

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



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SUNDAY MAR 30: 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Dining)

MONDAY MAR 31:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

TUESDAY APR 1:

7:00pm Catholic Forum (Church)

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

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

WEDNESDAY APR 2:

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

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY APR 3:

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY APR 4:

6:00pm Fast and Pray (Rectory Basement)

6:00pm Youth for Christ (Rectory Basement)

6:30pm Dev & Peace (Rectory Dining)

6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

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

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY APR 5:

9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)

10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)

10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)

2:30pm Baptism (Church)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)

7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)

7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

SUNDAY APR 6: 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

1:30pm CFC (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

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*Pastor's
Corner*

I WAS BLIND, NOW I SEE

Have you ever had this quite troubling experience of being perceived very wrongly by a friend, or a co-worker, or your spouse, a parent or child? When someone sees you as a monster, and nothing will make him change his mind? That is spiritual blindness. It can be cured only by repentance, forgiveness, prayer and faith that God can open his eyes. That spiritual blindness is one of the consequences of original sin and it increases as we give in to sin. But it can be healed by Christ, if we repent, pray and believe that God can heal us. And also practice the golden rule: "Do unto others what you would like them do to you."

All of us are spiritually blind to something, someone, and mostly to our own true self. The good news about the healing of spiritual blindness is that it allows us to see everything as God sees it, including ourselves. Now seeing the truth about ourselves may seem very scary. I am thinking now of those who come to confession with a long list of 30 different sins. They see only their sins. That is not how God sees you. Look at the "Prodigal Son." The Father didn't want him to detail his sins, He just wanted him back in the family. And the prodigal son's eyes were opened as he was immersed in the Father's embrace. This is a beautiful image for an adult baptism! Then the prodigal son was able to receive and enjoy the rich gifts offered by the Father— ring, clothes, banquet— without becoming addicted; never forgetting that all that is an expression of the Father's personal love for him. He saw himself as the Beloved, like Jesus Himself.

When such an experience is given to you, you see others in a whole new way. No longer are the others a threat to you, or a rival. But you see them as the beloved ones, for whom Christ died. And you want to bring them into God's family. This is the motive behind your desire for evangelization.

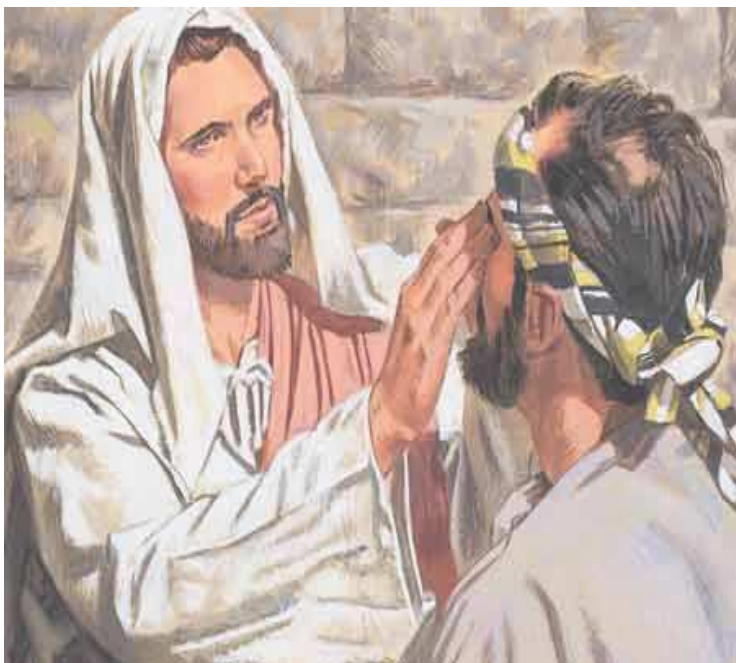
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Now the evil one doesn't like that. He is jealous of your friendship with God and with others. He knows that this would be the end of his Kingdom of Darkness and Hatred. It would shatter his dream to hurt God by hurting you. So he attacks you more furiously by spreading lies and division, and hatred. Look! This is what happened to Jesus and the person born blind in today's Gospel (John 9:1-4.) Instead of rejoicing at the healing of the man born blind, they accused him of lying and cast him out of the synagogue. They say Jesus is a sinner because the miracle happened on the Sabbath day. The spiritual light that was brought about by the miraculous healing did not penetrate the heart of many.

Are you refusing that light? Let Christ be your light! Ask Him for help!

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

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, or Cathy Neugebauer 604-874-8037 or ve7cld@shaw.ca.

ST. MARY'S PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Our Parish Lenten Penitential Service will be on **Friday, April 11 at 7:40pm**. Please avail yourself of this opportunity for reconciliation. We will have 8 priests available to hear confessions.

SHARE THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

Discover Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium, over three Wednesdays, April 23, April 30 and May 7, from 7-9pm in the School Seminar Room. Workshop stimulates reflection on personal call and involvement in sharing the Gospel in accordance to the vision of Pope Francis. Register online at www.dominicanlaity.ca or phone Cathy Neugebauer, 604-874-8037. Bring a copy of Evangelii Gaudium, available online: www.vatican.va.

NEXT WEEKEND IS SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

Next weekend is Solidarity Sunday, when there will be a special collection for Development and Peace, which works to end poverty and injustice by working with the most poor and marginalized in the Global South. Please be generous on Solidarity Sunday and contribute to these important efforts!

FLAME (GR. 8-12) – SCHEDULE CHANGE

Starting in April, Flame events will be moved to every Sunday, from 6:30-9pm. The next event is on April 6. Please contact Youth Ministry for more info.

MOVIE: THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST

Let us revisit the most agonizing moments of our Lord Jesus Christ and remember how much our lives meant to Him and the Father. All adults, young adults and youth in grades 8-12 are invited to watch The Passion of the Christ on Sunday, April 6th at 6:30pm in the Church basement. Parents of youth are encouraged to attend. Permission forms for the youth are required and available in the foyer, website or parish office.

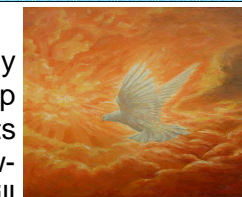
ASSISTANT YOUTH BASKETBALL COACH NEEDED

Youth Ministry is looking for an assistant basketball coach for its Saturday youth basketball from 12-2pm. Please contact Youth Ministry for details.

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LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Life In The Spirit Seminar organized by Mission Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group starting April 22-June 10, Tuesday nights from 7:30pm-9pm. Come and be empowered by the Holy Spirit. Your life will change! It's free. Please sign up in the foyer. Info: email mmoy_ca@yahoo.com or text 778-885-9611.



DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

VOCATION LIVE IN FOR MEN

On the weekend of April 4-6, 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.

ARCHDIOCESAN SPRING INSTITUTE

Archdiocesan Spring Institute offers one-day faith formation and ministry training for adults. Topics include: Basics of the Faith, Core Catholic Life, Adolescent Development and more. Ministry training offered for RCIA, PREP, LWC & Youth Ministry. April 26, St. Patrick School, Vancouver, 10am-4pm. Cost \$35 (before April 14), includes lunch. Everyone welcome. More info and registration www.rcav.org/oc-spring.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

In a survey of post-abortive women, 92% of those surveyed reported feelings of anger related to their abortions, and most of them expressed surprise at the intensity of those feelings. With our heavenly Father's help and through our ministry, one can find peace and hope again. The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is May 2-4. For confidential information and to register call 604-525-0999.

YOUTH DAY (GR. 8-12)

Youth Day 2014 is coming on Saturday, May 3, to Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary School in Port Coquitlam. Join hundreds of teens for an awesome weekend of faith, fellowship, and fun! The day includes keynote talks, praise and worship music, breakout sessions, the MIB vs Youth soccer game, Mass with Archbishop Miller, meals and more. We are thrilled to welcome Chris Padgett as our keynote speaker and Jackie Francois Angel as our worship leader. Please see registration forms in the foyer, parish office or the website at www.marysyoung.com.