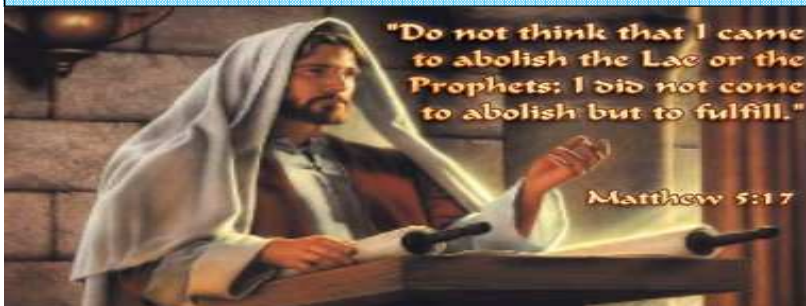


THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY FEB 16: 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:10pm EPIC Journey (Church Basement)

MONDAY FEB 17:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

TUESDAY FEB 18:

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

7:00pm CWL (School Gym)

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

WEDNESDAY FEB 19:

9:30am Hands of Veronica (Rectory Dining)

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

7:00pm Building Committee (Rectory Dining)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY FEB 20:

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY FEB 21:

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

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY FEB 22: CHAIR OF ST. PETER

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

10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)

10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)

2:00pm CFC-SFL (School Gym)

2:30pm Baptism (Church)

2:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)

7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)

7:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)

SUNDAY FEB 23: 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12:30pm Light of Jesus (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

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*Pastor's
Corner*

HEED THE WARNING!

A friend of mine was driving his one year old car, when a red warning light, indicating an engine problem lit up. He drove to a nearby gas station. The mechanic told him he could not fix the engine but he could turn off that warning light! Rightly so my friend answered him that this would not make things any better!

We are like that "car mechanic" in our moral life when we focus only on our external sins and neglect what remains invisible to others, that is the evil desires and thoughts that are the root cause of our sins. If we don't address that, we are bound to sin again and again, more and more. To take Fr. Barron's image in his homily 527, "It is not enough to trap the mice we happen to see, we need to find out how they are getting in." This is very important. We all know our sinful actions on the surface. We can see them in ourselves and mostly in others. "We might address them with a harsh word, a punishment, or a negative comment, but the real challenge is getting to that inner space where these dark actions come from, to address the problem at its roots." This is what Jesus is about in today's Gospel, chapter 5 of Matthew.

Jesus looked at lust. He doesn't stop at the external manifestations of lust; adultery, rape, illicit sexual contacts. What is lust? It is not a healthy, honest sexual desire. There is nothing wrong with this. Lust is the desire to use another human being for our personal satisfaction. It is the objectification of another. And this came from the disintegration of our sexuality, from the whole of our spiritual life. Once sexual desires have become separated from God and from everything else in our soul, then they grow and grow until they rule our life, and dominate it, with all forms of dysfunctional sexuality.

How do we heal from that? We need utter seriousness in our self-examination and the willingness to root out lust in all its forms. What does this work look like? First there

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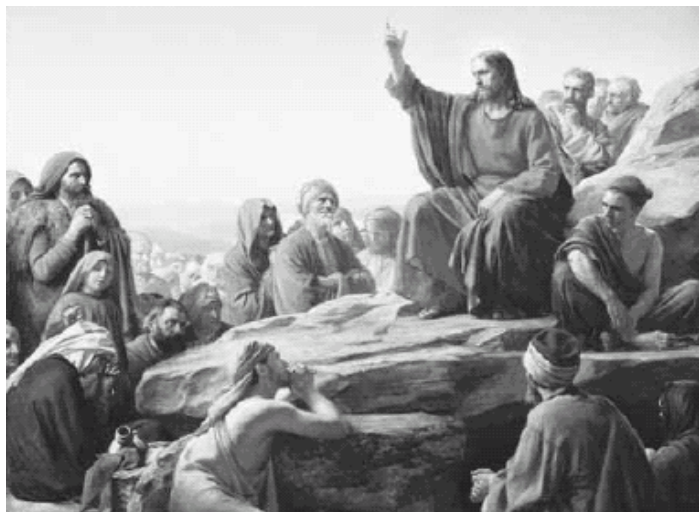
is an effort to become aware of what is going on inside you when you are lustful. Does it happen when you are discouraged, humiliated, fallen in self-pity? Does it happen when you want to feel all powerful? Or when you feel you have lost control of your life? Now, become more aware that lust doesn't solve these problems! Only for an instant! And after that, you feel more shame, more discouraged, less powerful, less in control. Now you start to detest your sins of lust. Keep going at it. Feel the illusion of it, the deceit. You will be able to resist the temptation more easily. This works with all kinds of sinful temptations.

Another form of this war against lust consists in envisioning the damage lust is doing in your life and even more important in the life of your loved ones. It may build a wall of shame between you and your spouse, you and your children and grandchildren. It may keep you away from healthy expressions of friendship and/or intimacy. It may ruin your conjugal life, your family life. It may lead you to lie, and to misuse your computer at the workplace.

The next time you lust at an image on the screen, think that he or she you are looking at is also a married person, or a child of someone else. And somebody loved by God.

Finally, ask for the grace of humility and true love. You cannot overcome sin without these.

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) – VALENTINE'S SOCIAL

Join our Valentine's social on Mon, Feb 17 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement. We will play games, watch a skit and decorate cookies. We request donations of homemade sugar cookies for this day. Please see recipes available at the foyer or contact Youth Ministry for details.



NO JR. & SR. BASKETBALL

There is no Jr. or Sr. basketball on Feb 22. The next one is on March 1.

CAN YOU SING AND DANCE?

We are preparing for a Musical Presentation and are looking for dancers and singers. Dancers should be between the ages of 16-35. Singers of all ages are welcome. Come to the audition on Saturday, February 22, from 10am-12pm in the Church Basement.

EPIC JOURNEY

In tonight's episode of EPIC Journey, we will learn more about Pope Pius V and the Jesuits, the Battle of Lepanto, the mystical and activist saints, the evangelization of the New World, and Galileo. Come join us 6:20pm in the Church basement.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

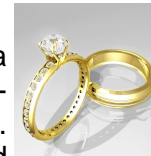
YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

"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, March 7-8. 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 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 or contact retreat2014@cyrilmetod.org or 604-526-7351.



CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE EXPERIENCE (GR.10-12)

Wanting to know what post-secondary life is like? Join a free student-facilitated event on Sat, Feb 22nd from 12:30-5pm at Corpus Christi College, 5935 Iona Dr, Vancouver. Snacks are provided and forms are required (Facebook: CCC Experience). For more info, contact experience.ccc@gmail.com.

NOTRE DAME ALUMNI TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us at Our Lady of Sorrows Hall, 555 S. Slocan St. Vancouver for the Notre Dame Alumni Trivia Night taking place on Friday, March 7. Tickets \$25 (dinner included) and the evening begins at 6pm with dinner at 6:30pm and Trivia at 7:30pm. For more information, please contact ltesan@gmail.com or acharlt@ndrs.org.



YOUTH (GR.8-12) & YOUNG ADULTS – FREEDOM

Make plans to join Freedom, a free reconciliation event for youth and young adults on Friday, March 14 at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Richmond from 7pm-10:30pm. This is a powerful night filled with music, prayer, witness, catechesis and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Youth require permission forms available in the foyer, website or parish office. Deadline for registration of youth is March 5.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Fr. Pablo Santa-Maria Watson of St. Joseph's Parish, Langley would like to invite you to join a pilgrimage group to the Holy Land from Nov. 23 to Dec. 6, 2014. Please contact Susan Kotnik at 604-465-6911 or susankotnik@gmail.com for information and a brochure.