

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



### **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)

### **MONDAY MAY 25:**

- 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

### **TUESDAY MAY 26: ST. PHILIP NERI**

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

### **WEDNESDAY MAY 27:**

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

### **THURSDAY MAY 28:**

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

### **FRIDAY MAY 29:**

- 6:00pm Crowning of Mary (Church)
- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
- 7:40pm Healing Ministry (Crying Room)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **SATURDAY MAY 30:**

- 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 31: TRINITY SUNDAY**

- 12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
- 1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)

## 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  
Phone: (604) 437-1312 Fax: (604) 437-1193

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 5pm

Phone: (604) 435-9611 Fax: (604) 439-9413

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### **PASTORS & STAFF**

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

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

**Pastoral Assistant:** Vesna Jankovic (ext. 6)

**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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### *Pastor's Corner*

## THE IRRESISTIBLE FREEDOM OF GOD—AND YOURS

Why do we stay away from God? Is it fear of intimacy, fear of having to change our life, fear or surrendering?

I remember what Fr. Cantalamessa, the preacher to the papal household said, "There is a secret rancor against God in the depths of man's heart." It was from original sin. It was instilled in the soul of Adam and Eve, by the devil, when they believed him. He told them not to trust God, that God had hidden intentions, selfish intentions, toward them. We inherited the effect of that sin, that anger and resentment toward God and toward one another. As Adam and Eve started to distrust God and hide from Him, they also accused one another, and it has never stopped since that day. We blame one another for our problems and the problems of the world. We accuse God. It seems silly to do so, but we do it anyway. We blame God for all the bad things that happen to us. We don't want to admit it, but we are secretly angry at Him.

No discourse can change that. No law, no amount of good will can do it. Only the Holy Spirit can wipe away that "secret rancor against God." When the Spirit comes into a man's heart, he attests "that God is truly favourable and benign, that he is his ally, not his enemy. The Holy Spirit opens his eyes to all that God has been capable of doing for him and to the fact that He did not spare His only Son for him." (Fr. Cantalamessa) "There is a shift in the heart of the man who receives the Spirit. A shift from the slave-heart full of fear to

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the filial heart, brimming with love." From now on, the man renewed in the Spirit, has received God's love." He loves God and willingly does what God asks of him. Fr. Cantalamessa even says that "God, in fact, no longer limits Himself to telling a man what he should do or not do, but he himself does it with and in him."

*Happy Pentecost! Fr. Pierre*

*\*This is a reprint from a former Pastor's Corner, that I wrote in 2010*



## 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 26, 27 at 6:30-8pm in the School office. There will be special registration dates on May 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.

### YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT (GR.6-8) – FEED THE HUNGRY

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 in the Church basement to share time and talent and experience the value of giving.

### ROSARY HIKE (18-39 YO)

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

### FLAME (GR.8-12) – LASER TAG

Whether your first time or you have been an avid goer, laser tag will surely awaken the survival instinct in you! Come on Sunday, May 31 for this fun and challenging event and create stronger bonds with your peers. More info on the permission forms on the YM board in the foyer. No permission form means the youth cannot attend.

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### MIGRANT MINISTRY

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry and ISSofBC will hold a free workshop about EI & CPP Benefits. A representative from Service Canada will speak about the different kinds of benefits, eligibility and process involved. This event will be on May 31, from 1-3pm in the School Seminar room. Everyone is welcome. To register, please email Lenn Castro, stmarysmigrant@gmail.com or Chit Arma, resochoita.arma@issbc.org or call 604-684-7498 ext. 1666.

### 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. 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.

### CAMP AGAPE

CFC Youth for Family and Life is inviting youths ages 12-20 years to camp on June 12-14, to be held at Camp Capilano, North Vancouver. In this camp the participants will have a better understanding of Jesus Christ and God's plan for them. Cost is \$65 which includes food and accommodation. Info/register at www.mponce.sfu.ca or contact Mark Ponce at 778 995 2301.

### CHRISTIAN LIFE SEMINAR

Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life, invite you to a Christian Life Seminar in the Seminar on 9 consecutive Fridays beginning June 12, from 7-10pm. A CLS is an integrated course leading to a renewed understanding of God's call to Christian couples and individuals. It is open to married couples, widows or widowers or those separated or divorced. There is no cost involved. To register, please contact Jun and Fannie de Vera at 604 436 3628.