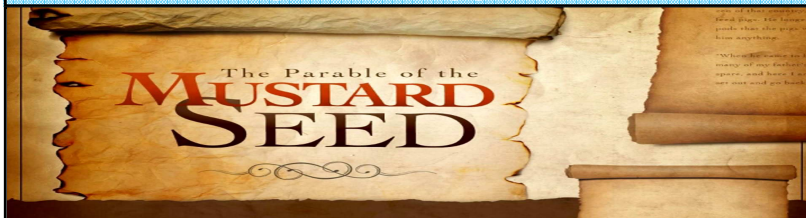


THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY JUN 14: 11TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY JUN 15:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)
7:00pm Mass for Sr. Marie Bouchard (Church)

TUESDAY JUN 16:

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

WEDNESDAY JUN 17:

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

THURSDAY JUN 18:

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

FRIDAY JUN 19:

6:00pm CFC-FFL (Seminar Room)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Ministry (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY JUN 20:

10:00am Family Fund Day & Raffle Draw (School Gym)
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
3:00pm CFC-SFC (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory library)

SUNDAY JUN 21: 12TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

12:30pm Handmaids of the Lord
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

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*Pastor's
Corner*

ST. MARY'S: FROM MUSTARD SEED TO A BIG TREE

There is a particular species of bamboo tree whose growth is quite special. You throw a seed of that tree and nothing visible happens for 30 years! Then a small sprout comes up. From now on, the growth is spectacular. Within a few months, it becomes a huge tree. The sower doesn't need to know how it happens. It just happens. In fact the explanation is simple. For 30 years, the growth is underground. The seed develops into a huge network of roots one kilometer long. So when it's time, the seed sprouts out of the ground and has this huge network of roots to feed its growth. Such is the spiritual growth of the Kingdom, in the Church, in a parish fully alive, and in our personal lives. I can testify to that.

You cannot explain how the Kingdom of God grows in you, in St. Mary's, in the world. It just happens. But you need trust, patience, humility, and hope. Let God apply His own timing! Do not force the growth and impose your own timing. The beginning of our own spiritual life, or of Christian community is always very humble, very insignificant. Look at today's parable of the mustard seed. It is the smallest and most insignificant seed; yet it becomes a great tree "and puts forth large branches so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." (Mark 4:32)

The first Christians believed that Jesus Christ crucified was Himself that mustard seed. When He died on a cross, He was considered a criminal. His disciples had run away from Him, His enemies were making fun of Him, while He felt the burden of guilt and of "separation" from God on His shoulders. Yet 30 years later, the Christian communities in the Roman Empire became so fervent that the emperor felt he had to eliminate them. Nowadays the Christian faith is the fastest growing and most persecuted religion in the world. One billion members, spectacular growth in Asia and

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in Africa!

Can you imagine a more humble and "hopeless" beginning than the Crucified Jesus, mocked, abandoned, rejected? Can you explain that spectacular growth despite heavy persecutions, divisions, calumny?

I have been long enough at St. Mary's to see that pattern happening. In 2000, the parking lot at St. Mary's was empty except on Sundays and Monday nights for bingo! Every day of the week, the rectory was very quiet. One part time secretary could do the bookkeeping and the reception and manage the filing of documents. Now we have a staff of 5 full time lay people and one full time volunteer. The Sunday attendance has more than doubled since 2005. So did the number of ministries and service groups.

But to me, the most significant change is still invisible, but very real: the inner transformation of hundreds of people. I see it day after day in the confessional, or during spiritual direction (twenty five hours a week) and in all kinds of sharing groups and random conversations. Priests from other parishes notice something special about the confessions that they are hearing at St. Mary's. It's a sense of a relationship to God, and understanding or experience of His great love, a sense of what sin is about. By the way, during last Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, we confessed close to 1,000 penitents. Then there is all those people who are touched by the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, or the release of the graces received at their sacramental baptism long ago. Finally, because I am running out of space, Mary our patroness, draws so many people to Christ.

Now, not a single factor, like priests, volunteers, or movements, can explain all this. It's like the mustard seed that grows day in, day out, while you sleep...and you don't know how! Only God can touch our souls and transform us. Have a happy harvest.



God bless you, Fr. Pierre

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.

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 a reception in the Church basement.

HANDS OF VERONICA

Our spring meeting is on Wednesday June 17 at 7pm in the Rectory Dining Room. We encourage all volunteers to attend this biannual meeting.

PRO-LIFE SUNDAY COLLECTION

There will be a special collection next weekend, June 21, to help pro-life organizations. The proceeds support local pro-life groups, crisis pregnancy centers, Birthright, anti-euthanasia groups, university pro-life groups and United for Life. Thank you for your generosity.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Thank you all who participated and volunteered for the Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession. It was a great success! Praise God for His graces and blessings received!

NO SPARK EVENT

There is no Spark youth event on Monday, June 15. Next event is on July 6.

YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT (GR.6-8) – SING PRAISE!

St. Augustine said he who sings prays twice, so come practice your vocal cords on Thursday, June 25 with your peers. Have fun learning youthful songs and no singing experience required. Church basement will be open from 4pm; event starts at 4:30-6pm. Bring your friends for a joyful afternoon!

PARISH NEWS

ST. MARY'S FAMILY FAIR/ RAFFLE DRAW

St. Mary's Family Fair is Saturday June 20 from 11am-2pm in the School Gym. Come and enjoy a fun day with family and friends, admission is free. There will be entertainment, hot dogs, popcorn, face painting, a bake sale and the highlight of the day...the St. Mary's School Raffle draw! You may have the winning ticket, so please join us!

SAVE THE DATE!!! MAN ALIVE 2015

"We can't do it alone." That's the theme for the men's conference, so bring a friend to Man Alive with Christopher West, who will be speaking about authentic manhood: Desire, Design, and Destiny. God's design for our desires is not that we suffocate them, but that we liberate them at their deepest level so they can lead us to our ultimate destiny: eternal bliss in union with him forever. That is what authentic manhood is all about! **Tuesday, Aug. 11**, from 7-9:30pm at St. Mary's. Cost is \$15. Coffee and snacks available. To register, visit rcav.org/manalive or contact the Adult Evangelization and Discipleship Office at 604-683-0281.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

VOCATION LIVE-IN

On the weekend of July 3-5, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission. For more information call 604-826-8715.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Join millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive. The next weekend is July 17-19 at the Ramada Inn, Pitt Meadows. To register or for more information contact Steve and Mary Bohnen at 604-876-7298 or email wwmevancouverbc@gmail.com or visit www.wwme.org.

DONATIONS TO MEN'S HOSTEL CLOTHING ROOM

The Men's Hostel has a clothing room which is used every day by our guests. There is particular need for men's underwear; socks; belts; shoes/work boots/ runners; pants; shirts; shorts; hoodies; bath shoes and sandals. To donate, please or for more information please call 604-443-3292.