

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

“FOLLOW ME AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN”



Matthew 4:18-22

SUNDAY JAN 26: THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
6:10pm EPIC Journey (Church Basement)

MONDAY JAN 27:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

TUESDAY JAN 28: ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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

WEDNESDAY JAN 29:

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

THURSDAY JAN 30:

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

FRIDAY JAN 31: ST. JOHN BOSCO

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

SATURDAY FEB 1:

9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

SUNDAY FEB 2: PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

1:30pm CFC (School Gym)
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
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Pastor's Corner

FISHERS WHO GATHER AND THOSE WHO SCATTER

“Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people.” These are the key words in today’s Gospel of Matthew. What does it mean to be made “fishers of people?” I got to understand this and see it happening before my eyes in 1965 -1967. I had joined a group of 2 priests, several social workers, some young people in their college years (those from the upper middle class), some young people working at minimum wage in one of the poorest neighbourhoods of the city. It was a kind of a mini M.V.A. (for those who know about this.)

Sins and poverty and inequalities breed division, violence, hatred and more inequalities, more poverty, more sins. We become cut off from one another and from God. What is God doing about that, through Jesus and the Spirit? He is constantly, calling men and women to become “fishers of people.” He is building us up for His “rescue operation,” the Church, in and out of bounds.

To fish out men and women out of the water means to pull them out (with the strength, the power and the love from God poured out in us), to pull them out of the dark waters of violence, suffering, and division. And then what? To bring them together into the Kingdom of light and freedom. St. Paul says “We have been transferred by Christ out of the Kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of Light.”

And then, next, all those newly fished out men and women are transformed by Christ into His own Image. They become part of the rescue operation launched by God. They become fishers of people, gatherers. Where sin abounds with its divisive effects, grace super-abounds with its saving and community building effects.

This is what happened in that poor back alley of that poor neighbourhood of Montreal in 1965-1967. We started by helping people to gather and fight for justice and dignity. Together, we obtained to transform the back alley into a play-

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ground for their children from nine to five, five days of the week. We created the second ever citizen committee in Eastern Canada. We cleared some burned down, abandoned houses and transformed the sites into a mini park. We obtained the creation of one of the first street health clinics in Canada. The people of that alley became justly proud of their accomplishments, of their newfound dignity. A priest came and celebrated Sunday Mass out there. Journalists, TV reporters, and the mayor came to see that "rescue operation." It is amidst that wonderful "rescue operation," that I found my vocation to become a parish priest.

M.V.A. stands for Metropolitan Vancouver Alliance. It aims to do something of a rescue operation on a larger scale. Of course, it is not an explicitly religious operation, but Catholics and Christians are very present. Few of the other members don't know that they are fishers of men, but they will know it, sooner or later. You will hear more about MVA, sooner or later. We are part of it.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

St. Mary's is accepting new applications for 2014-2015 in all grades K-7. Applications are available online or from the school office.



MIGRANT MINISTRY

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry in collaboration with ISS of BC and WestCoast Domestic Workers' Association will hold a free and interactive workshop on "Live-in Caregiver Program: Immigration Process and Issues". Our guest speaker is Ai Li Lim who is a staff lawyer and executive director of West-Coast. Please come on Saturday, February 1st, from 1-3pm in the school seminar room. You can call Chit Arma at 604-684-7498 ext. 1666 or email resoquita.arma@issbc.org or Lenn Castro at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com. Light refreshments will be served.

SATURDAY 5PM CHOIR

The Saturday 5pm choir would like to invite singers and musicians to consider joining our choir to praise God through the ministry of music. We are especially looking for male singers and a guitar player. For more info, please contact Catty at frozen-triqui@gmail.com.

RETREAT ON DISCERNMENT

St. Mary's and Sts. Cyril and Methodius invite you to a seminar on Discernment— Seeking God's Plan for Our Lives. The seminar is offered by Fr. Elias Vella (a Franciscan priest from Malta) and Diana Mascarenhas (co-leader at Institute for World Evangelisation ICPE Mission) on **March 1 and 2** from 9am-5pm in St. Mary's Church basement. Cost \$50/person. Refreshments will be served, bring your own lunch. For info and registration visit www.cyrilmetod.org/retreat2014 or contact retreat2014@cyrilmetod.org 604-526-7351.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

HALF DAY PRAYER AND RECOLLECTION

The Lay Missionaries of Charity is an Association of lay persons, both married and single who live a life marked by prayer and a spirit of joyful sacrifice within our own families and in the heart of the world. Join us on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 8:30 am to 11:30am at the Missionaries of Charity Convent 385 Cordova Street, Vancouver.



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PRO-LIFE PRESENTATION – STEPHANIE GRAY

Stephanie Gray will present "Heroes & Role Models": What They Teach Us About Life and Abortion. This presentation will examine the unplanned pregnancy and the abortion debate and how people of goodwill should respond. Hear her speak on Monday, Jan. 27 from 7-9pm at Our Lady of Assumption Centre, Port Coquitlam.

MASS FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Archbishop Miller will celebrate a Mass of Anointing to commemorate World Day of the Sick on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 11am at Our Lady of Sorrow Church, 555 South Slocan Street in Vancouver. This celebration is being organized by the Catholic Health Association of BC. Everyone is welcome.

LIVE-IN RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Silent live-in retreat for women interested in discerning a call to religious life from 7pm Friday, Feb 14 to 3pm Sunday, Feb 16. For further info or to register, contact Sr. Denece at 604-985-4872 (dbillesberger@shaw.ca) or Sr. Linda at 604-936-2875 (bechardlinda@gmail.com). Space is limited so register early.

VOCATION LIVE-IN FOR MEN

On the weekend of February 14 - 16, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission. For more information call 604-826-8715.

2014 ONE CONFERENCE

Featuring 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 are \$40 and can be purchased online at <http://rcav.org/one/> or at the parish office.

RETREAT ON RELATIONSHIPS & MARRIAGE

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish invites you to a seminar on Relationships and Marriage for singles and couples. The seminar is offered by Fr. Elias Vella (a Franciscan priest from Malta) and Diana Mascarenhas (co-leader at Institute for World Evangelisation ICPE Mission) on **Feb 22 & 23** from 9am-5pm at All Saints Parish Center, 821 Fairfax, Coquitlam. Cost \$50/person. Refreshments will be served, bring your own lunch. For info and registration visit www.cyrilmetod.org/retreat2014 or contact retreat2014@cyrilmetod.org or 604-526-7351.