

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



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)

MONDAY FEB 24:

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

TUESDAY FEB 25:

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

WEDNESDAY FEB 26:

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

THURSDAY FEB 27:

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

FRIDAY FEB 28:

6:30pm Dev & Peace (Rectory Dining)
 6:30pm Youth Ministry (School Gym)
 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY MAR 1:

9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)
 9:00am Retreat on Discernment (Church Basement)
 10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
 10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
 1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
 2:00pm Handmaids (School Gym)
 2:30pm Baptism (Church)
 3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
 5:00pm Migrant Ministry (School Gym)

SUNDAY MAR 2: 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Retreat on Discernment (Church Basement)
 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

Email: youth.smarv@rcav.org Website: www.marysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

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FEBRUARY 23, 2014

*Pastor's
Corner*

THE ONE GREAT SCORER

At the end of the first Olympic week, Vancouver Sun published a picture of a cross country skier from the Russian Olympic team with a broken ski after a fall. Next to him, there was a coach from another competing nation who brought him a spare ski from his own team, so that the Russian may finish the race. "Love your enemy. Do good to them" Jesus said!

Jesuit Mark Link, in his little prayer book entitled "Jesus," shares a similar story on page 211:

"The Italian team of Monti and Siopraes was heavily favored to win the Olympic bobsled event in 1964 in Innsbruck, Austria. They had great first and second runs, but the little-regarded British team of Nash and Dixon had a sensational and better first run. Their axle broke, however, just before their scheduled second run. They were crushed.

Monti amazed everyone by removing the bolt from the Italian sled and giving it to the British team so they could finish. Nash and Dixon went on to win the gold in a tremendous upset victory, while Monti and Siopraes settled for the bronze. In a bit of poetic beauty, four years later, Monti led the Italian two- and four-man sleds to a victory in 1968.

The sportsmanship of the Italians in 1964 is a beautiful image of the kind of love Jesus invites us to show our enemies in daily life. How well am I showing it?"

*For when the One Great Scorer comes
To write against your name
He marks— not that you won or lost—
But how you played the game.
Grantland Rice*

Pastor's Corner Continued...

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Mother Teresa told the following story. She had found a young orphan girl who was dying of hunger. She brought her to a bakery and begged for a loaf of bread for the child. The baker spat full on Mother Teresa's face. The saint replied "Thank you for that gift. Now, perhaps something for the child?"

As Fr. Barron observes, Mother Teresa is "not offering herself as a doormat. She is not rolling over in the face of violence. Rather she is actively engaging aggression so as to turn it into something new. She is loving her enemy precisely by showing him and helping him to see what he is doing, hoping to transform the enemy from within." This is what Gandhi and Martin Luther King did, following the example and teaching of Jesus.

We need more people like this. Can you be one of them? Try it and God will give you the grace to do it.

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.cyrilmethod.org/retreat2014 or contact retreat2014@cyrilmethod.org 604-526-7351.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

You are invited to a Christian Life Program (CLP) sponsored by Couples for Christ. The program will start on Saturday, March 8 at 7:30pm in the School Gym. CLP is an integrated course on the basics of Christianity leading to a renewed understanding of God's call to us as Christian individuals and/or couples. For more information, please contact: Dannie Raymond 604-710-6211 or George Paderes 778-668-7422.

BLANKET DRIVE BY CWL

St. Mary's CWL is organizing a blanket drive for the homeless. Please drop off any blankets or comforters in front of the School Gym on March 9. CWL members will be collecting items from 9am-1pm that day only. There is great need for these items, so please consider donating and make it part of your Lenten sacrifice. Thank you for your generous support.

YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT (GR. 6-10)

How can you make Thursday a fun day? Join Youth in the Spirit! Play exciting games, meet friendly people and enjoy beautiful hymns! Feel God's loving embrace on Thursday Feb 27 from 4:30-6pm at the Church basement. Doors along Euclid Street are open from 3:30pm. Refreshments are provided.

FLAME (GR. 8-12) – ENCOUNTER WITH GOD

God reveals Himself to us through our experiences with people, nature, etc. How do you personally know about God? Join us on Friday Feb 28 from 6:30-9pm at the Church basement to reflect on our relationship with Him and spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration. Refreshments and welcoming environment provided.

JR. (GR. 6 & 7) & SR.(GR.8-12) BASKETBALL

March 1 practice is postponed. Junior and Senior Basketball has a new schedule. Please get copies from the foyer or visit www.marysyoung.com.

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LENTEN BOOKLETS

Lent begins next Wednesday, March 5. This weekend after all Masses we will be selling two types of Lenten booklets. "40 Days of Hope and Healing" sells for \$1, and the "Magnificat Lenten Companion" sells for \$2.

GRACE THAT REIGNS PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Please join us to pray for the priests of New Westminster Deanery following the 7pm Mass on Thursday Feb 27th. <http://www.gracethatreigns.com/>.

LENTEN MISSION/HEALING PRAYERS

Topic: Taking Sin Apart. Guest Presenter: Bishop Emeritus R. Gilmore. (Dodge City, Kansas Diocese and Jacqueline Loh) at St. Mary's on Thursday March 20 evening, Friday March 21 evening and Saturday March 22 all day. For more information please see: www.GracethatReigns.com and register RSVP@GracethatReigns.com. Free will offering. Tax receipts will be given for \$25 or more.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

PRO-LIFE MASS AND PRAYER VIGIL

Pro-life Mass & Vigil. Peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents will be taking place on Saturday, March 1, with Mass starting at 9am at St. Joseph Parish, Vancouver. Followed by Rosary at Women's Hospital.

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB

St. Paul's Catholic Singles Club will host a St. Patrick's Day Dance, Saturday, March 8 at Sunrise Community Centre. Doors open at 7pm. Members \$12, Guests \$15. For more information, please contact Shannon at 604-943-1153.

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

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

CATHOLIC AFTER HOURS

Join Catholic After Hours, a gathering of young adults Wednesday, March 19 at Wicked Café, 1399 West 7th Ave. The event begins at 6:30pm with a social and dinner and the presentation is at 7:30pm. Event is \$5/person.