

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mark 16:15

Go into **all** the
world
AND **PREACH** THE
good news
to all creation.

SUNDAY MAY 17: ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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

MONDAY MAY 18: (Parish Office Closed)

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

TUESDAY MAY 19:

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

WEDNESDAY MAY 20:

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

THURSDAY MAY 21:

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)
7:00pm CCO Cornerstone (School Gym)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY MAY 22:

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

SATURDAY MAY 23:

9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory basement)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
11:00am Procession Rehearsal (Church basement)
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory library)
7:00pm Adoration/Taize (Church)
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church basement)

SUNDAY MAY 24: PENTECOST

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
12:30pm Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
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 / 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

Principal: Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff Website: www.stmary.bc.ca

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MAY 17, 2015

Pastor's
Corner

INTO THE SUN, WITHOUT BURNING

Can a human being, body and soul, find his way to the Heart of God? Can a human being come so close to the Father as to be in Him? Can you go into the sun without burning? How long would a man survive amidst the extremely intense power and holiness of God? The Ascension of Christ makes this possible. On the day of Ascension, Christ with His human nature, that is with His human body, mind, heart and soul, has entered into the Father and invites us to follow Him. "I am going to the Father to prepare a place for you and I will come back and take you to myself so that where I am you also may be, Where I am going, you know the way...I am the way." (John 14)

Wherever the Christ, the Head of the Body goes, the Body, that is the Church, ourselves, will follow, if we remain united to Him.

Pope Benedict, quoted in Magnificat, May 2015, explains this in a beautiful manner: "The meaning of Christ's Ascension expresses our belief that in Christ the humanity that we all share has entered into the inner life of God in a new and hitherto unheard of way. It means that man has found an everlasting place in God." It would be a mistake to interpret the Ascension as "the temporary absence of Christ from the world." Rather, "we go to heaven to the extent that we go to Jesus Christ and enter into Him." Heaven is a person: "Jesus Himself is what we call 'heaven.'"

But then, heaven is not just after death. It is a process that starts building up here on earth. How does Christ guide us in this process? In two main ways. First, by letting Himself be drawn up to the Father, He has been enthroned at the right hand of the Father. From this vantage point, He can oversee and direct the activities of the believers, of the members of His Mystical Body, the Church. Imagine a huge event in the streets of Vancouver. The mayor asks the chief

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controller to supervise everything from a helicopter. From on high, the chief can guide the staff on the ground so that the traffic flows smoothly and safely. So, Christ guides us, toward the Father, not just one person at a time, but in a harmonious group.

Then, we need to receive His marching orders...and to obey them. From on high, Christ can now send down the Holy Spirit, who will draw us into Christ, making us one Body with Him. Together, we are making a world into which the Kingdom of the Father is reigning, and His will is being done "on earth as it is in heaven." (The Our Father) Little by little, we are transformed into Jesus the Lord, and through us, all humanity. "Something" of the world has gone up at Ascension. Something of God is coming down at the Pentecost. The marriage between God and the World is being prepared.

I know it doesn't seem to be happening, when you listen to the news. But if you listen to the "Good News" broadcast from heaven, it is happening!

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

P.R.E.P. REGISTRATION

The Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.) offers religious instruction for children who attend public schools. P.R.E.P. will start on September 8/9. Registrations accepted: May 19, 20, 26, 27 at 6:30-8pm in the School office. There will be special registration dates on May 23, 30 & June 6 from 10am-3pm (School Gym entrance). *An early bird discounted rate will apply if you register during these dates until June 6.* Regular fees charged after June 6. DO NOT submit forms to the Parish office, they will NOT be accepted. Info 604-435-9611 ext. 5 or prep.smarv@rcav.org.

R.C.I.A. ACCEPTING INQUIRERS

Are you an adult who would like to join the Catholic Church? Perhaps you are a baptized Catholic, but lack the Sacrament of First Communion or Confirmation. Maybe you just would like to learn more about the Catholic faith and what the Church teaches. Welcome to RCIA! We start in early September and are taking registrations now. Please contact rcia.smarv@rcav.org.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are on sale after Mass; win a trip to Disneyland, a cruise, or \$500 cash. Tickets are \$2 or \$20 for a booklet. Proceeds go to the Parish Building Fund.

NO YOUTH EVENTS

There are no Spark or Flame nights on May 17/18 due to Victoria Day weekend. The next Spark and Flame nights are on June 1 and 7, respectively.

YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT (GR. 6-8)

Do you enjoy baking? Whether this is your first time or not, you'll definitely have fun baking for our needy brothers and sisters. Come on Thursday, May 28 from 4:30-6pm to the Church basement to share time and talent and experience the value of giving.

ROSARY HIKE (18-39 yrs.)

Before the Rosary month ends, you are invited to pray with young adults while hiking Burnaby Mountain on Friday, May 29 after 8am Mass. Meeting place will be in the foyer. To register, please call/text message Roman at 604-721-1158.

PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE

We would like to encourage everyone to make their donation early so we may reach our parish goal of \$200,000 quickly! Currently we are at \$31,555. Any rebate received will go to the Parish Building Fund. There are Project Advance pamphlets in the pews, or you may also donate online at rcav.org. Thank you again for your support.

ADORATION WITH TAIZE MUSIC

Join us on Saturday May 23 from 7-8pm in Adoration with Taize Music to pray for world peace, protection of life, an end to sex trafficking, and for all our volunteers and loved ones.

CORONATION OF MARY

St. Mary's CWL and the Legion of Mary will host the "Coronation of Mary" on Saturday, May 30 following the 5pm Mass. The ceremony which will start with a living rosary followed by the crowning. We encourage families with children to come with a stem or two of flowers to be offered at the foot of Mary's statue. When we crown Mary, we exult Jesus. When we honor Mary, we glorify Christ and when we honor the Queen, we exult the King. It is the feast that recognizes Mary as Queen of heaven and earth. All are welcome!

SINGERS NEEDED FOR EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Singers are needed in our procession on Saturday June 6 after the 5pm Mass. Sign up in the foyer or contact mmoy_ca@yahoo.com or 778-885-9611. First practise in the Church basement on Saturday May 23 from 12-2pm. Internet links to the songs will also be available.

KNEELING AT EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Volunteers are needed to kneel in front of the Blessed Sacrament outside the front door of the Church to lead others to do the same and witness our faith to people on the street. Kneeling will be for 10-15 minutes. Sign up in the foyer or contact Mildred at mmoy_ca@yahoo.com or 778-885-9611.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

The Mother's Day luncheon sponsored by CWL last Sunday was a huge success. Thank you to all who attended and supported this event. We hope we can count on you again next year on Mother's Day, May 8, 2016.