

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



### **SUNDAY APR 26: 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church basement)

### **MONDAY APR 27:**

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

### **TUESDAY APR 28:**

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)

7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church basement)

### **WEDNESDAY APR 29: ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)

7:00pm Building Committee (Rectory Dining)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **THURSDAY APR 30:**

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **FRIDAY MAY 1:**

6:00pm CFC Youth (Rectory basement)

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)

7:40pm Healing Ministry (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **SATURDAY MAY 2: ST. ATHANASIUS**

8:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)

9:30am Liturgy Committee (Seminar Room)

10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)

2:30pm Baptism (Church)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory library)

7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church basement)

### **SUNDAY MAY 3: 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Seminar Room)

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 & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:** Coordinator: Rocelyn Catris

Email: youth.smarv@rcav.org

**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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### **PASTORS & STAFF**

**Pastor:** Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P. (ext. 6)

**Assistant Pastor:** Fr. Gabriel de Chadarevian, O.P. (ext. 3)

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**Finance & Property Manager:** Ossie Fernandes (ext. 7)

**Youth & Young Adult Ministry:** Rocelyn Catris (ext. 247)

**RCIA/PREP Coordinator:** Edwin Cruz (ext. 5)

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**APRIL 26, 2015**

*Pastor's  
Corner*

## **CHRIST IS NO STRANGER**

"A tourist in Holy Land wanted to see for himself that sheep won't follow a stranger—as Jesus said—"because they do not know his voice." (John 10:5) He arranged with a shepherd to put on the shepherd's outer cloak and turban. Then he went outside to the flock. He yelled "Manah!" (Arabic for "come.") But not a single sheep budged. Impressed, the tourist asked, "Will your sheep ever follow anyone other than you?" "Yes," said the shepherd. "Sometimes a sheep will get so sick it will follow anyone." (from Action by Fr. Mark Link, S.J. p.143)

We too won't recognize the voice of the Shepherd when our mind and heart get very sick because of our sins and the sins of others against us. That is what is happening now around the world and in an extreme way in Quebec. People are willing to believe any guru, any exploiter, except Christ. It's partly due to the laziness of the clergy in the 50's-60's and the fact that the clergy did not recognize the presence of God on their own lives. They abandoned their flock at the mercy of the "new culture," made of secularized values and new age. The guidance of God was no longer available. People got spiritually sick and empty. They followed false shepherds.

What are the obstacles to discerning and hearing God's voice today? For one thing, there is an implicit belief among University teachers that God is not a Shepherd, who cares for each one of us, and can pick out our own unique voice amidst the hubbub of the crowd. The highly educated people believe only, if they believe at all, in a distant God, who is not interested in His own creation or, at best, cares only for humanity in general, but not for you and me.

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But that is a misrepresentation of God. Even the animals are more caring for their own offspring. Look at the mother hen when there is a fire in the barn. She will not run away, she will gather her chicks under her wings and she would rather burn alive to protect her own from the flame. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, said "Jerusalem, how much did I try to get you under my wings, like a mother hen so that you might be saved from destruction, but you refused me." (see Matthew 23:37) Yes, Jesus in God shows His extravagant love for us by accepting death so that we may have life, and have it abundantly. As Morton Kelsey said, "God is much more anxious to communicate with us than we to listen."

Is it still possible to be guided by God today, as there are so many contradictory voices claiming to be the voice of the Shepherd? Yes! Because when we truly hear Jesus' voice, something resonates in us, in a way we never experienced before. Why? Because, Jesus is the Word of God through Whom all was created and all is sustained by being, instant by instant. So when we hear this voice, we feel that we belong to Him. His voice is not the voice of a stranger, but the very voice that created us out of love, so that we may enter into His loving intimacy with the Father. We are wired for this voice, only that voice can fill our emptiness and bring us life. "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep." (John 10:14-15)

*God bless you, Fr. Pierre*



## PARISH NEWS

### **ST. MARY'S CWL ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON**

CWL will the Mother's Day Luncheon on May 10 from 11am to 2pm. This is a great opportunity to treat your mother to a fabulous lunch and show her your appreciation. We have a great menu at a great price, so buy your tickets now before it's sold out! Ticket prices are \$20 per adult, children 6-12 \$9 and children under 5 are free. For more information or to purchase tickets please contact Teresa Lung at 604-437-7745 or email address at [tky.lung@telus.net](mailto:tky.lung@telus.net).

**Mother's Day**

### **SUPPORT A MISSIONARY**

Next weekend at all Masses, CCO members will share their call to be a missionaries with Catholic Christian Outreach. CCO is a university student movement dedicated to evangelization and bringing young people into the fullness of the Catholic faith, with an emphasis on building leaders for our Church and the world. The CCO missionaries will invite the community of St. Mary's parish to financially support them in their missionary work. Thank you in advance for your interest and generosity. To find out more about CCO please visit [www.cco.ca](http://www.cco.ca).

### **SPIRITUALITY OF YOUTH: CHALLENGES AND HOPES**

Leaders, teachers and parents of teens are invited to this workshop on Saturday May 16 from 10am-12pm in the School Seminar Room. The workshop, led by Prof. Elaine Champagne OP, Chair of leadership in education in spiritual theology and spirituality at University of Laval, will examine the life experience and motivation of adolescents today, and explore the effects of fostering spiritual life on transmission of cultural and religious values. By donation. For more info see <http://www.dominicanlaity.ca/forum>, or contact Dr. Paul Ungar 604-588-5696 or Cathy Neugebauer [ve7cld@shaw.ca](mailto:ve7cld@shaw.ca).

### **YOUNG ADULTS (18-39yrs) - BOARD GAMES NIGHT**

Get to know young adults like yourself in a fun and competitive time with board games! Bring your friends, snacks are provided. Come on Thursday, April 30 from 6:45-9:15pm in the Rectory Dining Room. For info: Rocelyn 604-355-9611.

## PARISH NEWS

### **PROJECT ADVANCE**

Project Advance 2015 is now underway. Our target this year is \$200,000. Pledge forms have been mailed to previous donors. There are also pledge forms available in the pew. Please drop your completed pledge forms in the Sunday collection or to the Project Advance volunteers in the foyer. You may also donate online at [rcav.org](http://rcav.org). Remember participation is key, and no gift is too small!

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### **CATHOLIC FAMILIES: THE MODEL FOR LOVE & LIFE**

Inspirational Catholic evangelist and speaker Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is a passionate preacher living and proclaiming the Catholic faith, sure to challenge and inspire. Saturday May 2 from 9:30am-3:30pm at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, Surrey. There will be two presentations: The Model for a Culture of Love & Life and Nurturing Life in a Culture of Death. Cost \$50 includes lunch. Register [rosemaryheights.com/events/](http://rosemaryheights.com/events/) or 604-576-8802.

### **BENEFIT FOR DISPLACED IRAQI CHRISTIANS**

Enjoy an evening of presentations by Archbishop Michael Miller and Development and Peace, plus an authentic 3-course Iraqi dinner and traditional Iraqi entertainment on Saturday May 9 at 6pm, All Saints Parish Hall, Coquitlam. Tickets \$60 available at All Saints Parish. Proceeds to CCODP Iraqi partner for Northern Iraqis living in refugee camps. More info [Stanley@paulusarch.com](mailto:Stanley@paulusarch.com) or [peter.elliott@telus.net](mailto:peter.elliott@telus.net).

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:doramcroner@gmail.com). Promotional video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fokkEgIK1r8>.