

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



### **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)

### **MONDAY FEB 10: ST. SCHOLASTICA (Parish Office Closed)**

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

### **TUESDAY FEB 11:**

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

### **WEDNESDAY FEB 12:**

- 2:00pm Willingdon Mass (4435 Grange St)
- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
- 7:00pm Building Committee (Rectory Dining)
- 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **THURSDAY FEB 13:**

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

### **FRIDAY FEB 14: STS. CYRIL & METHODIUS**

- 6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
- 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **SATURDAY FEB 15:**

- 9:30am Light of Jesus (Church Basement)
- 10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
- 10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
- 1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
- 1:30pm Youth for Christ (Rectory Basement)
- 2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
- 3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
- 7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
- 7:30pm ARC (Church)

### **SUNDAY FEB 16: 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 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

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

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### **PASTORS & STAFF**

**Pastor:** Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P. (ext. 6)

**Assistant Pastor:** Fr. Gabriel de Chadarévian, O.P. (ext. 3)

**Pastoral Assistant:** Vesna Jankovic (ext. 6)

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

**Youth Ministry Coordinator:** Rocelyn Catris (ext. 247)

**RCIA/PREP Coordinator:** Edwin Cruz (ext. 5)

**Reception:** Edwin Cruz/Joseph Mendoza (ext. 0)



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*Pastor's  
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### **PASS THE SALT!**

Have you tried a salt-free diet? Everything is so bland, very few people can be faithful to such a diet. Salt enhances the flavor of good food. Even chocolate tastes better with salt! Purdy's discovered that years ago! But you would never serve salt as the main dish of a meal...unless you want to attack a cow in your backyard!

When Jesus said "You are the salt of the world," He didn't mean that we should draw everything to ourselves, He didn't mean that our life should be about ourself, our own exclusive happiness. Rather Jesus meant our very life should so shine with love, hope, self-giving that it enhances the life of others around us, whether it be at the workplace, in the family or with our friends. We are meant to shine the real beauty and goodness of life itself and more specifically the beauty of a life redeemed by God's love.

Last week, I met a woman who works at UBC. After listening to her for an hour, I asked her "With all the love and gifts you have received from God, do people tell you that you bring them so much joy?" She answered "Yes! The Spirit of the Lord constantly inspires me to care about people, to do good to them, in all kinds of little ways during my work time, and at home with my kids. And with the shut-in sick that I visit." People regain hope at her contact. I myself felt joy in her presence. Her joy is very communicative, yet very humble and very peaceful. She lives in constant gratitude for the love she has received from God. She nourishes that with silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and with intercessory prayer for others.

She discovered what Catholic psychologist Richard Hissle told Fr. Barron long ago, "You want to be happy? Stop fussing about being happy! And get going along with the task of being fulfilled." In other words, be salt of the earth, light of the world in your own vocations, workplace, family life and

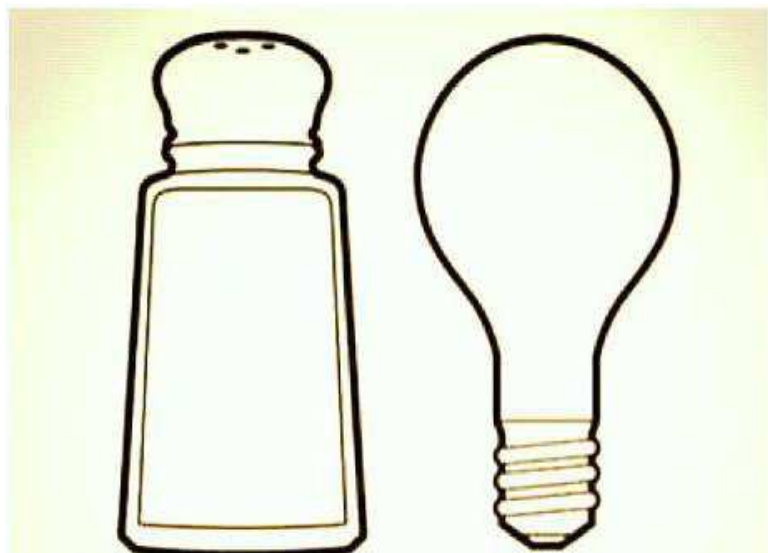
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happiness will take care of itself. Happiness is the by-product of the true fulfillment of our calling.

The same is true for holiness, as Pope Francis reminds us. Stop fussing about your own perfection, about your conformity to all the external rules. Get going with your task of being salt and light, move, act... Then holiness will take care of itself. You will become holy, behind your back, without noticing it.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



**Be these.**

**Matthew 5:13-16**

## PARISH NEWS

### CFC - HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD.

On Saturday, February 15 at 10am, the Handmaids of the Lord, a family ministry of Couples for Christ, is inviting single mature women, widows, separated or divorced, single parents, wives of overseas workers, and those whose husbands are unavailable to join the community to a Christian Life Program at the School Seminar Room. This is a series of teachings about our faith and how we can deepen our relationship with the Lord. The program is free and fellowship follows after each session. For more information please call Yvonne at 604-428-6159 or Rae 604-435-0297.

### 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](http://www.cyrilmetod.org/retreat2014) or contact [retreat2014@cyrilmetod.org](mailto:retreat2014@cyrilmetod.org) 604-526-7351.

### SPARK (GR. 6-8)

There is no Spark event on Family Day, Feb 10. The next social event is on Feb 17. We need donations of homemade sugar cookies for Feb 17. Please see recipes available at the foyer or contact Youth Ministry.

### YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT (GR. 6-10)

Come join us every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month in the Church basement for fun games, joyful songs & prayer. We start with refreshments. The doors facing Euclid Street open at 3:30pm. The event is from 4:30pm to 6pm.



### FLAME (GR. 8-12) – DIVINE INTIMACY

How close are you and God? St. Augustine says that our heart is restless until it rests in Him, so come find out how to have intimate union with the God who loves you deeply. Join us on Friday Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9pm in the Church basement.

### JR. & SR. BASKETBALL

There is no Jr. & Sr. basketball on Feb 15. The next one is on Feb 22.

### FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY

The parish office will be closed on Monday, Feb 10 for the Family Day holiday.

## PARISH NEWS

### MIGRANT MINISTRY

St Mary's Migrant Ministry in collaboration with ISS of BC will hold a free and interactive workshop on Family Sponsorship and Related issues. Our guest speaker is Jose Renato Vicencio, a licensed immigration consultant. Please come on Saturday, February 15th from 1-3pm to the School Seminar room. You may call Chit Arma at 604-684-7498 ext 1666 or email [resoquita.arma@issbc.org](mailto:resoquita.arma@issbc.org). Light refreshments will be served.

### EPIC JOURNEY

In tonight's episode of EPIC Journey we will see the first part of Catholic Reformation: "Europe was in turmoil, the church was in turmoil and in need of reform." Come join us 6:20pm in the Church basement.

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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 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 [www.cyrilmetod.org/retreat2014](http://www.cyrilmetod.org/retreat2014) or contact [retreat2014@cyrilmetod.org](mailto:retreat2014@cyrilmetod.org) or 604-526-7351.



### CATHOLIC AFTER HOURS

'Secrets and mysteries of the Vatican Museum revealed' Join Catholic After Hours, a gathering of young adults on Monday, Mar. 3 at Vancouver Art Gallery Café. The event begins at 6:30pm with a social and dinner and the presentation begins at 7:30pm. Explore the hidden meanings, secrets and mysteries of the Vatican Museums revealed as JP Sonnen (former Vatican tour guide) guides you through a VIP tour of the Vatican Museums. Cost \$5 per person.

### CATHOLIC VOICES

Catholic Voices offers Media Training for Catholics. Apply today and be a part of the New Evangelization. Help the Church present its perspective on controversial issues in the media. Do you feel called? Catholic Voices will provide you with professional training to appear on TV and radio. Learn more & apply: <http://is.gd/cvtraining2014>.