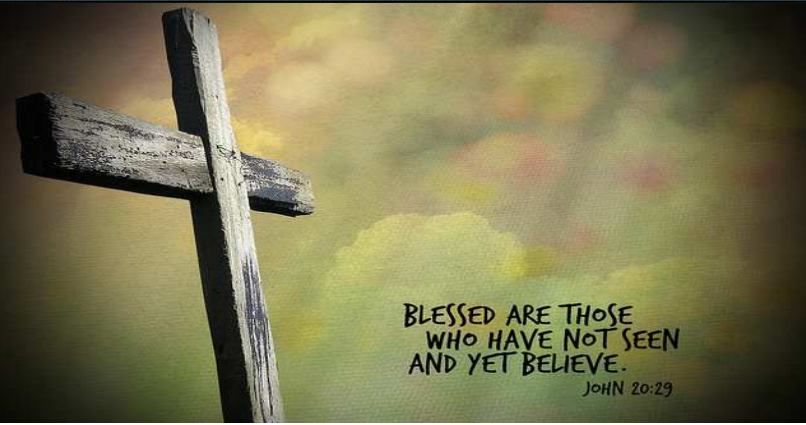


THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO HAVE NOT SEEN
AND YET BELIEVE.
JOHN 20:29

SUNDAY APR 12: 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

MONDAY APR 13:

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

TUESDAY APR 14:

6:00PM Baptism Prep (Church)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church basement)

WEDNESDAY APR 15:

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

THURSDAY APR 16:

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

FRIDAY APR 17:

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

SATURDAY APR 18:

10:00am Youth basketball (School Gym)
1:30pm CFC Youth (Church basement)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory library)
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church basement)
7:30pm ARC (Church)

SUNDAY APR 19: 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church basement)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
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 & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: Coordinator: Rocelyn Catris

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*Pastor's
Corner*

DIVINE MERCY

As a young man, Karol Wojtyla had a strong devotion to Sr. Faustina Kowalska who lived not far from a quarry where he worked. When Saint John Paul became a bishop, he ordered a theologian to begin research about the extraordinary visions of Sr. Faustina, who was also a great mystic. The theologian started his studies as a skeptic: he felt repelled by her devotions. But he "converted" and became a great defender of the Divine Mercy devotion.

One of the most famous visions of Saint Faustina shows Jesus revealing His Sacred Heart from which came rays of light, red and white. Faustina said they were a radiating forth of the Divine Mercy. The pale light signifies baptism and the red light signifies the Eucharist. Why did St. John Paul find the Divine Mercy devotions so significant, even before everybody else had discovered it? Well, Faustina died Sept. 1, 1978, a year before the invasion of Poland by the Nazis. Karol Wojtyla experienced first hand the cruelty of humans against humans. He felt, with reasons, that the 20th century was the most cruel, and most violent of history, where deep hatred imposed itself with the powerful weapons of war. Therefore a century in need of God's Mercy. Today millions of people around the world pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy. In fact, just before one of our parishioners died on the eve of Holy Week, this March 2015, a group of family members and parishioners were completing the Divine Mercy chaplet.

If we look at the meaning of the word "mercy" we will understand how it is a providential devotion for our times. Mercy is an Englishing of the Latin "misericordia" which means suffering ("miser") of the heart ("cordia.") Jesus' heart is suffering with us. God is suffering with us. That word is also similar in meaning to compassion, from the Latin "compatio:" "I suffer with you." Com= with; patio= I suffer.

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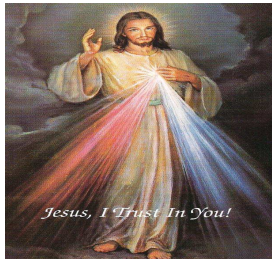
Pastor's Corner Continued...

Applied to God, it means that He, in Jesus, deeply and lovingly identifies with us in our suffering. Just what we need to hear, especially after a few centuries of "philosophical" enlightenment which presented God as a distant force far and aloof from the world He created. That is not the Biblical perspective. Even in the Old Testament where Mercy corresponds to the Hebrew "Hosea," the tender mercy of God. Isaiah said that "even if a mother would forget her offspring, God will never forget His own." The Catholic philosophical equivalent to that, or the ground of it, is that God created us and the Universe, out of love, not out of a neediness. And that each one of us would stop existing unless being instantly and actively willed by God, from instant to instant. So if you exist, it's a sure sign that God wants you and loves you. God is Love. Love is not something He does once in a while. Love is not something He has. He is Love.

Now this Love doesn't take the form of Mercy within the Trinity. Because each of the three Persons are perfectly fulfilled. But the Love of God when it's turned toward us, appears to us as mercy. Because we suffer, God has compassion for us, suffers with us, and this is really happening in Jesus' human heart, which is inseparable from His Divine Heart. Therefore we can truly speak of Divine Mercy.

I do believe that our primordial experience of God is an experience of His Mercy. The devotion to the Sacred Heart had somehow gone astray— in the mind of the faithful who put the accent on too much separation, expiation and gaining salvation. What is important is not what we do, in this renewed devotion of the Sacred Heart, through Divine Mercy. It is what God does, or rather what God will do for us. And we express our devotion to Divine Mercy by receiving absolution in the sacrament of confession and by trusting in Him. These are the ways through which we fulfill the First Commandment of the Decalogue.

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

8 Tuesdays starting Apr 21 from 7:30-9pm. Would you like to experience God's personal love for you? Would you like to be filled with the Holy Spirit? Come to this life-changing seminar, it's free! Register today in the foyer or online at <http://lssmissionablazestmary.eventbrite.ca/>. Info: Edna 778-689-7775 or Mildred 778-885-9611.

PROJECT ADVANCE

Please take a moment to read the 2015 Project Advance brochure, which outlines initiatives supported by the campaign. Committee members will be available next weekend to collect returned pledges or register new donors. Next weekend you will have a chance to learn more as we share the annual Project Advance video at all Masses.

STEWARDSHIP AWARD PRESENTATION

The Archdiocese will recognize 37 individuals for outstanding service in time, talent or treasure to the Church. Among recipients are our parishioners Pat and Maureen Carroll. Awards will be presented April 12 at 2:30pm, at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Congratulations Pat and Maureen!

SPARK (GR. 6-8) – EASTER EGG HUNT

Jesus Christ is risen! Let us celebrate His joyful Resurrection and have fun in an interactive egg hunt on Monday, Apr 13 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement.

FLAME (GR. 8-12) – FOOD FOR HOMELESS YOUTH

Our Lenten journey reminded us of many blessings, big or small, that God has given. It also allowed us to grow in generosity towards others, especially those in need. On Sunday, Apr 19 from 6:30-9pm in the Church basement, share your time and talent to make food for homeless youth of Covenant House. Bring a friend and see how fun it is to be generous!

'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 or previous experience required. You must be 18 years or older and have a desire to be the light of Christ and selflessly spread His light to people around you. To schedule visit, please contact Rocelyn at 604-355-9611.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

Join thousands of Catholics across Canada and USA 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/nesc/.

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 Bohnen at 604-876-7298 or email wwmevancouverbc@gmail.com.

YOUTH DAY 2015

The annual rally for high school teens is back! This year's theme is John 15:5, "*He is the Vine, we are the branches.*" Youth Day 2015 is Saturday, May 2 from 9am-9pm at Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary School. More details are found on Youth Ministry bulletin board or contact Rocelyn at 604-355-9611. Early registration ends Apr 20, register soon!

CATHOLIC FAMILIES: THE MODEL FOR LOVE & LIFE

Inspirational Catholic evangelist and speaker Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is one of the most sought-after speakers in the Church today. He will do two presentations: The Model for a Culture of Love & and Nurturing Life in a Culture of Death, on Saturday May 2 from 9:30am-3:30pm at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, Surrey. Cost: \$50 includes lunch. Register www.rosemaryheights.com/events/ or contact 604-576-8802.

SEMINARY OF CHRIST THE KING REUNION

Reunion for all Alumni, Clergy and Lay of the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission on Monday, May 18. 10:30am Mass in the Abbey Church, followed by Midday Prayer and lunch. 1:30pm program in the gym. RSVP by May 11 to email: sckalumni@gmail.com or call: 604-826-8975.