

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY JAN 18: 2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church basement)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

MONDAY JAN 19:

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

TUESDAY JAN 20:

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

WEDNESDAY JAN 21: ST. AGNES

9:30am Hands of Veronica (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY JAN 22:

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY JAN 23:

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

SATURDAY JAN 24: ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory basement)
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
1:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory basement)
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:00pm Adoration/Taize (Church)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church basement)

SUNDAY JAN 25: 3RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church basement)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
6:15pm Bible Study (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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*Pastor's
Corner*

HEARING GOD'S VOICE?

In our ordinary conversations with people, we often get confused about what the other is really telling us. "What did he mean by that?" "Was it friendly or mocking?" Now, when the Almighty God speaks to you, it can be even more puzzling, because "God's ways are so much above our ways." That is why so many people don't seem to know God's will for them. "Father I would certainly do God's will, if I knew it. But what is it that He wants? I have no clue." One of the most popular questions in Christian forums is "How can I discern God's will for me?"

Let me introduce you to my dog, Terry, the friend of my teenage years. He would rest beside me while I would read a book outside in the summer time. Terry would fall in a deep resting sleep, sometimes even dreaming. But I would just have to whisper almost inaudibly, his name, and behold, one of his ears would pop out and then one eye. A word of command from me, and he would spring up, ready to follow me on my bike! He knew that he would find with me what he loved: adventure, running, food. He would trust that I would provide for him security and excitement. Now if I had this same trust in God, I would wake up at every whisper from His voice. So here is the first spiritual advice. Develop a trusting relationship with the Lord. Become aware that you need Him. If you don't need Him, you cannot become aware of His presence. Because He is Saviour, you must seek Him. If you do not perceive yourself as needing a Saviour, you may never hear His voice or discern His presence. Do you need more zest, more meaning in your life? Seek them in Him!

Now for the second spiritual advice! When I was a kid, I lived close by a small passenger train station. The watchman would receive messages from his telegraph, and he knew how to interpret the Morse code. If you saw the

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Movie "The Titanic" you know what I am speaking about. In those days, there were no cell phones or email. So the train conductor would communicate important requests via the telegraph. Fr. Mark Link tells the story of a train station chef who was hiring a telegraph. Many people went to the station and lined up for an interview. But nothing was happening. Nobody was being interviewed. Then came a man who entered the station, listened for one short minute and entered the manager's office without knocking. Two minutes later, he was hired! The other guys protested, "Unfair, we didn't get an interview." The manager said, "I was telegraphing all the time this message (in Morse.) It was, "If you hear and understand this message, come in my office without knocking, you are hired." The best candidate was the one who listened!

God is speaking to you "in Morse," in coded language all the time. Pay attention. Some of these codes are:

- a) "Your deepest desires"
- b) "Your talents"
- c) "Your present situation"
- d) "The needs of people around you"
- e) "The Scriptures"

So get to know your constant and deep desires, your talents, open your eyes to those around you. Be attentive to what is going on in your life situation. And read the Scriptures. The more you know the Bible, the more God will be able to use some verses, some quotes to guide you. These words are called locutio. Get to know a saint that you like. Read about him/her. You will get to know your deepest desires, your talents and the Word of God through him/her.



God bless you, Fr. Pierre

p.s. God is not overbearing. He wants you to use your mind and your heart to find His will. He rarely speaks in a clear, external voice, but He will inspire you from within. Verify the inspirations with these questions:

- 1) *Is it in line with the Scriptures and the Commandments of the Church?*
- 2) *Is it in line with the best of myself?*
- 3) *Does it bring me peace and joy?*
- 4) *Is it challenging in a positive way?*

PARISH NEWS

ADORATION AND TAIZE

Adoration with Taize chant on Saturday Jan 24 from 7-8pm in the Church. Come join us and spend a Holy hour praying for all the parish volunteers and families, an end to sex trafficking, and the street people. Everyone welcome.



SPARK (GR. 6-8) – SETTING THE SON IN THE GARDEN

Do you remember our creation history? Why are we created? Test your memory and creativity on Monday, Jan 19 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement and find answers to some of life's interesting questions.

YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT (GR. 6-8) – SOCIAL

Can learning faith be truly fun? Find out at our first event on Thursday, Jan 22 from 4:30-6pm in the Church basement. Bring your friends!

FLAME (GR. 8-12) – SOCIAL



Is there an exciting story that you want to share? Do you want to ask for prayers or help from your peers or leaders about something you are going through? Let's catch up on Sunday, Jan 18 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement. Food and great company are guaranteed!

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

ARCHDIOCESAN WINTER INSTITUTE

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

"PRIESTHOOD - THE MYSTERY OF MY CALLING"

With Abbott Fr. John Braganza and Jacqueline Loh of Grace that Reigns Society on Saturday, Jan 31 at St. Matthew's Church, 16079 - 88th Ave, Surrey, beginning with 9am Mass to 12pm. Register: vson@shaw.ca or call 604-868-4424, cost \$10.



RED LIGHT/GREEN LIGHT

You are invited to the free screening of the documentary film Red Light/Green Light at Corpus Christi Parish on Saturday, January 31 from 2-4pm.

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LIVE-IN RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Silent live-in retreat for women interested in discerning a call to religious life, from Feb 13-Feb 15. For further info and to register, please contact Sr. Denece 604-985-4872 or dbillesberger@shaw.ca or Sr. Linda 604-936-2875 or bechardlinda@gmail.com. Space is limited so register early.

ONE CONFERENCE

Ignite your faith life and start joy in your world by listening to world-class speakers Dr. Robert Wicks, Martha Fernandez-Sardina, and Keith Strohm; celebrating Mass with Archbishop Miller; and worshipping with more than 1000 Catholics from all over Vancouver. This is the "can't miss" event for everyone involved in the life and mission of our Church. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online at www.rcav.org/one or through the Parish Office.



STUDENT BURSARIES

The Catholic Health Association of BC will be awarding two bursaries valued at \$250 to two 2015 graduating students. Students are asked to submit a 500 word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of Spirituality in Health Care. Submissions must be received on or before February 28. More details at www.chabc.bc.ca.

CEMETERY AND FUNERAL PLANNING

Catholic Cemeteries is pleased to provide new online tools to assist families with arrangements or pre-need planning. An estimator tool provides education and helps to discern options and costs. A Funeral Liturgy planner provides a way to select readings, music and other details to prepare for a meeting with a priest to make final arrangements. An Estate & Burial Planning Guide provides comprehensive information and tips for estate planning such as gifting, tax planning and resources to prepare a will. Visit www.rccav.org/planners/ to download the guide.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

For most post-abortive women, the forgiveness of God is a concept which they can mouth, yet is difficult for them to digest. How can they feel forgiven when every instinct in their nature says they cannot be, even should not be, forgiven? God can forgive any sin, even abortion. Come experience God's merciful forgiveness on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Next Retreat is May 2015. For confidential information and to register call 604-525-0999.