

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Happy
Father's
Day

SUNDAY JUN 21: 12TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

MONDAY JUN 22:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

TUESDAY JUN 23:

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

WEDNESDAY JUN 24: NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

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

THURSDAY JUN 25:

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

FRIDAY JUN 26:

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

SATURDAY JUN 27:

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

SUNDAY JUN 28: 13TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm 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

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THE EYE OF THE STORM: SLEEPING JESUS

Have you been through storms in your life when you felt Jesus had abandoned you? Have you doubted His presence? Have you thought Jesus didn't care? That He had "fallen asleep on a cushion in the stern of the ship?" (Mark 4:38) Well, that is part of our normal journey. It is even a necessary part of it! Jesus allows it to happen. In today's Gospel, the disciples take Jesus with them in Peter's boat and they are hit by a sudden, unexpected, big storm on the Sea of Galilee. They are used to that, but this time it is a huge storm. They are terrified of drowning: the waves crashing the boat and filling it quickly with water, the wind whipping their faces, the ship threatening to break up or capsize. Amid this cacophony and panic, there is Jesus asleep on the cushion! The disciples are angry at Him. Waking Him up, they shout, "Do you not care that we are perishing?" (Mark 4:37-38)

You and I have been in a similar situation in our lives! Fear, panic, loss of trust in God, sinking hopelessly, angry at God, at His apparent indifference. How can we go through these moments? Look at the disciples. They turn to Jesus and awaken Him. "He woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!'" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. Jesus said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

Jesus is kind of saying, "Can't you see I am here? I am the great "I am" that made your people cross the Red Sea on foot. I am "The Eternal Son of God." I am in the storm with you, but not a victim of it like you are. Cling to me by faith, by trust, and you will not perish." Yes, "Jesus Christ is that Power which transcends the viscidities of space and time, who links us to the Creative Source of all existence." (Fr. Barron) Jesus is our Peace in the middle of the storm, of any storm, big or small. The sleeping Christ is evocative of Teresa of Avila's interior castle. That place deep

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down within the soul where Christ dwells, a place of ultimate safety and peace. It's like the eye of the storm, the still point in the cyclone or the "virginal point" of Thomas Merton: "that place in us where we are, here and now, being created by God."

The point is this: learn to live out of that faith place, judge the situation by faith, not by sight, not by human reasoning; trust, and you will endure the storm. The storm will not last forever, it will pass away; it's the very nature of a storm to pass away. God will remain. Be like Peter who could walk on the stormy waters as long as he looked trustfully at Christ. Do not look at the waves. This made Peter sink. Faith can "solidify the ground on which you stand." (Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.) Don't choose to be in the mental space of the Apostles who became panicky and started to flail about when the storm came. Choose to be one with the Christ resting in you, your anchor. The storm will still be there for a while, but your attitude and your orientation by faith will move you into that still point in you, which is Christ. This will be your harbour. Jesus said to the waters, "Quiet, be still." Give Him permission to command you also, "Quiet, be still." If you do, you will learn a friendship with Him, that you never even dreamed of. You will learn to live in Him as your one and only solid ground.

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.

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

St. Augustine says that 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. Event starts at 4:30-6pm. Bring your friends for a joyful afternoon!

ADORATION WITH TAIZE CHANTS

Please join us for a holy hour to pray for an end to sex-trafficking, street people, protection of life, persecuted Christians, our volunteers, and loved ones on Saturday Jun 27 from 7-8pm.

MIGRANT MINISTRY

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry and ISSofBC will hold a free workshop on Family Sponsorship on Sunday Jun 28 from 1-3pm in the Seminar Room. Resource speaker is Tim Bailey, Immigration and Refugee Lawyer. Other workshops: Jul 12 Family Law, Aug 9 Changes to the Live-in Caregiver Program, Aug 23 Changes to the Citizenship Act. Register: Lenn Castro at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com or Chit at resoচিতা.arma@issbc.org.

GRACE THAT REIGNS - PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

Please join us to pray for the priests of Fraser Valley West Deanery on Wednesday June 24 at 7:30pm in the Church. <http://www.gracethatreigns.com>.

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM FLOWER MINISTRY

Flower Ministry has a designated person to water flowers in the Church. Please refrain from watering the orchids as they are very delicate and do not need much water. We also try to recycle flowers/greens, so please do not remove/take them without permission. Thank you for your cooperation.

PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE

Our current total is \$64,746 or 32% of our parish goal of \$200,000. Committee members are available to collect your pledges and register new donors after Mass until end of June. You may also give online at rcav.org. Participation from all parishioners is a key factor to make this a successful campaign, and no gift is too small. Thank you for your generous support.

CANADA DAY HIKE & MASS AT THE CHIEF

Back by popular demand! Join Fr. Pierre and parishioners to celebrate Canada Day with Mass atop the mountain and a gorgeous view of the Howe Sound and the mountains. The hike is intermediate and transportation by bus will be provided for \$10/person. Meeting time is at 8:30am in the Church parking lot with expected return by 5pm. Bring your own water and lunch. You may also bring your own vehicle. Please register on the sign up sheet in the foyer, indicating if you need a bus ride, or if you will go by car and can transport some people in your car as well. You may also register by calling Roman Reyes at 604-721-1158. Minors need permission forms, unless parents/legal guardians are with them.

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. Register at 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.