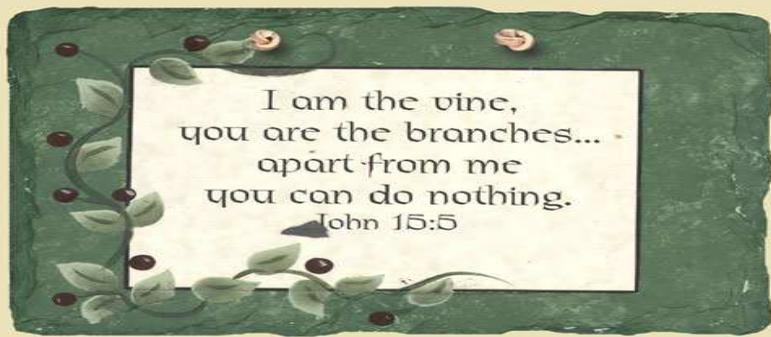


## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



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

- 1:00pm CFC-YFL (Seminar Room)
- 1:30pm CFC (School Gym)
- 6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)

### **MONDAY MAY 4:**

- 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
- 6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)
- 7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)
- 7:30pm Lay Apostle (Church)

### **TUESDAY MAY 5:**

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

### **WEDNESDAY MAY 6:**

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

### **THURSDAY MAY 7:**

- 6:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
- 7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **FRIDAY MAY 8:**

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

### **SATURDAY MAY 9:**

- 9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory basement)
- 2:00pm CFC Youth (Rectory basement)
- 2:30pm First Communion (Church)
- 3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory library)
- 7:00pm CFC (School Gym)
- 7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church basement)
- 7:00pm Source-PS 98 (Church)

### **SUNDAY MAY 10: 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 11:00am Mother's Day Luncheon (Church basement)
- 12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

## 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 / 3pm (**Tagalog**) / 5pm / 7pm

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

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

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

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**MAY 3, 2015**

*Pastor's  
Corner*

### **NOT JUST IMITATING CHRIST BUT BEING TRANSFORMED BY HIM!**

Very often in my own life, I have related to Christ more as an example and model than as an indispensable Saviour. While admitting that I occasionally need a boost of energy and motivation to finish some work or put my life in order, I unconsciously behave as if everything depended on me and as if reliance on God alone is optional! Surrendering to God seems to be the last option, when all else fails! I may sound arrogant but bear with me= this is not what I know I must believe, but this is the false logic that seems to operate in my life. Aren't you a little bit like me? Ok! Once in a while we rely on grace, but in a very insufficient, non-Christian way, as a supplement to our effort. Just like a car needs to be refueled from time to time to keep running! What is wrong with this, is that a car is not transformed by the gas it consumes. It just keeps on being a car. But Christ wants to transform us into His Divine Nature, and believe me, we badly need that.

What today's Gospel of the vine, branches and the fruits (John 15:1-8) describes is a relationship with Christ that is not just an imitative one but a participative and transformative one. We live in Him and He live in us. "We are participants of His Mystical Body. As a branch comes forth through a vine deriving its life, sustenance and purpose from the vine, so we come forth from Christ, deriving whatever we have of a spiritual life, sustenance and purpose, from Him." (Fr. Barron) "Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no life in you. (John 6:53) "It's no longer I who lives, but Christ who lives in me." (Gal. 2:20) "Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own, so neither you can unless you remain in me." "Without me, you can do nothing." "Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither." (John 15:4-6)

Does the feeling of being thrown out, or useless, or

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insignificant come back to haunt you regularly? Do you sense there must be more to life than what currently appears? Then let yourself be grafted into Christ. You are already grafted, incorporated into Him, in a real way, by baptism. You now need to acknowledge it, adhere to it willingly. Then the flow of Christ's life will transform you day by day. Christ wants your permission. Then your mind will become a vehicle for His mind. Christ, having suffused your mind, your will, your heart, even your body, then your very being will become a means for Christ's Saving Presence in this world. Connecting with all your baptized brothers and sisters who have claimed Christ for themselves, you will be an instrument of God's reign of holiness and wholeness in the world. How? Just look at the Gospel, and the lives of the saints, and see what Jesus thought, desired, and did. Then set it as the very source and stuff of your own thoughts, desires and actions. Think, desire, act and move with Him. Christ was the friend of sinners. You, too, reach out with Him, to those who need repentance, forgiveness, compassion and healing. Don't just hang out with those who are like-minded with you. Heal others through words of encouragement and acts of kindness. The power of words is not just your power. It is the power of the Word made flesh. Tell the world about the hope that is in you. Let your personal sufferings become Christ's sufferings in you. Read your own suffering not as just dumb pain that happened to you. No, it's Christ living His life in you, bringing more life precisely through suffering; even through the suffering that was caused by your own sins! In you, Christ is renewing His Sacrificial Love, His Offer of Salvation to the world.

If you allow Christ to do this in you, He will fulfill this promise= "Ask for whatever you wish and it will be done for you. It doesn't mean you can ask to win the lottery and be granted it. What it means is that, if you stay rooted in Christ, you will be permanently and personally aligned to God's own Mind, and therefore whatever you ask for in that attitude, you will indeed get because it is what God wants." (Fr. Barron) Remain in God the Son, and all the deepest hungers of your heart will be satisfied; all the deepest longings of your mind will be satisfied, for you will be in touch and in sync with the very logic of the Universe.

*God bless you, Fr. Pierre*

*God is for us— that is good. God is with us— that is better.*

*God is in us— that is best! (Fr. Mark Link, S.J.)*

## PARISH NEWS

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

CWL will host the Mother's Day Luncheon on May 10 from 11am-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, buy your tickets now before it's sold out! Ticket prices \$20/adult, children 6-12 \$9 and children under 5 free. More info or to purchase tickets please contact Teresa Lung at 604-437-7745 or tky.lung@telus.net.

### **MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS**

The Knight of Columbus will sell carnations on Mother's Day after all Masses. The minimum donation per carnation is \$2. Proceeds will go to St. Mary's Parish Building Fund.

### **FLAME (GR.8-12) - HANDLING ANGER AND CONFLICT**

Have you been ticked off before? Anger is a basic human emotion, and conflict is the inevitable result when anger comes between people who are in relationship with each other. If you don't want your relationships to suffer, come this Sunday May 3 from 6:30-9pm to the Church basement and explore your attitude toward anger. You'll also discover a process for addressing conflicts in a positive and appropriate way. Bring your friends too!

### **SPARK (GR.6-8) – YUMMY MUFFIN BAKING**

Following last session's topic – *Giving Spirit*, you are invited to grow in generosity by helping to bake delicious muffins for the needy on Monday May 4 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement. Bring your friends and see how fun it is to be generous!

### **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.

## 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!

### **ST. MARY'S SCHOOL RAFFLE**

Would you like to win a trip to Disneyland or cruise to somewhere warm and sunny, or cash of \$500? St. Mary's School is selling raffle tickets after each Mass during the month of May. Tickets are \$2 each or \$20 for a booklet. All proceeds will go to the Parish Building Fund for the new school. For more information please contact Teresa Lung at 604-802-0890 or tky.lung@telus.net.

### **ARC ADORATION & HEALING NIGHT**

Please join people from different parishes in Adoration with Praise music on May 16 from 7:30-9:30pm. Confession and Prayer Ministry will also be available.

### **NEPAL EARTHQUAKE**

Development and Peace is coming to the aid of earthquake victims through our Caritas partners in Nepal. Your donations will be matched dollar for dollar by the Canadian Government. Make cheques payable to Development and Peace (indicating Nepal) and mail to 1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd. 3rd Floor Montreal QC H3G 1T7; or online at [www.devp.org/en/donate](http://www.devp.org/en/donate) and click box for Earthquake in Nepal; or by phone at 1-888-664-3387. Tax receipts will be issued.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### **ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE**

We are blessed to have four men being ordained to the Transitional Diaconate: Larry Lynn, Lucio Choi, Davide Lanzani, and Mark McGuckin. Archbishop Miller will ordain these men to Holy Orders, Friday May 15 at 7pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral. All faithful of the Archdiocese are welcome to come celebrate this great event. Please pray for these seminarians in their time of preparation.