

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



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)

MONDAY FEB 23:

- 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

TUESDAY FEB 24:

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

WEDNESDAY FEB 25:

- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
- 7:00pm Building Committee (Rectory Dining)
- 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying room)
- 7:40pm Prayer for Priests (Church)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY FEB 26:

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

FRIDAY FEB 27:

- 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 28:

- 9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory basement)
- 10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
- 10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
- 10:00am Liturgy Committee (Rectory Dining)
- 2:30pm Baptism (Church)
- 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 MAR 1: 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
- 1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory library)
- 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.marisyouth.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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FEBRUARY 22, 2015

*Pastor's
Corner*

PRAY, FAST, AND GIVE

When I was a teenager and working at my Dad's pharmacy, I would listen to his conversations with some of his friends who were doctors. I was quite surprised by their shallow conversations. While my Dad was listening patiently, they were boasting about their new cameras, their new sound systems, their new Mercedes, their trips to distant countries. They were swallowed up by their own desires to have more, to see more, to gain status. What a contrast with my friends in the poorest areas of Montreal! They were struggling with the deepest issues of human life. Suffering, injustice, grieving, life after death, God. By their genuine questions, they inspired me to become a priest.

Lent is a time to become aware of our superficial, disturbing desires, a time to tame them so that we can get in touch with our deepest desires, which are usually covered up by the jumble of our superficial desires. Let's take a look at 3 traditional practices of Lent from that viewpoint. First let's look at fasting. What's the passion, the desire, that takes hold of your time, of your thoughts, of your will and heart? It could be your Facebook time: you cannot give it up when you check it out at your bedside and you keep at it until past midnight. The next day, you can't get up early enough for prayer, you are impatient through all the day. Fast from Facebook. Only 30 minutes a day, never after 10pm. Your passion could be TV, or a certain hobby, or shopping, or Internet browsing. Fast from it. You can choose to fast from food, one meal a week. Don't cook, just open a can of soup or sardines and bread, or rice. The time you will save from not cooking and eating a large meal, use it to pray. Give the money you have saved to the poor. Even when you feel good and legitimate desires, you may choose to wait a little, to delay the satisfaction of this desire. Our desire for food, drink, sex and

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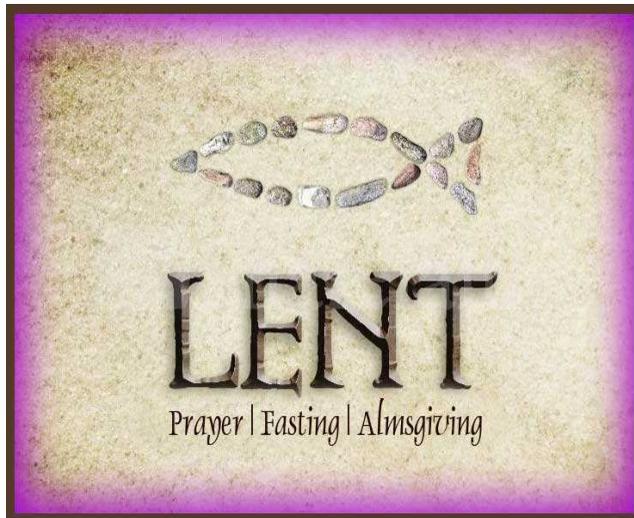
other bodily pleasures are like little kids who want whatever they see and feel, and they want it now! We need to discipline those little kids in us. While you make them wait, pray.

What about prayer, that other Lenten discipline? When you pray, you renew your commitment with God. You remember Him who holds your life together and sustains your being instant by instant. Only He can put order into your scattered mind, body and soul. If you already pray, pray a little bit more. Use the time you saved from fasting from TV, Internet, shopping. Dedicate it to prayer, focusing on your need of Him and your priorities in regard to Him.

And then, there is almsgiving. We express and live out the fact of our solidarity and interdependence when we give our time, talents and treasures, Choose to buy something that us a notch less upscale than what you can afford. Give the money to the poor. Don't buy the most expensive runners, or car, or smartphone, go a notch less expensive. Remember that we are not saved individually, but as members of the whole Body of Christ, the mystical Body. Give your time to the lonely, your attention to the isolated, your forgiveness to those from whom you are cut off.

When Easter comes, you will have regained the ground lost since last year and maybe made some steps forward. You will be strengthened, unified, more integrated into the Body of Christ.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT (GR.6-8) SPIRIT-FILLED PEOPLE

Though there are many problems in the world, we can still see God's Spirit working daily. Come on Thursday, Feb 26 from 4:30-6pm to the Church basement and meet people whose lives have been guided by the same powerful Spirit.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-39) – MOVIE: THE HOBBIT

Like the character Bilbo, we may find ourselves content in our comfort zones and suddenly *interrupted* and invited into a great adventure. Watch how this movie by J.R.R. Tolkien, a very devout Catholic, unfolds very similarly to our own faith adventure. Join peers on Friday, Feb 27 from 6:30-10:15pm in the Rectory basement. Please bring snacks to share.

SPARK (GR.6-8) SCHEDULE

Spark events are held every 1st, 2nd and 3rd Mondays, except for Easter Monday and Victoria Day, from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement. The next schedule: March 2, 9 & 16.

ADORATION WITH TAIZE MUSIC

Please join us for Holy Hour on Saturday, Feb 28 from 7-8pm, in Adoration and Taize chant 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.

MIGRANT WAY OF THE CROSS

We would like to invite parishioners, especially temporary foreign workers, to take part and experience the presence of God in their lives through the "Migrant Way of the Cross." Please join us Saturday, Mar 7 after the 5pm Mass. Please extend this invitation with your friends and families.

GRACE THAT REIGNS PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

Join us to pray for priests of the New Westminster Deanery on Wednesday, Feb 25 at 7:40pm in the Church. See grace-thatreigns.com.

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CATHOLIC FORUM

We invite you to learn about the local preparation for the 2015 Synod on the Family with Pavel Reid from the Archdiocesan Office of Life, Marriage and Family. His talk, "Between the Synods: What have the local consultations uncovered and where are we going?" will be on Monday, Mar 9 at 7pm in the Church. More info dominicanlaity.ca/forum, Dr. Paul Ungar 604-588-5696 or Cathy at ve7cld@shaw.ca.

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.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Save the dates, Mar 22, 23, 24 for our Parish Lenten Retreat with speaker Keith Strohm of the Catherine of Siena Institute. Many of you heard Keith speak recently at the Archdiocesan ONE Conference, so get ready for "ENCOUNTER", an opportunity to encounter the Lord in a deeply personal way through praise and worship, inspired teaching, small group process, and personal witness to help open our hearts to God and experience newfound freedom, peace, healing, and love! Stay tuned for more details!



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