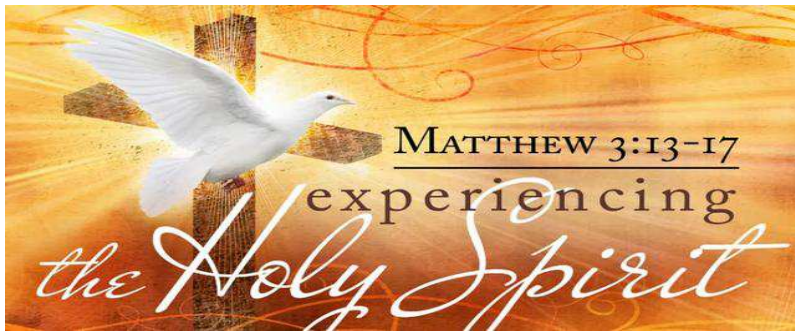


## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



### **SUNDAY JAN 12: BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

- 12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church Basement)  
6:10pm EPIC Journey (Church Basement)

### **MONDAY JAN 13:**

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

### **TUESDAY JAN 14:**

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

### **WEDNESDAY JAN 15:**

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

### **THURSDAY JAN 16:**

- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **FRIDAY JAN 17: ST. ANTHONY**

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

### **SATURDAY JAN 18:**

- 10:00pm YM Basketball (School Gym)  
1:00pm Liturgy Committee (Rectory Dining)  
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)  
1:30pm Youth For Christ (Church Basement)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)  
3:00pm Handmaids (Rectory Basement)  
7:30pm ARC (Church)

### **SUNDAY JAN 19: 2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

- 1:00pm CFC-YFL (School Gym)  
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)  
6:10pm EPIC Journey (Church Basement)

## PARISH INFORMATION

**WEEKDAY MORNING MASS:** Monday - Friday: 8am

Weekday Morning Rosary 7am / Weekday Morning Lauds 7:30am

**WEEKDAY EVENING MASS:** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7pm  
followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9pm

**SATURDAY MASS:** Our Lady's Mass 8:30am

**SUNDAY MASS:** Anticipated Mass Saturday 5pm

Sunday: 8am / 9:30am / 11:15am / 1pm / 5pm / 7pm

**FILIPINO MASS:** every 2nd & 4th Sunday 3pm

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:**

Wednesday 6pm

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:**

Thursday: 8am & Saturday: 8:30am

**DIVINE MERCY:** Friday 3pm & 6:15pm

**FIRST FRIDAY:** Adoration throughout the day after morning Mass

**CONFESSION:**

Weekdays: After all Masses (except Thursday Evening Mass)

Saturday: 9am-9:30am, 4:15pm- 4:55pm, 6:10pm- 7pm

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 for children attending public schools

on Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6:30pm-8pm / 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

Phone: (604) 437-1312 Fax: (604) 437-1193

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

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### **PASTORS & STAFF**

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

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**JANUARY 12, 2013**

*Pastor's  
Corner*

### **AFFIRM, FORGIVE, TEACH AND SET FREE**

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. However we do more than watch this baptism from the outside, as surveyors of a distant historical scene. No, we participate in it now. And we appropriate the baptism of Jesus by living it now. We can understand this by looking at the rites of baptism, especially the anointing with the oil of chrism, by which we share in the very anointing Jesus received when He was baptized. The second reading for today, from St. Peter, reminds us that Jesus, in His human nature, was anointed with the Holy Spirit by God, the Father. This empowered Him to fulfill His mission of bringing God's love to us, to heal and deliver people from the oppression of the devil. This is evident when we look at Jesus' inaugural speech, that we can call "His mission statement." It is in Luke 4:12-21, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

Now, when we are baptized, we are empowered by the same anointing that Jesus received. Therefore we receive the same mission. This becomes more evident when we look at the origin of the word "anointed": it is an English translation of the Hebrew word "Messiah" or "Christ" in Greek. Therefore when we are anointed in baptism, we become little Christ or little "Messiah." In fact through baptism, we are incorporated into Christ's Body, which is anointed.

Therefore, our mission is like the one described in Luke 4:18-21. We are called to bring good news to the poor. This includes the poor in spirit. We do that through the gift of "encouragement", one of the charisms given at baptism and confirmation. We exhort and affirm people. This is what the Father did for Jesus, when He said, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Parents, do this for your

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children. Priests do this for your parishioners. Volunteers in the parish, do this for one another and for the people you are serving. Husband and wife, do this for one another. Teachers, affirm your students. Do not discourage them.

Next, Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to proclaim release to the captives." (Luke 4:18) We share in this mission, when, empowered by the Spirit of our baptismal anointing, we forgive with the very forgiveness of God and release our enemies from the prison of their guilt.

Next Jesus said His anointing is ordained "to the recovery of sight to blind." (Luke 4:18) We do this when we teach our kids, and witness the truth of the Gospel to the adults and teens by the way we live. If the people with whom you work don't know that you are Catholic, you may not be fulfilling this part of your mission statement.

Finally Jesus said His mission is to let the oppressed go free. Those who have the charism of deliverance and are helped by your intercessory prayers, fulfill this mission directly. They take away the burden put on by the evil one and his minions. But you can also unload people, coworkers, family members from their burden, by sharing it with them. Jesus said, "Come to Me, you who carry heavy burdens. My burden is light, my yoke is gentle, and you will find rest for your soul." Parents, understand the burden of your children and help them carry it. Children, do the same for your parents. Pray for one another.

By doing this, we honour the Baptism of the Lord.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



## PARISH NEWS

### PASTORS' GRATITUDE

Fr. Pierre and Fr. Gabriel sincerely thank you for all the cards, gifts and well wishes received at Christmas. May your kindness and generosity be blessed and rewarded!

Thank you!



### ST. MARY'S KINDERGARTEN OPENINGS

St. Mary's School is accepting applications for the 2014-2015 Kindergarten Class. Application forms may be downloaded at [www.stmary.bc.ca](http://www.stmary.bc.ca) or picked up at the school office Monday-Friday from 8:30am-4pm.



### SPARK (GR. 6-8): FATHER SAFARI

God is our perfect Father and desires only what is best for us. Do we live as His children? Learn more on Monday, Jan 13 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement.

### JUNIOR YOUTH BASKETBALL (GR. 6 & 7)

The next basketball practice is on Saturday, Jan 18th from 10am-12pm. Please fill the registration form available at the foyer, parish office or YM website.

### YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Ministry offers different opportunities for individuals who are at least 18 years of age. Come use your time and talent with youth, in the office or in sports. There is no experience required. For more info, please contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext. 247.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY APPEAL TICKETS

Knights of Columbus will be selling Charity Appeal tickets in the Church foyer after all Masses. This is your chance to win one of three brand new cars, or \$50,000 in cash! All rebates for tickets sold will be donated to the Parish Building Fund. Thank you for your support!



### EPIC JOURNEY

In tonight's EPIC Journey, we will see how God used St. Catherine of Siena to bring the papacy back to Rome from Avignon. Also, we will know learn about the bubonic plague's long-term effects in the Church. Join us at 6:20pm in the Church Basement.

### PROJECT ADVANCE

Our 2013 total is \$153,100 or 76.5% of our parish goal. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously!

### 2014 ENVELOPES

Please collect your 2014 envelopes from the Church basement.

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

### THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Come and discover God's original design for us, our call to holiness, and our destiny with Him in heaven. The next course is Jan. 13 to Mar. 31, 7pm-9:15pm at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Burnaby. To register or for more information, please contact 604-683-0281 ext. 301 or [tob@rcav.org](mailto:tob@rcav.org).

### VANCOUVER COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

Open House is an opportunity to learn more about our Faith and Learning Community. We invite all applicants and their families to attend the Annual Open House on Tuesday, January 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.



### GRACE THAT REIGNS RETREAT

A Time of Retreat: *What am I doing with my life? Seeing as God sees: in your prayers, in your life, in your work.* Be armed with the tools needed to allow God to reveal His path for you. St. Francis de Sales, 6610 Balmoral St., Burnaby on Friday, Jan 17 from 6:45pm-9pm & Saturday, Jan 18, Mass at 9am-4pm. RSVP required: [GracethatReigns.com](http://GracethatReigns.com). Space limited. Please bring your own lunch, paper, pen and love offering. Tax receipts available. For more information please visit: [www.GracethatReigns.com](http://www.GracethatReigns.com).

### 100<sup>th</sup> WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES



You are invited to join Archbishop Miller at Holy Rosary Cathedral for Mass on Sunday, Jan. 19, at 2:30pm. A cultural reception will follow in the parish hall. All are welcome!

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### ARCHDIOCESAN WINTER INSTITUTE

The Archdiocesan Winter Institute offers one-day faith formation and ministry training for adults. Topics include: Core Catholic Life, Volunteer Management, Stewardship, Basics of the Faith and more. Jan. 25 at Holy Cross Secondary School from 10am-4pm. Cost \$35, before Jan. 17, includes lunch. Everyone welcome. For more information and registration visit [www.rcav.org/oc-winter](http://www.rcav.org/oc-winter).

### SAVE THE DATE – ARCHDIOCESAN ONE CONFERENCE

ONE Conference features world-class speakers Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, Christopher West, Dr. Josephine Lombardi, and closing Mass with Archbishop Miller. The conference will be at the Vancouver Convention Centre on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 9am- 5:30pm. Tickets \$40 online at <http://rcav.org/one/> or at the parish office.