

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY FEB 15: 6TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

12:00pm CFC (School Gym)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)

MONDAY FEB 16:

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

TUESDAY FEB 17:

6:00pm CWL Mass (Church)
7:00pm CWL (School Gym)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church basement)

WEDNESDAY FEB 18: ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00am Mass (Church)
9:30am Hands of Veronica (Rectory Dining)
10:00am School Mass (Church)
5:00pm Mass (Church)
6:40pm PREP Mass (School Gym)
7:00pm Mass (Church)
Note: No Healing Prayer, Adoration or Confession after 7pm Mass

THURSDAY FEB 19:

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

FRIDAY FEB 20:

6:00pm CFC-SFL (Seminar Room)
6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY FEB 21:

10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
10:00am Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
1:30pm Charismatic Leaders Workshop (Church basement)
2:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church basement)
7:30pm ARC (Church)

SUNDAY FEB 22: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church basement)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Rectory Dining)

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

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POPE FRANCIS AND THE "LEPER"

"We, fellow sinners, are meant to approach Jesus, true God and true man, with the same confidence with which the leper approached Him." (Fr. Barron's homily for February 15, 2015.) Today's first reading (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46) reminds us of the fear people had of lepers. Leprosy was believed to be highly contagious. More so it was considered as the sign of a curse from God Himself. Therefore the leper was totally ostracized, expelled from society, condemned to live alone in the wilderness. Whenever people would come too close, he was supposed to shout: "Unclean, unclean." Generous people dropped food from a distance and walked away quickly so that the leper could come and get the food. A leper would lose all he had, even his spouse and children. Anything that a leper touched, a house, a piece of linen, a person, was considered unclean, that is unfit for social life and worship at the Temple and synagogue.

Therefore, it is quite a shock that the leper in today's Gospel (Mark 1:40-45) intuitively breaks all the rules of exclusion, of pure and impure, and reaches out to Jesus, putting Jesus in danger, if He were only a human being. It's also amazing that Jesus doesn't feel any repulsion for the leper, but that He even touched him, moved with Divine Compassion and Mercy.

And the leper was clean, immediately. Jesus remained clean. The point is this: nothing, absolutely nothing can render God unclean, but everything can be made clean by contact with God. Now, all of us, feel like a leper toward God, and towards each other. There are certain types of sins, that we feel ashamed of, so much that we feel "unfit" for friendship with God and with our fellow men and women. We feel like staying away from God and others.

We may even feel we deserve ostracization, rejection from God. As if our sins would contaminate God! We want

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to shout out to God "Unclean, unclean" or like St. Peter: "Stay away from me, Lord, for I am a sinner." (Luke 5:8) I agree with Fr. Barron, that one of the saddest things a priest can run into in his pastoral ministry is when someone who is really caught up in a sinful pattern deeply feels that God would never forgive him/her. "You see that however sinful we may be, we are all meant to approach Jesus with the same confidence, with which the leper approached Him." Jesus cannot be contaminated by my sins, but He makes me clean by contact with Him.

So what is the sin, right now, that you are most ashamed of, that would make you utterly unworthy of contact with God? Bring that to Him, with the leper's confidence. And then witness your healing.

Remember Pope Francis kissing the man with the horribly disfigured face; remember St. Francis, kissing the leper. That is the Church at her best. We are called to do as Pope Francis and St. Francis. Who is the leper in your life?

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



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ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES



8am, 10am (School Mass), 5pm, 6:40pm (PREP Mass), 7pm
There will be no Adoration, Confession, Benediction, or Healing Prayer on Wednesday night.

ASH WEDNESDAY FAST AND ABSTINENCE

On Ash Wednesday we are called to fast and abstain from meat. Catholics aged 18-60 are required to fast, which means one complete meal and two smaller ones during the day, with no food in between. Catholics who are over the age of 14 are required to refrain from eating any meat, or any food made with meat, on Ash Wednesday. People who are sick, for example diabetics, are dispensed.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This Friday, and every Friday during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm. Please join this very beautiful Lenten observance.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

We are accepting applications for 2015-2016 Kindergarten and Gr. 1. Application packages are available online at stmary.bc.ca and from the school office.

SPARK - LET'S PREPARE FOR LENT

A few days from now, it's Lent again! Make the most of this liturgical season and join other youth in making this season memorable. Invite friends for fun and fellowship on Monday, Feb 16 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement!

CHARISMATIC LEADERS WORKSHOP

A workshop for charismatic worship leaders will be held for musicians, singers and prayer group leaders who would like to improve their skills in leading worship on Feb 21 in the Church basement from 1:30pm-4pm. Free, please register at <http://worship.shawwebpace.ca>.

SATURDAY 5PM CHOIR

Saturday 5pm choir would like to invite singers and musicians to consider joining our choir to praise God through the ministry of music. Contact Catty at frozentriqui@gmail.com.

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ARC ADORATION, PRAISE AND HEALING SERVICE

Vancouver Charismatic Renewal is bringing PS98 to St. Mary's on Sat Feb 21 for a night of Adoration, Praise music, Confession and Healing Prayer from 7:30-9:30pm. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to spend time with the Lord!

ADORATION WITH TAIZE MUSIC

Please join us for a Holy Hour on Saturday, Feb 28 from 7-8pm, in Adoration and Taize chants to pray for protection of those in palliative care, for an end to sex trafficking, and for all volunteers in the Archdiocese and their loved ones.

SLEEP OUT

To stand in solidarity with the homeless, St. Mary's Street Ministry is hosting a SLEEP OUT to experience what it is like to sleep outside, and to raise funds for the homeless, on Friday Mar 6 - Saturday Mar 7. To find out more or support us, email stmarysstreetmin@gmail.com or call 778-885-9611.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

We invite all married couples, singles, single parents, divorced, separated, widowed to a Christian Life Program (CLP) sponsored by Couples for Christ. The program starts Saturday, Mar 14 at 7:30pm in the School Gym. Refreshments served, no fee. Bring your children along to join Kids for Christ Christian Life Program. For more info contact: Romer/Romenin 778-875-2327, Ricky/Rocky 778-855-0398 or Dannie/Eden 604-710-6211 or email rno28@yahoo.com.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT

Married couples are invited to a Marriage Enrichment Retreat on Saturday, Mar 21 from 8am-4:30pm in the Church basement followed by Mass and renewal of vows. No fee, lunch/snacks will be served. To register contact Andy/Cheng 778-988-3835 or andy_palanca@hotmail.com; Rick/Rocky 604-209-9460 or rick_ysonza@yahoo.com or Dannie/Eden 604-710-6211 or danden.cfc1997@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

VOCATION LIVE IN FOR MEN

On the weekend of February 20-22, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood at the Seminary of Christ the King. Call 604-826-8715.