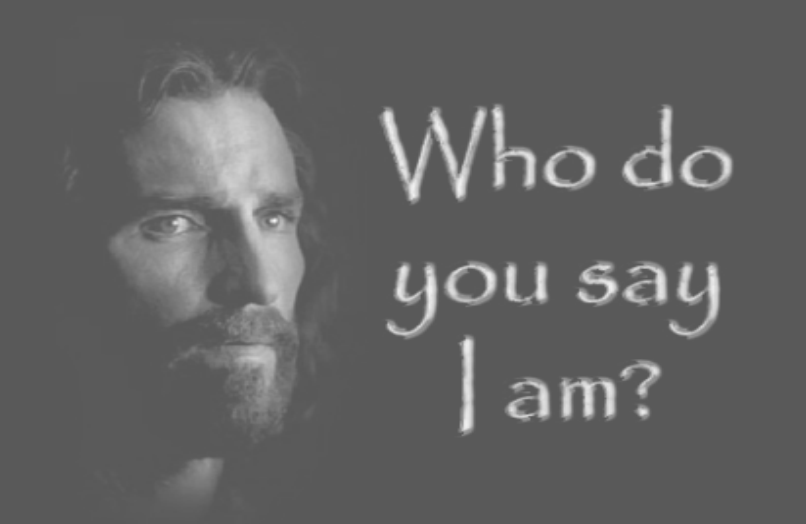


THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



Who do
you say
I am?

SUNDAY AUG 24: 21ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

MONDAY AUG 25:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)

TUESDAY AUG 26:

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

WEDNESDAY AUG 27: ST. MONICA

7:00pm Mass (Church)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY AUG 28: ST. AUGUSTINE

7:00pm Mass (Church)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY AUG 29: PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

6:00pm Handmaids (School Gym)

7:00pm Mass (Church)

7:00pm CFC (Church basement)

7:00pm CFC-SFL (Seminar Room)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY AUG 30:

10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)

10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)

2:30pm Baptism (Church)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church basement)

6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church basement)

7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

SUNDAY AUG 31: 22ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

1:00pm Handmaids (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 from 9am-9pm

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*

BREAKING THROUGH THE GATES OF HELL?

Is storming the gates of hell, to let the people out of it, part of your mission statement? For a long time, our mission statement was going in the opposite direction. We felt besieged by the forces of evil in this world, and we— the Church — would stay behind closed walls, afraid of being invaded by the forces of darkness. Going into the territory of the enemy, where darkness, violence, hatred, and self-absorption are ruling, was not an option. It was ruled out as being presumptuous. We thought we just had to keep religion a private affair and only to open our gates to those who begged to join us. Just opening the door a wee bit and quickly shutting it back.

But then the Church was becoming emptier and emptier. Few would go in, many would opt out. Why would they opt out? The seductions of the world? Partly. But also, and more so, because the Church, enclosed in itself, became salt without saltiness, insipid, unable to give flavor to life. Indeed the darkness outside had come through the walls and inside our very hearts.

But a new generation of believers is being called out by Christ out of the “protective” walls of privacy, fear, and blandness. And then called into the suffering and dysfunctionality of the world, into the darkness of self-absorption, self-hatred, into the darkness of violence, meaninglessness, storming the gates of “hell” to bring the suffering into the Heart of the Father, into the real Church. For many of us, it has become the only way to become fully alive. Paradoxically, it is the only way to find true security, joy, and peace.

Can I describe a few ways of living that way? I will start with the most spectacular path, to make my point clear, and then going to something more practical for us. In September 2012, I was suddenly immersed in a “large” gathering of lay people, and priests involved in the ministry of exorcism. People who were willingly going into the territory of the

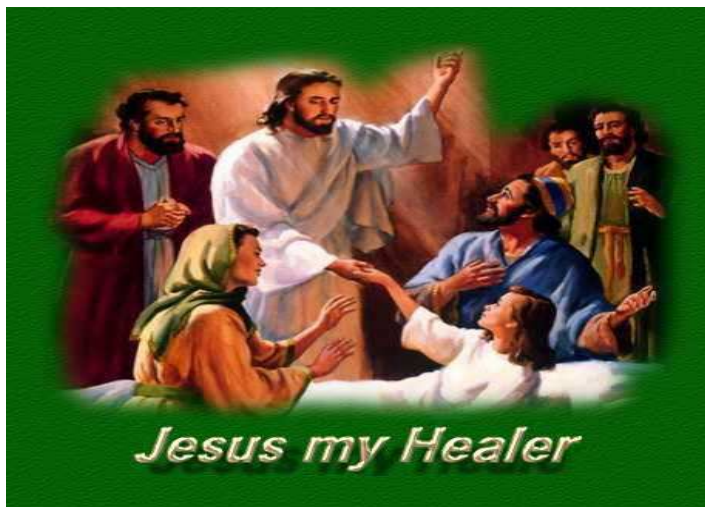
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enemy fearlessly pulling out victims that the evil one claimed as his own possessions. Some of these exorcists have received a desire to confront the enemy at a very early age. It was amazing to hear the stories of their vocations, to see their peace, but mostly, to feel their compassion for the sufferings. They are God's Rescue Squad.

There is another "category" of Church people who storm the "gates of Hades." They don't bring people out of darkness the way the exorcists do, but rather they bring the true Light into the darkness. And Light overcomes the darkness...all the time! They go, fearlessly into the places of sufferings, whether physical, psychological, moral and/or spiritual sufferings. They listen, they absorb the sufferings by bringing it to the Heart of God, and they bring forgiveness, hope, faith and love. Some do it through an active ministry, like Street Ministry (for 10 years), St. Vincent de Paul, Hands of Veronica, Prison Ministry, Healing Ministry, Deliverance Ministry, RCIA, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Confession, and Intercessory Prayer. Some do it by teaching; they remove the horrible mask that was put on the face and Heart of God, and let the Beauty of God illumine the World once again. Few are willing to do this at home, with their loved ones. We all need to be healed, and enlightened by God to fulfill this mission. Let us pray, and...go for it!

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Are you an adult in need of Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation? Or would you just like to learn more about your Catholic Faith? This is your opportunity to join the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA for 2014-2015. If you are interested or need more information, please contact the RCIA Coordinator at the Parish Office.

PREP REGISTRATION

Our Parish Religious Education Program or (PREP) is still accepting registrations for 2014-2015. Please apply at the Parish Office, Mon-Fri from 1:00-5:30pm or call the PREP Coordinator. Deadline for registration is on September 1.

CAMP FLAME (GR. 9-12)



Do you want to be energized, filled with hope and radiate with joy? Have you tried different ways to fill yourself but did not find satisfaction? Then, this weekend is for you! Join us on Sept 12-14 at Camp

Capilano, North Vancouver and experience something remarkable. See Youth Ministry bulletin board or contact YM for details. Registration is due on Sept 5. Space is limited. Don't miss out!

YOUTH LEADERS NEEDED (18+)

'God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called.' If you sense God calling you to be His instrument of love to young people, this is your chance. No experience required. The only requirement is that you have an authentic relationship with the Lord and that you are committed to service. Times are flexible. Please contact Rocelyn at 604-355-9611.



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Classes start Tuesday, Sept. 2. Guaranteed! Limited space available in Gr. 1, 5 and 7. Tuition subsidy available. Call the school office for more information 604-437-1312.

GRACE THAT REIGNS: PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

Please join us to pray for the priests of New Westminster Deanery at St. Mary's Church on Thursday August 28th at 7:40pm. www.gracethatreigns.com.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

READ WITH YOUR CHILDREN



Learn how to read aloud with your children and how to interact with them to make reading fun. Proposed free activity for Saturday or Sunday afternoons Saturdays, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27. Starting at 1:30pm-3:30pm with Latash. Saint Kateri Centre, 887 Keefer St., Vancouver. Healthy snacks provided. Parents or caregivers must remain with their children. For more info, contact Rennie at 605-683-0281 Ext. 274 or nahaneerennie@gmail.com.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

Focus is on Physical Healing with Fr Richard McAlear, three major talks and a healing service. Archbishop Miller will be the main celebrant of the concluding Mass. Friday, Sept. 19 from 7-9:30pm and Saturday, Sept. 20 from 10-8:30pm at St. Matthew's Church, Surrey. Tickets \$10 available at the parish office. For more info contact Lennie at 604-597-8227 or www.vccrs.ca

IGNATIUS DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Catherine M. Kelly, M.Div. and Leanne Salel, Christian Life Community coordinator, will offer an all-day retreat on St. Ignatius of Loyola's methods of discernment. Participants will learn and have the opportunity to experience different methods of praying with God through decision-making. The retreat includes quiet time for prayer, reflection and faith sharing. St. Mark's Parish, Vancouver, Saturday, Oct. 25 from 9am-5pm. Cost: \$50, payable at the door, includes lunch and snacks. To register contact Catherine at JSAVancouver@gmail.com.

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It provides the tools you need to get your marriage back on track. You will rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing all kinds of marital problems, from simple apathy or resentment to infidelity or even separation. For confidential information or to register for the program of October 10-12, call 604-530-6710, email vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org or visit www.retrouvaillevancouver.com.

