

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



SUNDAY APR 6: 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

1:30pm CFC (School Gym)

MONDAY APR 7:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)

7:00pm MVA (Rectory Library)

7:00pm Lay Apostle (Rectory Basement)

TUESDAY APR 8:

6:00pm Baptism Prep (Church)

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

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

WEDNESDAY APR 9:

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

7:00pm Building Committee (Rectory Dining)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY APR 10:

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY APR 11:

6:00pm Fast and Pray (Rectory Basement)

6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

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

7:40pm PENITENTIAL SERVICE (Church)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY APR 12:

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

10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)

10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)

2:00pm Youth for Christ (School Gym)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)

5:00pm Migrant Ministry (School Gym)

6:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)

7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

SUNDAY APR 13: PASSION SUNDAY

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

6:30pm Youth Ministry (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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*Pastor's
Corner*

GOD IS WEEPING OVER DEATH AND REJOICING OVER RESURRECTION

Several years ago, I buried my dear friend Robert B. He was for me both a son and a father figure. He was about to retire and serve St. Mary's full time. I had dreams about what we could do together for our parish, about our friendship. But he went from full health to death in six weeks! I managed to control my tears during the funeral and homily, but I exploded in uncontrollable tears at the burial site. I could no longer say the prayers properly. What came to my mind were the words "Never again will I work with him and enjoy his presence." Later on, I could remind myself that "Never again" is a lie from the devil. Yet at the moment, these words were devastating. It was as if it brought to my memory all those separations caused by death during my whole life.

Yes, I will never see neither Robert nor my beloved deceased in this life. But this life is short and eternal life is...eternal, without end. I do believe also that Robert is in heaven, is part of the Body of Christ, is an active member of the triumphant Church, and in full communion with us, the militant Church. He will never be canonized. But it doesn't matter. He enjoys a similar privilege and intercessory power for us. The day John Paul II died, I asked him a favour. "If you (John Paul II) are in heaven, give me a sign that you are continuing your work. Give me a convert! That very same day, at 10:00pm, I had a long conversation on the porch of Blessed Sacrament Church with a young man who had never been a Catholic, but was raised by parents who are practicing Jehovah's Witnesses. He admired John Paul so much. He wanted to start RCIA!

So now, when I have to bury someone I love, I remember that their journey and my journey are not cut off from one another but transformed.

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Isn't it beautiful that Jesus wept as He saw his friend Mary weeping after the burial of her brother Lazarus. (John 11:33) Jesus was a close friend of both. Jesus' weeping was not caused by a lack of faith! He knew that the Father always answered His prayers (see John 11:42.) But at that moment, His spirit saw all the separations death had caused and will cause throughout the world. He wept at the ravages death causes in our hearts and in our minds. He was Who is Life itself, was "greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved" as He headed toward the tomb of Lazarus (John 11:33)

Are you suffering from the death of a loved one? Are you living your last months with a spouse, a mother, a son, or a dear friend? Jesus understands you. He, and nobody else, has the power of love that brings us to everlasting life and the resurrection of the body on the last day. We also know that death was introduced in humanity by sin and at its consequences. Finally we know that God didn't save His Son and us **from** death but **through** death.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

ST. MARY'S PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Our 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. Register online at www.dominicanlaity.ca or 604-874-8037. Bring a copy of *Evangelii Gaudium*, available online: www.vatican.va.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2014

Our committee is calling for volunteers for 2014 Project Advance. Volunteer cards are available in the Church foyer, please return cards by April 13. There will be an information and training meeting on April 15 at 6pm in the Rectory. Thanks to your generous support in 2013, we collected a total of \$156,974, from which we received a rebate of \$47,369, which has been directed to our Parish Building Fund. Stay tuned for more exciting news about the 2014 campaign!

MIGRANT MINISTRY

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry in collaboration with Citizenship and Immigration Canada will hold a free workshop on "Skills Connect" on Saturday, April 12 from 1-3pm in the School Seminar Room. More info: 604-684-7498 ext. 1666; resoচিতা.arma@issbc.org or stmarysmigrant@gmail.com. Light refreshments will be served.

FLAME (GR. 8-12) – SCHEDULE CHANGE

From April-July 2014, Flame events will be moved to every Sunday, from 6:30-9pm.

SPARK (GR. 6-8) – THE GOLDEN RULE

The issue of bullying has made its way into the headlines over the past few years. Unfortunately, we often hear about the issue only after a young person has taken his/her life. Let us not be silent; instead, be Christ-like and stand up for the dignity of all people. Join us on Monday, April 7th 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement and find out how!

YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT (GR. 6-10)

How can you make Thursday a fun day for free? Join Youth in the Spirit! Play exciting games, meet friendly people and enjoy beautiful hymns! Feel God's loving embrace on Thursday, April 10th 4:30-6pm at the Church basement. Doors along Euclid Street open from 3:30pm. Refreshments provided.

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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

CANONIZATION CELEBRATION

On Divine Mercy Sunday April 27, Popes John XXIII and John Paul II will be canonized, and the Archdiocese of Vancouver will celebrate in a big way! Everyone is invited to our canonization celebration at PNE's Pacific Coliseum, starting at 2pm, Archbishop Miller and Canada's new nuncio Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi presiding. Tickets are free, available at the parish office.



CANONIZATION CELEBRATION- PROCESSION

There will be a Grand Procession at 2pm, and each parish will be represented by a maximum of 12 participants **in ethnic dress**. St. Mary's is looking for volunteers as follows: 4 from Asia, 4 from South America, 2 from Europe, 2 from Africa. If you have a national costume and would like to volunteer, please contact Vesna at parish.smarv@rcav.org.

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.

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SINGLES

St. Paul's Catholic Singles Spring Dance will be on Saturday, April 26 at Sunrise Community Hall, 1950 Windermere St., Vancouver. Doors open at 7pm, tickets at the door. Guests \$15. Info: Shannon 604-943-1153.