

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY DEC 28: HOLY FAMILY

1:00pm CFC (School Gym)

MONDAY DEC 29:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

TUESDAY DEC 30:

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

WEDNESDAY DEC 31:

5:00pm Mass

10:00pm Adoration/Confession (Church)

11:30pm Mass (Church)

THURSDAY JAN 1: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (Parish Office Closed)

9:30am Mass (Church)

11:15am Mass (Church)

1:00pm Mass (Church)

3:00pm Tagalog Mass (Church)

6:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)

FRIDAY JAN 2: ST. BASIL & ST. GREGORY (Parish Office Closed)

6:00pm CFC Youth (Rectory basement)

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

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY JAN 3:

8:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)

2:30pm Baptism (Church)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)

SUNDAY JAN 4: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)

1:30pm CFC (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 Sunday 3pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:

Wednesday 6pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:

Thursday: 7:20am & Saturday: 8am

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. Email the Parish Office: parish.smarv@rcav.org **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

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 5pm

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PASTORS & STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P. (ext. 6)

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DECEMBER 28, 2014

Pastor's Corner

Would you agree with me that family life is a place where the greatest joys and the greatest sufferings happen one after another? Sometimes we hate our family, sometimes we feel it is the absolute goal. But many men and women in the concentration camps who have lost all their relatives and family members, have, with the grace of God, managed to find true holiness and joy. The family finds its real place, between hatred and adulation when it is lived in relation to the one transcendent goal, God. 350 years before Christ, and ignorant of the Jewish Bible, the pagan philosopher Aristotle had discovered this rule: every friendship, every deep human relationship, needs, in order to survive, that both friends or lovers together fall in love with the same transcendent goal. For Aristotle, this goal was the service of humankind in search of the Truth, the Good, and the Beautiful. We, Christians, know that the family avoids the pitfalls of dysfunctionality and becomes a place of fulfillment when it becomes "a forum where all the family members can discover and cultivate their mission in the world according to God's plan." (Fr. Barron)

Yes, even the deep emotions that parents feel for their children must not be the determining element in the guiding of their children. To keep the family closed within itself cannot be the ultimate goal of the parents. Rebelling against the parents cannot be the driving force of the young adult's life. The promotion of selfishness and irresponsible freedom cannot be set as an ideal by the children. All these end in self-destruction.

"When something other than God— pleasure, pride, success of the children, the working out of parental frustration— something other than God, becomes central, that us when the family falls apart, that us when the family gets into trouble..."

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"We all know this from experience, don't we? Dad might be working out his unfulfilled dreams through his son. And his son's success thus becomes the center of his preoccupations. All of his feelings, all of his passionate energy is focused now around the success of his son so that the dad, might achieve some unfulfilled dream. Maybe a mother, out of pride, drives a daughter to perfection in all things, but she doesn't notice in the process that her daughter is falling apart. The mother is being driven by her own pride, by her own self-regard, and she is working this out through her daughter. Or to maintain a superficial peace, the dysfunctional behavior of children and teenagers is not being addressed. Sometimes it works the other way. Parents can be used by young adults as a source of money or emotional security. The point here is, the family is ultimately a forum for the discovery and culmination of one's mission before God." (Fr. Barron's homily for Dec 31, 2006)

May I add something to what Fr. Barron says. Parents, especially mothers, worry so much about the eternal salvation of their children and grandchildren, that they almost harass them day in, day out with the rules and obligations of the Church, transforming our faith into a repulsive burden of guilt. But your Father in heaven, cares infinitely more for the salvation of your children than you can ever imagine.

Happy Holy Family Feast, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

May you shine
the light of Christ
in the new year!

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PARISH OFFICE NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

December 31: 8:45am-4pm

January 1: Closed

January 2: Closed

PROJECT ADVANCE

You have until December 31 to donate in order to claim the deduction on your 2014 income tax return. You may give through the Sunday collection, or online at rcav.org. Thank you for your generosity!



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

St. Mary's is accepting applications for Kindergarten and Gr. 1-7 for the 2015-2016 school year. Please visit our webpage at stmary.bc.ca to download the application package.

2015 SUNDAY ENVELOPES

Starting next weekend, Jan 3/4, only 2015 envelopes are to be used. If you cannot locate your envelopes in the Church basement, please call the parish office, extension 0.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

Did you know we are on Facebook? Check us out at: [facebook.com/stmarysvancouver](https://www.facebook.com/stmarysvancouver).

KIDNEY DONATION

We have a parishioner who is suffering and in desperate need of a kidney transplant. If you can help, please contact a_aquino32@hotmail.com.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

VANCOUVER COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

We invite all applicants and their families to attend the Annual Open House on Tuesday, January 13 from 6:30-8:30pm.

ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGIATE OPEN HOUSE

Open House will be held on Wednesday, January 14 at 6:30pm. More info www.stmc.bc.ca.

CHRISTIAN UNITY: HAVE WE ANSWERED THE CALL?

Archdiocese of Vancouver will mark the 50th anniversary of Vatican II's Decree on Ecumenism with an ecumenical prayer service. Keynote speakers: Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB, and Sr. Donna Geernaert, SC. Topics: Canadian and worldwide overview of ecumenism, importance of dialogue, and practical ideas on how to start ecumenical cooperation. Saturday, Jan. 17, St. Francis Xavier Church, Vancouver. For more info rcav.org/christian-unity-have-we-answered-the-call.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES MASS

Pope Francis, in his message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees, urged us to do as Jesus did by proclaiming the good news of hope to all, especially to those in great need. Among these are migrants and refugees who are trying to escape difficult living conditions and dangers of every kind. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Miller on Sunday, Jan. 18 at 3pm, at Our Lady of Sorrows, Vancouver. Everyone is welcome.

ARCHDIOCESAN WINTER INSTITUTE

Offers one-day faith formation and ministry training for adults. Topics include: Spiritual Discernment and Basics of the Faith. Ministry training offered for RCIA, PREP & Youth Ministry. Also available are two workshops for those in music ministry and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Saturday, Jan. 24, from 10am-4pm. St. Patrick Secondary School, Vancouver. Cost \$35 (before Jan.16), includes lunch. To register, visit: www.rcav.org/oc-winter-institute.

