

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



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)

MONDAY JUN 10:

- 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
- 6:30pm YM SPARK (Church Basement)
- 7:00pm MVA (Rectory Library)

TUESDAY JUN 11:

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

WEDNESDAY JUN 12:

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

THURSDAY JUN 13:

- 6:30pm Young Adults (Church Basement)
- 6:30pm Talitha Koum (Seminar Room)
- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
- 7:00pm Building Committee (Rectory Dining)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY JUN 14:

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

SATURDAY JUN 15:

- 9:30am Lector Training (Church)
- 12:00pm YM Basketball (School Gym)
- 2:00pm Handmaids (Rectory Basement)
- 2:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
- 3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
- 6:30pm Young Adults (School Gym)
- 7:30pm ARC (Church)

SUNDAY JUN 16:

- 1:00pm CFC-Youth (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.marysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PASTORS & STAFF

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*Pastor's
Corner*

RE-CREATE ME, O LORD!

Have you ever met a mother weeping over the death of her only child? What did you say and do? Did you feel utterly powerless? In these moments, our guts are painfully wrenched. Jesus, too, when He saw the widow carrying her only son to the graveyard, felt a great pain in His "bowels." That is translated by the word "compassion." A word that has been over-used and became sweet sentimentality. The other translation "moved with pity" isn't any better.

Three times in the Gospel of Luke, God is said to have "compassion." It always leads to an act of re-creation by God. A physical, or a spiritual, and/or a psychological re-creation. In today's Gospel, we see a physical re-creation for the dead son, and a spiritual and psychological re-creation for the mother. In the second reading, Paul attests that he has been spiritually and supernaturally re-created. He had been a violent persecutor of the Church, "breathing murderous threats," he became almost instantly the champion of Catholic faith, the great lover of Jesus Christ, establishing Christian communities all over the Roman Empire and finally dying in Rome as a martyr. The "good" thief beside Jesus on the Cross, was also re-created "instantly." Jesus told him, "Today, you will be in heaven with Me in Paradise."

"This power that rose Jesus from the dead is at work in you, the believers," as St. Paul wrote (Rom 8:11.) Don't think that it was at work only then, but not now! Jesus is still alive. He is risen! Don't you know that each instant of your life, God is constantly creating you, breathing life in you? If He would stop doing it, you would stop existing! You can and must ask God that His very breath keep you spiritually alive. By this, I mean, that even if you would hit rock bottom, even if you would fall into the emptiness of a life without hope, He would re-create you. "For man, it is impossible. To God, everything is possible." God created the Universe from nothing...

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just by "speaking" His Word, His Son. "Let there be light." And light was! "Young man, I say to you, rise!" "Talitha koum" "Young woman, rise." I wish I could tell the stories of people who have been brought back to life, spiritually. Maybe I will during a homily.

May I give you a personal testimony, now. During my second year of theology at the University of Montreal in 1968, I almost "lost" my faith in the Scriptures, in the Church, in Christ. The theology that was taught to us was so rationalistic, so critical! We were constantly exposed to the Freudian critique of the faith, the Marxist critique, and the scientific critique. My faith was shaken down to the foundation. I had decided that I did not belong anymore to the Grand Seminary. But before leaving, I was inspired to stop at the chapel. There I challenged the God that I stopped believing in! "If you exist, tell me whether or not I should become a priest! I want an answer tonight! This is your last chance!" I stayed a couple of hours in the last pew of the chapel. Then, something happened. A strong command from nowhere. "You must stay!" I had a peace that lasted ten years. And an unshakable faith. A deep meaning for my life. I never regretted my choice.



God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and participated in the Eucharistic procession last Sunday, we estimate over 800 people in attendance. Healings took place during the procession, praise the Lord for His abundant grace!



KNEELING PADS & BANNER

For those who haven't returned the kneeling pads or banner from last Sunday, please drop them off in the box in the foyer or to the parish office during office hours.

PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE

We have reached 95% of our diocesan goal, at \$95,300, through 540 gifts, and 47% of our parish goal. Please continue to donate using the pledge forms found in the pews, or online at rcav.org. Thank you for your generosity!

BIBLE STUDY

In the BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY today, we will study the fall of the Northern and Southern Kingdoms and their exile, as narrated in the 2nd books of Kings. Join us Sunday evenings at 6:20pm in the Church basement.

YOUCAT

This Wednesday, June 12, in EXPLORING YOUCAT, we will talk about the Sacraments of Healing which are the Sacraments of Confession and Anointing of the Sick. We will also discuss what they mean, how they are administered and received properly. Join us in the Church basement Wednesday evenings after Mass.

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

Join Youth Leaders Rocelyn and Patrick for basketball and board games every Saturday from 12pm-2pm in the school gym. No pre-registration required.

SPARK MOVIE NIGHT (GR. 6-8)

Do you remember Aslan and how he restored Narnia? Like Lucy, we need to have faith to overcome evil. Join us on Monday June 10, 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Church basement to enjoy popcorn and movie.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-39) – CALL TO WITNESS

Br. Simon will share his faith journey with us on Thursday June 13, 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Rectory Basement. Potluck drinks and snacks are welcome.

FLAME NIGHT (GR. 8-12)

We experience stress from different sources - school, family or friends. Learn how to deal with life's ups and downs by joining on Friday June 14, 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Church basement.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

88 days to go until the International Festival Celebration! We will be selling souvenir fans after all Masses this weekend, and hope that you will enjoy the summer using the fans. Come and meet our volunteers in the foyer. All proceeds from the sale go to our Parish Building Fund. Thank you in advance for your support!

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

PERMANENT DIACONATE

The deadline for applications to the next formation session for Permanent Deacons is June 15. Men 35-60 who may be interested in this vocation should call Msgr. Gregory Smith at 604-922-1371 or email deacons@rcav.org.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) operates two thrift stores in Vancouver, one of which is located at 1738 East Hastings Street. The thrift stores provide an opportunity for those on limited incomes to acquire clothing, furniture, and household items at low or no cost. Funds generated by the stores are used to feed the hungry. The SSVP thrift store on East Hastings Street has an urgent need for volunteers. The thrift store is open Monday to Saturday, from 10 am to 5 pm. If you are able to help out, even for a couple of hours once or twice every week or two, please telephone the store manager, Anselmo, at 604-873-1303. Thank you!

DOOR IS OPEN NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Door is Open is seeking volunteers to help in cleaning, fixing and painting the new place. Work parties will be held every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in June. More info at 604-786-8981 or fcabahug@rcav.org.

FAITH ENRICHMENT SESSION

Faith under fire is something that many of us Catholics experience in our everyday walk of life. Defending our Faith in the light of science, and modern atheism can often be a challenge and a barrier to evangelize others. Darrell Hall, teacher of Religious Education and former principal of St. Thomas More Collegiate, Burnaby, and author, will be giving a presentation on "In Defence of Faith" - Religion, Science and Faith: The Challenge of Modern Atheism. Wednesday, June 12 from 7pm-9pm at Immaculate Conception, Delta. All are welcome, seminar is free.