

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY JAN 17: 2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

12:00pm Hearing tests (Church basement)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory dining)
2:00pm CFC Leaders (School Gym)

MONDAY JAN 18:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)

TUESDAY JAN 19:

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

WEDNESDAY JAN 20:

9:00am Hands of Veronica (Rectory dining)
6:30pm Bible Study (Church basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY JAN 21: ST. AGNES

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (Rectory basement)
7:00pm Mass (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY JAN 22:

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

SATURDAY JAN 23:

8:00am Knights of Columbus Free throw (School Gym)
9:15am DNA Men's Discipleship Group (Rectory basement)
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
1:30pm CFC Youth (School Gym)
2:30pm Youth Ministry (Rectory basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
7:00pm Taize/Adoration (Church)

SUNDAY JAN 24: 3RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory dining)
1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
2:00pm CFC Leaders (School Gym)

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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*Pastor's
Corner*

THE GREAT WEDDING FEAST

Have you ever felt a lack of joy, a lack of enthusiasm in your life? You go through your daily routine but the joyful purpose behind it is gone. That's why Mary is telling Jesus about us, "They have no more wine." As our Mother, she sees our needs and asks the Lord to change our tasteless water into wine. That's what she did at the wedding in Cana, and that is what she keeps doing for us; sometimes she is with us at a wedding banquet where we feel lonely and sad; or at the foot of the cross, when our father or mother, or son or daughter are dying; or at the Resurrection when she invites us to enter into the Eternal Wedding Banquet of the Lamb, the one that is announced at every Mass.

As Caryl Houselander wrote in the Magnificat of January 2010, "It is true that a change of heart is the only thing that can begin to bring happiness back into the world. It is true too that it is not in our power or strength to change our own hearts, and what is needed is a miracle (...) The joy of God is a wine that changes the drab, cold, colourless substance of human nature into the rich, crimson, warm vitality of supernatural life. It changes discouragement to hope, doubt to faith, it lights up the mind and in its light men see that the problems of the world today, which seemed insurmountable, are straws in the power of God, and in his name even a creature as little and as weak as a man can overcome them (...) When a man (or a woman) comes to this world with Christ in his heart, he can work this miracle in Christ's name."

Is this for real? I have seen this happening in my own life and in the lives of many parishioners and people throughout the Archdiocese of Vancouver. It is still a humble, modest transformation; but it is contagious— God has planted the seeds, the Church has watered them and now we begin to see the fruits.

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Behind all this, we need to let God change our perception of Him. Because "naturally" we perceive Him in exactly the opposite of what He is. We get the Spiritual Life backward. We think we have to climb by ourselves the mountain of the Lord. We think that we have to impress God with our moral achievements, with our goodness, with the sum of our efforts. As Bishop Barron said, "Deep down we believe that God is a distant and demanding taskmaster, and that our job is to do enough to impress Him (...). We think that God wants to hang on to something that is His own and that we have to wrestle it from Him." That is the image of God that the original sin of Adam and Eve gave us; God who would not have wanted our true joy. But the Bible tells us today that it is God who runs down the mountain to marry us. "As a young man marries a woman, so your Builder will marry you." (1st Reading from Isaiah 62: 4-5) God is like the rich king who marries a poor lady, and brings her into all his privileges, dignity and treasures, and offers her to share in his intimacy. So God loves us into an intimacy with Him that is as close and warm as the intimacy of a man with his wife. So we don't need to impress God nor can we! We just need to drink the wine of the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

We do need, however, to bring the water of our lives to Him, so that He might change it into wine. Mary said, "Do whatever he tells you." Bring to Christ, at the Mass, and throughout the week, your joys and sufferings. He will change them into His joy, His bread, His wine. Will you cooperate with Him, will you seek the Kingdom first, and everything else will be given you?

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

FREE HEARING TEST

Everyone is invited for a free ear and hearing checkup today from 12pm-5pm in the Church Basement.

CWL BLANKET DRIVE

St. Mary's CWL is organizing a blanket drive for the homeless. Please drop off blankets or comforters at the School Gym entrance next Sunday Jan 24. CWL members will collect from 9am-1pm on that day only.

HANDS OF VERONICA

Semi-annual meeting Wed Jan 20 from 9-11am in the Rectory Dining Room, followed by Potluck lunch and social. We hope to see you all there, including those who may be interested in joining our ministry.

ABLAZE- INTERGENERATIONAL HEALING

You are invited to attend an Intergenerational Healing Mass (also known as Healing of the Family Tree) on Tuesday Jan 26 at 7:30pm in the church. Preceding this, you will need to attend the Ablaze teaching on Tuesday Jan 19 at 7:30pm in the church basement and learn how to prepare for the Mass and complete the genogram for blessing.

THANK YOU!

St. Mary's Street Ministry and St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you for your generous donations of warm clothing for the winter. God bless you for your generosity!

HOW TO DEFEND YOUR FAITH

Do you worry someone will ask you a question about your faith that you can't answer? Have you tried to defend your faith but gotten lost in confusing language and theology? Learn how to stand your ground and defend your faith. Join us as we work our way through Dr. William Lane Craig's *On Guard: Defending Your Faith With Reason and Precision*. Dr. Craig's book teaches how to defend God's existence, Jesus and his resurrection, the problems with relativism and how to address the problem of suffering in the world. Discover not just what you believe but why you believe it. If you are interested in joining please contact Chandra, Lye.chandra@gmail.com.

PARISH NEWS

FROM ADDICTION TO EVANGELIZATION

John Oakley who was once addicted and homeless, is here after all Masses for the pre-sale of his second poetry-photo book. John is now a Christian poet and theology student who preaches to seniors every week. The book sells for \$20 with net proceeds going to St. Mary's Street Ministry and Union Gospel Mission.

SPARK (GR.6-8) - @PRAYTOGOD

In this new year, we're going to strengthen our friendship with Jesus through prayer. As easy as talking to our best friend, prayer opens our communication with the Creator of the universe. No cellphone required! :) Come and be sure to bring friends too this Monday, Jan 18 from 6:30-8:15pm in the Church basement. We'll see you there!

KNIGHTS FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus with CWL, CFC and other ministries thank parishioners who supported last Sunday's fundraising breakfast. This event demonstrated ministries working together to raise money for the Parish Building Fund and provide a setting for community building. We welcome your comments via email: knightscolumbus13072@yahoo.ca, to help improve the next fundraising breakfast on Feb 7.

LECTOR TRAINING

The next lector training will be on Saturday Jan 30 from 10am-12pm in the Church. Please contact Tess Sumagui at tess_sumagui@yahoo.ca for details.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Development and Peace invites you to Share Lent workshop "Create a Climate of Change." Saturday Jan 30, St. Patrick's Parish Hall 2881 Main Street, Vancouver 9am-1pm. Light lunch provided, donation gladly appreciated.

SILENT LIVE-IN RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Join the Sisters of the Child Jesus for a silent live-in retreat for women interested in religious life. Friday Feb 5 at 7pm to Sunday Feb 7 at 3 pm. For more information or to register, contact Sr Denece 604-985-4872; dbillesberger@shaw.ca or Sr Linda 604-936-2875; bechardlinda@gmail.com.