

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY MAY 31: TRINITY SUNDAY

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

MONDAY JUN 1: ST. JUSTIN

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

TUESDAY JUN 2:

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

WEDNESDAY JUN 3: ST. CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY JUN 4:

6:00pm Knights of Columbus (Church basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm CCO Cornerstone (School Gym)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY JUN 5: ST. BONIFACE (First Friday—All day Adoration)

6:00pm CFC Youth (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Ministry (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY JUN 6:

8:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
2:00pm CFC Youth (School Gym)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory library)
5:00pm Gather for Eucharistic Procession (Church basement)
6:00pm EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church basement)

SUNDAY JUN 7: BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

12:00pm Handmaids of the Lord (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 / 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

E-mail: parish.smarv@rcav.org Website: www.stmarysvancouver.ca

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)

Reception: Theresa De Ocampo (ext. 0)



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

5251 Joyce Street

Vancouver BC V5R 4G8

tel: (604) 435-9611 fax: (604) 439-9413

email: parish.smarv@rcav.org

web: www.stmarysvancouver.ca

Facebook: www.facebook.com/stmarysvancouver

MAY 31, 2015

*Pastor's
Corner*

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

Do you perceive the mystery of the Trinity as something strictly for the theologians and mystics? Something inaccessible and irrelevant? The opposite is true! Each time you pray and make the Sign of the Cross on your forehead, you cover yourself with the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. That juxtaposition of the Cross and the Trinity in the Sign of the Cross refers to that moment, at the Crucifixion, on Calvary, when the link between the Father and the Son was stretched to the limit. When you do the Sign of the Cross, you start with your hand high up on your forehead and say, "In the name of the Father." The Father so loved the World that He sent down His Only Begotten Son— your hand goes down to your waist while you say "in the name of the Son." Yes! The Son went down into the World, into our flesh which He took from Mary. He went further down, "into our dysfunctions, into our hatred and violence, into our stupidity and injustice, and fears, all the way down to death itself, even death on the Cross." Why did God experience such a terrible thing? Out of love! Why did Christ accept to be sent down? Out of love for God and for us! "The Father and the Son wanted to bring the Divine Light into the darkest places. They wanted to hunt us down, "even to the furthest limits of where we had wandered from them." The Father sent the Son down to follow us into the darkest caves where we had tried to retreat from them."

And then, the Son brought us back up to the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Now, as we continue the Sign of the Cross, our hand goes up, to the left and to the right. Now we are covered with the Trinity. We are in the inner life of God, who is Love! We are within the eternal embrace of the Father and the Son. We are in the Spirit, who is the Love between the Father and the Son. Indeed the Holy Spirit attests from within our hearts that we are born not of

Pastor's Corner Continued...

Pastor's Corner Continued...

the flesh, but of God. By baptism and faith, we have been grafted into Christ, who us in the heart of the Father, with His Risen Body, since Ascension. We are in Christ, who is in the heart of the Father, sons and daughters of the Father. St. John Paul II said, "In the communion of grace with the Trinity, man's 'living area' is broadened and raised up to the supernatural level of divine life. Man lives in God and by God." We are at home in God!

The Father says to you what He had said to His Son, when He was baptized. "You are my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." The Father calls you by name into His Family. He speaks you into being, just as He did when He created Adam by speaking His name. And the Spirit whispers in your heart, "Abba, papa, daddy." Father, Son and Spirit say to you, in unison, "We belong to you. Will you let us be your own?" Yes, the Father gives all that He is to the Son; the Son gives all He is to the Father; the Father and Son give all to the Spirit. And the Spirit gives all to you, to us. Now we can love one another as they have loved us.

Will you receive the Father, the Son and the Spirit as your gifts? Will you stop walking away from them? Stop, turn around and look at the Gift. Receive the Holy Spirit, the bond of love between the Father and the Son. That bond can go down to your deepest darkness and lift you up to the highest heavens. As the Father's love constantly gives rise to the Son, let the Father's love regenerate you, raise you up, day by day, instant by instant. The Father longs to hear your voice, your yes. **Will you accept the gift, the purpose, the mission, and the identity He is giving you?**

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

p.s. quotes taken from Fr. Barron



PARISH NEWS

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.

P.R.E.P. REGISTRATION

The Parish Religious Education Program offers religious instruction for children who attend public schools. Registrations are on Saturday June 6 from 10am-3pm (School Gym entrance.) Info: 604-435-9611 ext.5 or prep.smarv@rcav.org.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL RAFFLE SALES

Get your tickets after mass! Win a trip to Disneyland, a cruise, or \$500 cash. Tickets are \$2 or \$20 for a booklet. All proceeds go to the Parish Building fund.

SPARK (GR.6-8) – OLD TESTAMENT SPELLING BEE

Be familiar with the Old Testament through an entertaining spelling bee on Monday, Jun 1 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement. Do not fear the hard to pronounce words and names, and learn their importance. Bring friends to share in faith, fun and fellowship!

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Join our annual Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession on Saturday June 6, after the 5pm Mass. Come to the Church basement at 4:30pm to practise songs and line up. Songs available by email to mmoy_ca@yahoo.com. Volunteers are needed to set up chairs at 4pm, and to kneel before the Blessed Sacrament outside the church for 10-15 minutes. Please sign up in the foyer or contact Mildred at mmoy_ca@yahoo.com / 778-885-9611.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR SR. MARIE BOUCHARD

Sr. Marie Bouchard passed away peacefully in Toronto on April 25. She was very active in our various parish ministries from 2004-2009. There will be a Memorial Mass celebrated for her on Monday Jun 15 at 7pm, followed by reception in the Church basement.

PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE

Our current pledges total \$45,971 or 23% of our parish goal of \$200,000. Project advance committee members are available to collect pledges and register new donors after Mass. You may also give online at rcav.org.

CFC-HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD

On Saturday, June 6 at 10am, the Handmaids of the Lord, a family ministry of Couples for Christ, is inviting single mature women, widows, separated or divorced, single parents, wives of overseas workers, and those whose husbands are unavailable to join the community to a Christian Life Program at the School Seminar Room. This is a series of teachings about our faith and how we can deepen our relationship with the Lord. The program is free and fellowship/snacks follows after each session. For more information pls. call: Flora at 778-388-1938 or Malut 778-668-1211.

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.

FR. VINCENT TRAVERS—NEW BOOK

Fr. Vincent's new book "Seeing an Infinite Horizon" has arrived. If you would like one, please arrange to pick up from reception at the parish office. He is not charging for the book, but welcomes a donation to his Haiti fund. There is a very limited supply- first come, first served.