we will learn about the **Holy Eucharist** - the Body and Blood of Jesus. We will also hear an explanation of the Mass and the significance of each part of the Mass. Join us in the Church basement Wednesday evenings after Mass.

BIBLE STUDY

In the BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY this Sunday, June 2, we will study part 2 of the Divided Kingdom. This time, we will examine the good and bad kings of the Southern Kingdom, as narrated in the **1st and 2nd books of Kings**. Join us Sunday evenings at 6:20 in the Church basement.

SUNDAY 5PM YOUTH CHOIR

The Sunday 5pm Youth Choir is looking for male singers! No previous vocal experience required - just a love for singing and your time and commitment. Please contact Paula after the Sunday 5pm mass for more details.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL CULTURAL SHOW

The International Festival invites different cultural groups, families, children/youth group or organizations to sign-up for a cultural presentation – costume, skit, dance or musicale – to be shown at our International Festival (Day 3) on September 8. Sign-up sheets will be in the Church foyer after all Masses this weekend.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL SOUVENIR FANS

We will be selling souvenir fans after all Masses, with proceeds going to our Parish Building Fund. Summer is just around the corner and this will be very useful to fan away the heat! If you wish to order for a large group, please call Marites Tan 604-808-8111. Thank you for your support!

PARISH NEWS

A SPIRITUAL TALK ON CONTEMPLATION

"Choose the Better Part!" By Br. Simon Lessard, O.P. on Thursday June 6 at 7:40pm in the Church basement. Do you think contemplation is complicated, difficult and just not for you ? In this talk, you will see that contemplation is simple, very good, and yes, it is for you ! We will first look at natural and supernatural contemplation and its relation to prayer, charity and action. "Taste and see that the LORD is good !" (Ps 34, 9) Everyone is welcome!

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



Join youth basketball – all levels accepted – every Saturday from 12pm-2pm in 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.

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.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

In order to attend Catholic Forum on Tuesday June 4, Christian Meditation will meet one hour earlier, at 6pm at the rectory basement. Everyone is welcome!

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 or contact Dr. Paul Ungar at 604-588-5696 or Cathyve7cld@shaw.ca.

PARENTING WORKSHOP

Inviting all parishioners and guests to attend the last family life workshop for the school year - "Parenting Teens!", Friday, June 7, Friday at 7-9pm in the School Seminar Room. Cooperation is a big word in parenting. Learn to see things through the eyes of your teens and discover how lovable they are. Come and learn from the best practices of parents. Talk by Joy Jose, VSB Multicultural Liaison Worker and pastoral counselor.