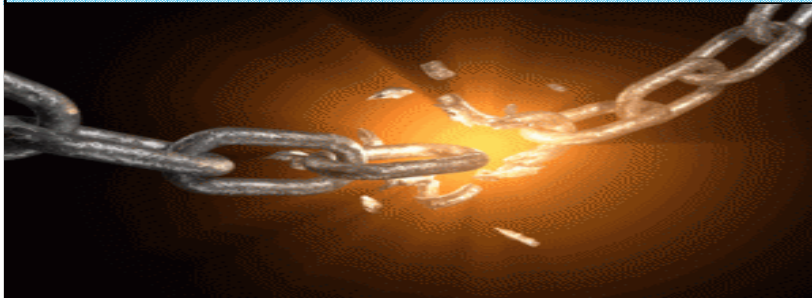


## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



### **SUNDAY FEB 1: 4TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

- 1:00pm CFC (School Gym)
- 1:00pm CFC-YFL (Seminar Room)
- 6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

### **MONDAY FEB 2: PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

- 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
- 6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)
- 7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)
- 7:30pm Lay Apostle (Church)

### **TUESDAY FEB 3:**

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

### **WEDNESDAY FEB 4:**

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

### **THURSDAY FEB 5: ST. AGATHA**

- 6:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **FRIDAY FEB 6: ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS**

- 6:00pm CFC Youth (Rectory basement)
- 6:00pm CFC-SFL (Rectory library)
- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
- 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying room)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **SATURDAY FEB 7:**

- 9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)
- 10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
- 10:00am Knights of Columbus Free Throw Basketball (School Gym)
- 1:30pm CFC Youth (Church basement)
- 2:30pm Baptism (Church)
- 3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)

### **SUNDAY FEB 8: 5TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

- 12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
- 1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
- 1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church basement)
- 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.marisyouth.com

**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Principal: Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff Website: www.stmary.bc.ca

Phone: (604) 437-1312 Fax: (604) 437-1193

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

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### **PASTORS & STAFF**

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**FEBRUARY 1, 2015**

*Pastor's  
Corner*

## THE GUIDING SHEPHERD

Here is part 3 of a series on How to Receive God's Guidance. So far, I have not even talked about Jesus. Don't you think these two last Pastor's Corners sound a bit "New Age?" In New Age, you receive guidance through "vibrations," human wisdom, letting go of self in communion-or dissolution?- into "the current of energy that runs through the Universe" (Joseph Campbell, consultant for Star Trek.) But in the Christian context God is three Persons in One. The Second Person, the Son, is the Word of God, who reveals all that can be revealed to us, in taking a human nature. He is the Word made flesh. If God is speaking to us, and guiding us, it is through His Son Jesus Christ, and through the Spirit of His Son, the Holy Spirit.

I wrote that God uses the Scriptures to talk to us. Now I am saying that all the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation speak about Him (see John 5:39-47.) If we don't receive Him, Jesus Christ, we cannot understand the Scriptures and be guided by them. Jesus is the living Word made flesh, two thousand years ago. He can speak to you using the Scriptures, your deepest desires, your talents, your present situation, the needs of the people that He placed in your life.

Let's have a look at the Scripture to renew our understanding of Jesus. In the first reading (Deuteronomy 18:15-20) Moses in his farewell discourse, foresees the coming of a prophet greater than himself who will be the Voice of God Himself, yet will not be scary. It will be a human voice. This prophecy was remembered throughout the Old Testament. Yet no one could fit that job description. How could a man be closer to God than Moses, who spoke face to face with God, who was the friend of God, a man who received the Law from God? How could a man be closer to God than Moses, and have more authority than Moses and the Law (the Torah.) Such a man would not receive his authority from

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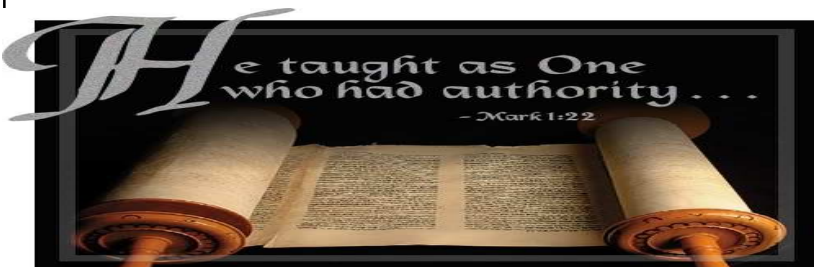
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Moses or from the Law. He would not only speak words received from God, He would be the Word Himself. That is what Jesus is= the Second Person of the Trinity who takes a human nature. And since He is Risen and will never die, He is the ultimate guide. All the teachers and guides before Him received the authority from another teacher or rabbi. They would say "I got this teaching from rabbi so and so, who received from another, right down to Moses, and Moses received it from God." What was in the Torah, was decisive to resolve any trials in court. So Jesus says, "You have heard in the Torah that...but I say to you..." (Matthew 5:21-48.) Then He claimed that His authority is greater than Moses and the Law. He is saying that He is the Law, the Word of God in person. And in today's Gospel (Mark 1:21-28,) the people were shocked that He spoke "as one having authority not like the scribes" who just quoted one another. The word used for "authority" is exousia. Ousia means my substance, my being. Jesus spoke out (ex) of His very substance, out of His very being. He is, in fact, the Word Himself.

And He goes on to prove it by expelling a demon out of a possessed man. He doesn't need to do it in the name of a god, not even in the name of the Father. Not a single exorcist has ever done that. They all have to be under the authority of Jesus, or of the God of the Jews. Never has any exorcist from any religion expelled a demon in his own name, by his personal authority and power. If anyone tried, he would not have survived to tell it. But Jesus did.

Therefore, He is not just another guru among others, or a wise man among many. He is the Teacher, He is Wisdom in Person. He can guide you through the Scriptures and through the Spirit, that He sent us. The Spirit takes all that Jesus has revealed and applies it to us in our lives, the way we seek it, and when we need it, but not necessarily the way we want it.

*God bless you, Fr. Pierre*



## PARISH NEWS

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

St. Mary's School is now accepting applications for 2015-2016 Kindergarten and Gr. 1. Application packages are available online at [stmary.bc.ca](http://stmary.bc.ca) and from the school office.

### FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

All boys and girls aged 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level competition for the 2015 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held on Saturday, Feb 7 at 8am in the School Gym. Entry forms are available in the foyer. For information contact: Lebie Curate at [lebiecurate@yahoo.com](mailto:lebiecurate@yahoo.com).

### ST. MARY'S CWL 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

St Mary's CWL will celebrate our 10th year as a council! We are very excited to invite all current and past members, along with all ladies in our parish community to join us on Feb 17. The celebration begins with Mass at 6pm, followed by a reception of finger foods and games in the School Gym. Please RSVP by Feb 9 to Lenn Castro at 604-434-5397 or email [lenn.castro.yvr@gmail.com](mailto:lenn.castro.yvr@gmail.com). Please join us in celebrating this special event!

### SPARK IN FEBRUARY

Want to hear the good news? There are 3 Spark events in February! Join us on the following dates from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement and grow in faith and friendship in a fun and loving environment:

Feb 2: Washing Up & Starting Over: Noah

Feb 9: Movie Night "Up"

Feb 16: Walk the Lenten Path.

Don't forget to invite your friends! No pre-registration required and refreshments will be served.

### MIGRANT MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Recent changes to the Live-in Caregiver Program (LCP) has raised many questions. To respond, the Migrant Ministry will hold a workshop on Immigration & LCP on Sunday, Feb 8 from 1-3pm in the School Seminar room. Speaker: Natalie Drolet, Staff Lawyer & Executive Director of West Coast Domestic Workers Assn. Register: [stmarysmigrant@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmigrant@gmail.com) or [resochoita.arma@issbc.org](mailto:resochoita.arma@issbc.org) or call 604-684-7498 ext. 1666.

## PARISH NEWS

### YOUNG ADULTS—CHRISTIAN LIFE SEMINAR

Rediscover your life with God- Join other young adults in a Christian Life Seminar starting Friday, Feb 6 to Mar 27; every Friday from 7-9pm in the School Seminar Room. If you are unmarried (never been married), between ages 20-40 and would like a support group in your journey as a Catholic, you are invited to the seminar. There is a talk, group discussion, fellowship and reception. The seminar is sponsored by CFC Singles for Family and Life. For details and inquiries, please call Martie 778-316-5453 or email [martierosem@yahoo.com](mailto:martierosem@yahoo.com).

### 2015 ENVELOPES

If you haven't picked up your 2015 envelopes from the Church basement, please do so after Mass. After this weekend the envelopes will be moved back to the parish office.

### SATURDAY 5PM CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

The Saturday 5 pm choir would like to invite singers and musicians to consider joining our choir to praise God through the ministry of music. We are especially looking for a piano player and singers. For more info, please contact Catty at [frozentriqu@gmail.com](mailto:frozentriqu@gmail.com).

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

### ONE CONFERENCE

Come listen to world-class speakers Dr. Robert Wicks, Martha Fernandez-Sardina, and Keith Strohm; celebrate Mass with Archbishop Miller; and worship 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 \$40 online at [rcav.org/one](http://rcav.org/one) or through the Parish Office. First time attendees registering online will be entered into a draw to win dinner with the Archbishop! Tickets will NOT be sold the day of the conference.

### CATHOLIC PHILOSOPHY

Join Dr. Sam Rocha (Asst. Prof. Philosophy of Education, UBC) for 3 sessions exploring and introducing philosophy and education in the Catholic intellectual tradition on Feb 17, 24 and Mar 3, from 7-9pm, at Immaculate Conception Parish. Cost is \$65 and includes a copy of Dr. Rocha's book, *A Primer for Philosophy and Education*. Register at [continued@stmarkscollege.ca](mailto:continued@stmarkscollege.ca) or visit [stmarkscollege.ca](http://stmarkscollege.ca).