

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY APR 19: 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)

MONDAY APR 20:

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

TUESDAY APR 21:

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

WEDNESDAY APR 22:

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

THURSDAY APR 23:

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

FRIDAY APR 24:

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

SATURDAY APR 25: ST. MARK

9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory basement)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory basement)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory library)
7:00pm CFC (Seminar Room)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church basement)
7:00pm Adoration/Taize (Church)

SUNDAY APR 26: 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Email: youth.smarv@rcav.org

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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*Pastor's
Corner*

A PIE IN THE SKY WHEN YOU DIE?

If you are like me, you probably want a faith that effectively increases joy in your life now, not just after death. You want to find support from God in your trials and hardships in this life and you want to feel that zest for life, that desire to live fully. And rightly so! Jesus wanted to bring the Kingdom of God into this world. "Thy will be done **on earth** as it is in heaven." But too often, the "consolations" of the faith seem to us like a "pie in the sky when you die." And we begin to doubt... Like many, we may have left aside the hope of the joys of heaven. We may be trying to get the most of our faith but without any real hope in life after death. We say to ourselves "If there is something after death, fine! But I just ask God to help me live this life fully." Well, this is how I felt and how I believed for many years! But I have come to understand what St. Paul said, "If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are, of all people, the most pitiable." (1 Cor. 15:19) Indeed, if **I don't believe in resurrected life after death, my faith remains very weak in helping me go through the struggles and trials of this life.** Just think of your list of "must do things before you die." This list keeps getting bigger and yet you have **less and less time** before your death. You may want to have a house with a backyard, in Surrey...you may want to go to Rome, you feel you must run a 10k... If you are in a midlife crisis, you may want to prove to yourself you can still attract the opposite sex and make conquests...but it is less and less possible, even in your dreams!

When life with your family demands that you renounce many of your dreams, you wonder what is left for you. The fact is that nothing in this life can fully satisfy you

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given the short time span of our lives and the certainty of death. C.S. Lewis wrote "If I find in myself a desire that no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."

Is this just a "pie in the sky when you die?" No, when I truly believe in the resurrection of the dead for my own self, I am free from the pressure that death puts on me. I can give my time, my youth, my middle age, my old age, because I know I will have all eternity to enjoy God's love and God's life; the new heaven and the new earth! I also know that God is guiding me and giving me eternal life day by day. In fact this eternal life becomes more and more evident to me, despite the worries and the hard work. I don't need to possess this or that, to win at any kind of competition, because this is not important in the big scheme of things. I already live in the super-abundant world of God. St. Paul said he had to face death, every day. (1 Cor. 15:30-33) Yet he was one of the most free men that ever lived, excepting Jesus!

When I was a seminarian in Montreal, in 1969, a visiting bishop from France, Alfred Ancelles had a great impact on me. He had a very full schedule of talks, encounters, and preaching. He was offered to take a few days off to visit then famous Montreal Expo 1967. He declined, simply saying, "I will have all eternity to contemplate these wonders." You too...

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

8 Tuesdays starting April 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.

ADORATION AND TAIZE

Enter into Adoration through Taize chant on Saturday April 25 from 7-8pm, and pray for world peace, protection of life, an end to sex trafficking, the addicted, the homeless, the jobless and for our volunteers and loved ones.

SPARK (GR.6-8) - GIVING SPIRIT

How can we be sure that we're treating others as Christ would want us to treat them? Find out this Monday, April 20 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement. Bring friends to share this experience!

YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT (GR.6-8) - SOCIAL

Get to know the leadership team and other youth better by joining on Thursday, April 23 from 4:30-6pm in the Church basement. We'll have more time for fun and fellowship, while growing in faith.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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.

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/.

CATHOLIC AFTER HOURS

Catholics 25 to 45 years old and who are single, dating, considering marriage, amidst their busy careers or other pursuits will find Catholic After Hours very exciting. Monday April 27, from 6:30-8:30pm, Vancouver Art Gallery Café, Vancouver. Cost: \$20. To register, visit rcav.org/catholic-after-hours/.

LUKE 15 HOUSE SPRING FUNDRAISER 2015

Buy seeds and bulbs that turn into beautiful flowers and nutritious veggies and herbs and support Luke 15 House at the same time. Please contact Nigel 604-930-4884 or Johanna 603-345-0305 or email luke15house@hotmail.com, and we can send our brochure by email with the variety of offers that to choose from. Deadline: April 29.

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.

51st EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The next International Eucharistic Congress will take place in Cebu, Philippines from Jan 24 - Feb 6, 2016 (includes tour of Cebu, Boracay and Manila) with Spiritual Director Fr. Rey Usman. Please contact Dora Croner at 604-725-5350 or email doramcroner@gmail.com. Promotional video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fokkEgIK1r8>.