

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY MAR 29: PASSION SUNDAY

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
 1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church basement)
 6:30pm Bible Study (Church basement)



MONDAY MAR 30:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

TUESDAY MAR 31:

7:00pm Penitential Service (Church)
 7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)

WEDNESDAY APR 1:

7:00pm Mass (Church) ***NO ADORATION OR CONFESSION***
 8:00pm RCIA Rehearsal (Church)

THURSDAY APR 2: HOLY THURSDAY

5:00pm Mass (Church)
 7:30pm Mass (Church)
 8:30pm Adoration (Church)

FRIDAY APR 3: GOOD FRIDAY *PARISH OFFICE CLOSED*

3:00pm Good Friday Service (Church)
 3:00pm Good Friday Service (School Gym)
 4:00pm Veneration (Church)
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

SATURDAY APR 4: HOLY SATURDAY

8:30pm Easter Vigil (Church)

SUNDAY APR 5: EASTER SUNDAY

8:00am Mass (Church)
 9:30am Mass (Church)
 11:15am Mass (Church)
 11:25am Mass (Church basement)
 1:00pm Mass (Church)
 3:00pm Tagalog Mass (Church)
 5:00pm Mass (Church)
 7:00pm Mass (Church)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

7:00pm Penitential Service

HOLY THURSDAY

4:15-5pm

6:45pm – 7:15pm

8:40pm – 10pm

GOOD FRIDAY

10am – 2:30pm

4:30pm – 10pm

HOLY SATURDAY

3pm – 6pm

EASTER SUNDAY

No Confessions



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 & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: Coordinator: Rocelyn Catris

Email: youth.smarv@rcav.org

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PASTORS & STAFF

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MARCH 29, 2015

*Pastor's
Corner*

THE JOYFUL PASSION

This year we are reading the Passion according to Mark and I would like to draw your attention to an odd detail that we find only in the narrative of Mark. Immediately after celebrating the last Supper, Jesus and His disciples sing a hymn and go out to the Mount of Olives, where Jesus will undergo the Agony. It is the only time in all the four Gospels that Jesus is said to be singing. Of course, He sang the Psalms in the Synagogue and at the Temple and in His home. But only here, it is mentioned. Jesus has just blessed the bread and the second cup of wine of the Jewish Passover Meal. At this point, the Jews would sing a great, joyful hymn of blessing from the book of Psalms in the Bible. They would even dance for joy while singing. That is probably what Jesus did with His disciples.

But here is the thing! Jesus knows that He will die of a terrible death tomorrow, after an exhausting night of torture and trials. He knows the Passover Lamb is Himself! That the cup of blessing will be the cup of His own blood. He knows that He will be abandoned and denied by the very persons that are singing and dancing with Him. How strange! Is He just pretending He is not terrified? Like someone whistling in the dark to deny his fear?

Imagine a man on death row who knows he will be executed on the electric chair the next day. Yet he is having dinner with his family and he sings and dances with them! But the fact is that there have been such persons. Like Jacques Pesch, who turned to God, became a living saint, after he was sentenced to death for multiple murders. And what about the martyrs of Nagasaki and thousands of others maybe millions of others throughout the history of the Church: they went joyfully to their horrible death.

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Jesus had said previously, "Nobody takes my life away. The Father has given me the power to give it freely and to take it back." (John 10:18) Yes Jesus said, right before singing, "I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the Kingdom." (Mark 14:25) He can sing and dance joyfully not only because of the Hope of the Resurrection, but because He knows that in this act of total self-giving to the very last drop of His blood, He will find, and already has the fullness of life.

When we celebrate Mass, we appropriate for ourselves, by God's gift, the love and the courage Jesus had when He sang for joy, for love, for life. That is why we sing at the Mass. That is why Mass is not boring when we know what it is. After March 2013, when I had a close encounter with death— but I should say a close encounter with the joy of being loved by God and of loving Him— I grew in the desire to love in such a way that my death would be like my ultimate "Mass:" the moment when I would gather all my life in the Chalice of the Christ and offer it up joyfully to the Father, receiving at the same time, the fullness of His Love. And then I will sing!

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



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HOLY WEEK

FOR MASS AND CONFESSION TIMES SEE BULLETIN CALENDAR

ST. MARY'S LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Our Parish Penitential service will be this **Tuesday, Mar 31** at 7pm, with 8 priests available to hear confessions. Please avail yourselves of this opportunity as we enter Holy Week.

REMINDERS FOR HOLY WEEK

Wednesday evening: No Adoration or confession
Holy Thursday: No morning Mass. Adoration 8:30pm-10pm
Good Friday: No morning Mass. Veneration 4pm-10pm
Holy Saturday: No Masses other than Vigil at 8:30pm

SPARK (GR. 6-8) - EASTER BREAK

Please note there is no Spark event on Easter Monday, Apr 6. The next Spark event is an Easter Egg Hunt on Apr 13.

'COME & SEE' THE YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Adults and young adults are invited to 'Come and See' what it's like to be part of the Youth Ministry Team. No commitment and previous experience required. You must be 18 or older and have a desire to become the light of Christ and selflessly spread His light to people around you. To schedule visit, please contact Rocelyn at 604-355-9611.

THANK YOU - LIVING ROSARY

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Living Rosary on the Solemnity of the Annunciation. May God and Mother Mary be truly present in you and everyone you care for.

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PROJECT ADVANCE 2015

We are in need of volunteers for 2015 Project Advance. Volunteer cards are available in the foyer, please return cards by Mar 29. There will be an information and training meeting on April 7 at 6pm in the Rectory. Thank you in advance and we look forward to working with you in the 2015 campaign.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

INFERTILITY HEALING HOPE HEALTH

FertilityCare Vancouver and Life, Marriage and Family Office invite you to explore the exciting new field of restorative reproductive medicine with Maria Bizecki. She will speak about the different causes of infertility and what couples can do to achieve pregnancy using restorative reproductive medicine on Thur, Apr 9 at John Paul II Pastoral Centre, 4885 Saint John Paul II Way. Info: rcav.org/healing-hope-health/.

SPRING INSTITUTE

Archdiocesan Spring Institute offers one-day faith formation and ministry training for adults. Topics include: Basics of the Faith, Discovering the Gospels, Ecumenism-Why Bother? and more. Saturday, Apr 11 from 10am-4pm, Holy Cross Secondary School, Surrey. Cost \$35 includes lunch. Info and registration rcav.org/oc-spring.

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

Join thousands of Catholics across Canada and the US at this premier conference for the new evangelization. On Apr 24-25 hear world-class Catholic speakers on the New Evangelization: Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Michael Gaitley, Dr. Ralph Martin, Patrick Coffin, JoEllen Gregus, Fr James Mallon, Ken Yaskinski and Michael Dopp. The NES has been designed to inspire Catholics and help them live out their personal call to evangelize. The Archdiocese of Vancouver is excited to be a host site for NES. The conference will be webcast at St. Patrick's, Vancouver. To register, visit rcav.org/nas/.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Join millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive Apr 17-19 at Holiday Inn, North Vancouver. Info/register: Steve and Mary Bohren at 604-876-7298 or email wwmevancouverbc@gmail.com.