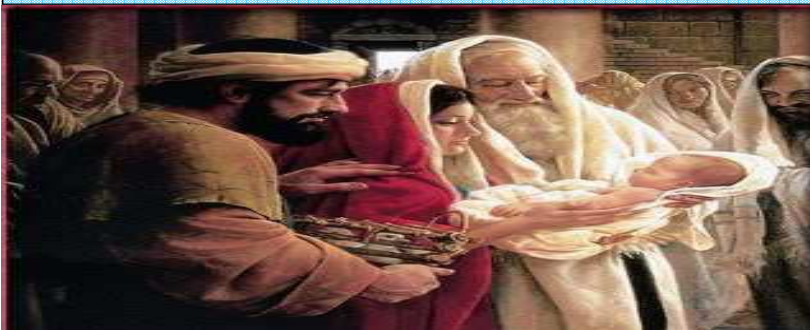


THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY FEB 2: PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

1:30pm CFC (School Gym)

6:10pm EPIC Journey (Church Basement)

MONDAY FEB 3:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)

7:00pm Lay Apostles (Church)

TUESDAY FEB 4:

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY FEB 5: ST. AGATHA

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

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY FEB 6: ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY FEB 7:

6:00pm Youth for Christ (Rectory Dining)

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

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY FEB 8:

9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory Basement)

10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)

10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)

2:00pm Youth for Christ (School Gym)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)

SUNDAY FEB 9: 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

1:00pm CFC-YFL (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

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LOVE BEYOND IMAGINATION!

Mary and Joseph were keenly aware that they owed God everything. They obeyed the Jewish custom to present their first male child to God. They would say something like, "This child we have received from you, truly he belongs to you. Accept our sacrifice, two turtle doves, as an offering, so that we might redeem our son, that is keep custody of Him." But there was something unusual here! The son they offered is human and divine. So they are offering the Son of God to God the Father. Their offering is like the first Mass on Holy Thursday. It is a perfect offering.

What is Mass? What is a sacrificial offering? It starts with thanksgiving. We acknowledge that we owe God everything, our being, our life, our breath, every thought we think, every desire we have. We owe everything to God. God is the Creator and our Redeemer. In strict justice, we owe Him everything. Justice happens when, owing something to someone, we give it back. But we can't give back all that we have received from God. We would stop existing! So God the Son Himself became flesh and offered Himself to God the Father, on our behalf. At the Mass, we offer Christ to God, in union with the priest who represents Christ offering himself to the Father, on our behalf. Thus perfect justice is reestablished.

But it doesn't stop there. If it did, we could see God the Father as a mean, "calculating money lender waiting for us to pay Him back." (Fr. Barron) "When we are just with regard to God, when we have presented ourselves properly to God, in praise and thanksgiving, then we become just on the inside." (Fr. Barron) Our lives become truly beautiful, sanctified and joyful.

You may ask, "Where is love in all this justice seeking ritual, that is in the Mass." It is in both in the effect of Mass and in its source. First lets talk about the effect. Through Mass, we are made just inside out. In other words, we are reconciled. In the etymology of this word, there is a "cilia",

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and “re” and “con.” Cilia is the Latin for eyelash. “Cil” in French. To be reconciled means to be again, eyelash to eyelash with God. God and Humanity look eyelash to eyelash at one another. Love and intimacy without fear!

Now, how about the Source of the Mass? We find it at Calvary, when Christ whose body is the New Temple, the Church, offered Himself up to the Father, on our behalf, because He loved us as much as He loved God, and because God loved us so much that He gave His only Son, to save us. Now, you may ask, “Why did God have to make such an extravagant gesture of love?” Go and ask those who fall in love!

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

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.

SPARK (GR. 6-8): MIDDLE SCHOOL JESUS



What do you think Jesus would be like if He was one of your classmates? Why did He want to live among us? Find out why on Monday, February 3rd, 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement. Games and refreshments are included.

JR. (GR.6-8) & SR. (GR.9-12) BASKETBALL

Hone your skills with Youth Basketball practice and games on Saturdays February 1, 8, 22 in St. Mary's School Gym. Juniors 10am-12pm & Seniors 12-2pm.



PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Pope Francis says "Human Trafficking is a crime against humanity." The Church commemorates the life of St. Josephine Bakhita on Feb 8th and the Archdiocese of Vancouver will observe this Feast day as a Day of Prayer and fasting for Victims of Trafficking and for those who work to combat it. On Friday Feb 7th, please join our community in fasting and/or praying through Eucharistic Adoration to support this cause. First Friday Adoration is throughout the day after 8am Mass. Please see the sign-up sheets in the foyer.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

"Hearts on Fire: Living Faith in Daily Life with Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola," A Team of Young Jesuit Presenters, A Group of Young Adults, A Thousand Graces, One Heart. Dynamic presentations, methods of prayer in daily life, Friday evening Coffee house with live music! For single young adults ages 23-35. Friday, Mar 7 & Saturday, Mar 8 at St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver. Learn more and register online at: www.apostleshipofprayer.org/heartsonfire.

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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.

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.

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 \$40 online <http://rcav.org/one/> or at the parish office.

ENCOURAGE MEETING

Join us on Sunday, Feb. 16 from 2-4pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. A film will be shown presenting the lives of three individuals who struggled with same-sex attractions (SSA) and who found new strength and new meaning to life through their commitment to God and His ways. ENCOURAGE is a spiritual support group for families and friends of men and women with SSA. For more info call 604-916-6192 or visit encourage-in-bc@live.ca or couragerc.org.

HALF DAY OF PRAYER AND RECOLLECTION

The Lay Missionaries of Charity is an Association of lay persons 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 8:30am-11:30am at the Missionaries of Charity Convent 385 Cordova Street.