

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



### **SUNDAY MAR 16: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church Basement)  
6:10pm EPIC Journey (Church Basement)

### **MONDAY MAR 17:**

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

### **TUESDAY MAR 18:**

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

### **WEDNESDAY MAR 19: ST. JOSEPH**

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

### **THURSDAY MAR 20:**

7:00pm Mass (Church) \*NO ADORATION\*  
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)  
7:40pm LENTEN RETREAT (Church)

### **FRIDAY MAR 21:**

6:00pm Fast and Pray (Rectory Basement)  
6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)  
7:00pm Mass (Church) \*NO ADORATION OR CONFESSION\*  
7:40pm LENTEN RETREAT (Church)

### **SATURDAY MAR 22:**

9:00am LENTEN RETREAT (Church)  
9:30am DNA Men's Group (Rectory Basement)  
10:00am Youth Ministry (School Gym)  
10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)  
1:00pm Handmaids (Rectory Basement)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)  
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

### **SUNDAY MAR 23: 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT**

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

## 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

Phone: (604) 437-1312 Fax: (604) 437-1193

**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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**MARCH 16, 2014**

*Pastor's  
Corner*

### **THAT MYSTERIOUS LIGHT!**

Much has been said lately and for the last 30 years about peak-experiences, including near-death experiences. In these moments people claim to have an experience of the beauty of the world to come, especially in the near-death experiences. These are now well known and studied by scientists. Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, astro-physician, philosopher, and Jesuit priest, said to a group of priests from our Archdiocese of Vancouver that these experiences are worthy of our attention.

A more common experience are those moments of joy and amazement when we seem to connect with all that is, with the Universe and with God. These experiences are sometimes related in the life of saints and in the Bible. The Transfiguration is one of these experiences related in the Gospel. It is still happening today. Mother Teresa's face was several times seen as glowing with an inner light by a crowd. Collective hallucination? No, it was caught on a movie that Malcolm Muggeridge, then an atheist, turned about Mother Teresa. On another occasion, two young Americans saw light coming from the Host and from the hands of Padre Pio as he was lifting the Host at the Consecration. The Shroud of Turin was not painted. It seemed scorched by an intense radiant energy, which could be the light coming from Christ's Body at the moment of the Resurrection. Moses' face was shining so much after his encounter with God that he had to cover himself with a veil, so as not to scare the people. St. Elizabeth's face was seen shining, after her prayer time. Saints, like St. Teresa of Avila saw many times a powerful yet warm light coming from Christ when He appeared to her. Fr. Carl Schmidt, C.S.S.R., a regular speaker at the conference on Deliverance in Chicago, described the light that came from people's faces after being anointed with the Spirit. He has been able to talk on camera.

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What can we make of these things, especially the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, when "His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became dazzling white." Jesus, then, gave His disciples a preview of the world to come, the world of the resurrected, in which we will share. As they, the disciples, and ourselves, struggle in this life, going through sickness, discouragement, misunderstanding, loss of friends, persecutions, failures, fear of death, anxiety, we are given a glimpse of the goal end of life, of that eternity filled with beauty. Thus we can move on, knowing we are heading towards ultimate fulfilment— we know that the world of eternal blessedness is more intensely real than this one.

*God bless you, Fr. Pierre*



## PARISH NEWS

### 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. Info: [www.GracethatReigns.com](http://www.GracethatReigns.com) and register [RSVP@GracethatReigns.com](mailto:RSVP@GracethatReigns.com). Free will offering. Tax receipts will be given for \$25 or more.



### ADORATION & CONFESSION

There will be no Adoration on Thursday or Friday night, and no Confessions on Friday night, due to the Lenten retreat.

### HANDS OF VERONICA

Volunteers are needed to help with monthly Masses at our three care homes: Willingdon, St. Michael's and Fair Haven, all located in the Burnaby Metrotown area. The most urgent need is to help gather residents for Mass on Wednesday morning or afternoon once a month, and help them return to their rooms. Most need assistance with walking or wheelchairs. If you can help, please contact Barry at 604-327-5425 or email [bardes36@gmail.com](mailto:bardes36@gmail.com).

### SPARK (GR. 6-8) MOVIE: PATRICK, BRAVE SHEPHERD

March 17 is St. Patrick's Day. Who is St. Patrick? Join a youth movie night on Mon March 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement and be inspired by this brave hero.

### SPARK ENCOUNTER (GR. 6-8)

Do you want to build self-esteem- to love yourself as God loves you? Register for Spark Encounter, a youth retreat that aims to bring greater awareness of your goodness and uniqueness, on Sat March 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:30-6:30pm in the School Gym. Please contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext.247 for more info. Registration deadline is extended to March 18<sup>th</sup>.

### CHOCOLATES FOR STREET PEOPLE

St. Mary's Street Ministry is seeking donations of individually-wrapped bite-sized chocolates that are within 3 months of purchase. Please drop off donations in the box in the foyer. May God bless your generosity!

### CATHOLIC FORUM

Catholic Forum invites you to explore the topic: "Joy and Solidarity: Pope Francis' Vision of Catholicism in Evangelii Gaudium" with Dr. Peter Baltutis from Corpus Christi College. Bring your questions Tuesday April 1 at 7pm to St. Mary's Church. Info: [www.dominicanlaity.ca/forum](http://www.dominicanlaity.ca/forum), or contact Cathy Neugebauer 604-874-8037 or [ve7cld@shaw.ca](mailto:ve7cld@shaw.ca).

## PARISH NEWS

### MASS & LIVING ROSARY-ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD



We will celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on Tuesday, March 25 with Mass at 7pm followed by Living Rosary. We encourage any expectant mothers to sign up for one of the decades by emailing [gguerrero@shaw.ca](mailto:gguerrero@shaw.ca). Everyone is welcome.

### SURVEY ON PROSTITUTION

Last year, the Supreme Court struck down all prostitution laws, and Parliament was given one year to write new laws related to prostitution. The Department of Justice is seeking public consultation on prostitution-related offences. The Archdiocese is advocating the Nordic Model as follows:

1. To criminalize the purchasers and the pimps
2. To decriminalize the prostituted person who is the victim

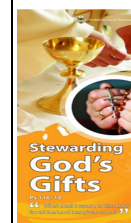
Your opinion counts. Please respond to the survey by the Mar 17 deadline: Online survey at <http://goo.gl/6JY9Ud>.

### TRAFFICKING AND PROSTITUTION

Come to a free talk to learn about Trafficking and Prostitution and the current laws. Find out how each of us can contribute to the human dignity of our marginalized sisters and youth, on March 26<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm in the Church basement. Pope Francis encourages all Christians to make every effort to combat human trafficking. For more information contact [evollet@rcav.org](mailto:evollet@rcav.org).

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

### STEWARDED GOD'S GIFTS INFORMATION SESSION



Come discover the real meaning of Stewardship and how recognizing your God-given unique gifts will add joy and purpose to your life on Thursday, March 27, JPPII Pastoral Centre, Vancouver, 7-9pm. Information session is free. Registration 604-683-0281 ext238 <http://rcav.org/stewarding-gods-gifts-information-session/>.

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Healing happens not only when you reach up and out, but when you grasp God's hand as He reaches down; then grace and nature are once again joined. We can help you find healing and grace through a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is May 2-4. For confidential information and to register call 604-525-0999.