

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### SUNDAY JAN 31: 4TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

10:00am Young Adults (Rectory dining)  
12:00pm CFC-YFL (School Gym)

### MONDAY FEB 1:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)  
7:00pm Lay Apostle (Church)

### TUESDAY FEB 2: PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

6:00pm CWL Mass (Church)  
7:00pm CWL School Gym  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)  
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church basement)

### WEDNESDAY FEB 3: \*40 HOUR ADORATION\*

6:30pm Bible Study (Church basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### THURSDAY FEB 4: \*40 HOUR ADORATION\*

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

### FRIDAY FEB 5: ST. AGATHA \*40 HOUR ADORATION\*

6:30pm Development & Peace (Rectory dining)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### SATURDAY FEB 6: ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

8:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory dining)  
8:00am Knights of Columbus Free Throw (School Gym)  
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)  
1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
2:30pm Baptism (Church)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)  
6:00pm CFC-FFL Workshop (Seminar Room)  
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church basement)

### SUNDAY FEB 7: 5TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Fundraiser Breakfast (Church basement)  
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory dining)  
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)  
1:30pm CFC (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

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

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### PASTORS & STAFF

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

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**JAN 31, 2016**

*Pastor's  
Corner*

### LOVING LIKE GOD LOVES

The great trials that come inevitably in our lives can either destroy us or build us up. Anyone who has a bit of wisdom can perceive this truth. What many don't see is how God is guiding us, each one of us, so that these trials build us up so that we truly achieve our destiny here on earth and thereafter in heaven. We all need to cooperate with God, "in good times and in bad, for richer and poorer."

Now God is Love. Therefore Love is our guiding principle in all our decisions. But if we want to cope with big trials and cooperate with Love, we need to do it first and foremost in the little day to day trials. Our second reading today, the famous "hymn to love" of St. Paul in Corinthians Chapter 13, is our teacher today. Now we can dismiss Love and today's teaching, if we have the popular view of love: the idea that love is essentially about romantic feelings and/or erotic love. That kind of love isn't bad, but it can't help us deal with the big trials of life as well as the day to day ones. That kind of love has its role and its importance but it's not our primary source of strength in life.

What Paul has in mind here is love that may include feelings and eros, but is deeper. It is the Love that is in God, the Love that God is, and wants to share with us, so that we can be a channel of love for one another. The best example we have of this love is the love of parents for their children. Of course, I don't forget about the love of the saints for the people of God. Saints like Mother Teresa exemplify the love of parents for their children. What is that love; according to the Bible and Church Tradition? To love is to really will the good of the other as other and to act so as to make it happen. Don't worry about this being impossible for you. God's Love has been infused in you by the Holy Spirit. He will help you to let the Love of God and of His children flow in you.

Now we are ready to look at some characteristics of Love in our second reading (Corinthians 13: 4-7).

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"Love is patient and kind." If a parent would love his/her child only out of self interest, he/she would not be patient with the child. But a good parent is willing to wait— and wait a long time— for the child's obedient and loving response. Does a parent stop loving his/her child when that child is unresponsive? The parent might be hurt, and displeased but will continue to love. Does a parent love his/her child only when that child listens to him/her and does what is requested? A dysfunctional parent may do that, and we are all dysfunctional at times! But we know we are called to pursue the good of the child effectively. If you love someone only for the return you will get from that person, you will be impatient for the coming of that return. That is a sign that your love for that person might need to be purified.

Real Love, in the image and likeness of God, says, "I have forgiven them, they still haven't forgiven me, but I'll keep forgiving them. I am compassionate to him, he is not to me, but I will keep being compassionate."

"Love is not envious." A parent is not envious about the success of his/her child, or spouse. If you want their good you will rejoice with them when they succeed. You might have a feeling of envy in your heart, but if you don't act according to that feeling, you have not committed any sins. On the contrary, you have gained merits and strength by resisting the temptation to be envious. You are on your way to holiness, wholeness and joy. And God is working in you!

*God bless you, Fr. Pierre*

## PARISH NEWS

### SPARK (GR.6-8) - GOING DEEP

We're going to go deeper on the topic of prayer on Monday, Feb 1 from 6:30-8:15pm in the Church basement. Bring friends!

### FLAME (GR.8-12) - SNOW TUBING AT MT. SEYMOUR

You are invited for a night of snow tubing on Saturday Feb 13. Meeting time is 5pm in the parking lot and expected return time is 10pm. Cost is \$25/person, covers transportation, food, 2 hours of snow tubing, and venue rental. Register youth.smarv@rcav.org SUBJECT: SNOW TUBING.

## PARISH NEWS

### PLEASE ATTEND OPEN HOUSE

There will be 2 Public Open Houses to learn about the plan for new development in Joyce-Collingwood. This includes our St. Mary's Building project. Our architects have recommended that as many St. Mary's parishioners attend and show their support for our project as possible. It is important that the City of Vancouver hear us loud and clear, that we are behind the St. Mary's building project, and that we strongly support the vision Fr. Pierre, the Building Committee, and the Architects have put forward to the City of Vancouver. Open House: **Feb 3 from 5pm-8pm & Feb 6 from 11am-2pm** at Collingwood Neighbourhood House 5288 Joyce St, Multi-Purpose Room.

### PSALM 98/FR. ROB GALEA—PHOTO SHOOT

The concert fundraiser for Fr. Rob Galea will be held on Saturday Mar 5 in the Church from 7-9pm. We are creating a souvenir program that will include photos of parishioners and organizations. Your contribution of \$60 will buy a half page, or \$120 for a full page cover. All donations will receive a tax receipt, and photo shoots are complimentary. Photo shoots are in the Church basement today after all Sunday Masses.

### FOOTPRINTS OF GOD BIBLE STUDY

Topic on Wednesday, Feb 3: Peter: Keeper of the Keys - Chapter 1 "House of the Fisherman" (*The fisherman becomes a fisher of men*). Ongoing Bible Study every Wednesday from 6:30pm-8pm in the church basement. Start at any session; prior attendance not required. Free, including study guides!

### ST. MARY'S BINGO

After more than 50 years, St. Mary's bingo will come to a close Feb 1, 2016. The reasons for this are several: bingo revenue has steadily declined over the years; kindergarten enrolment is up to over 50 applicants for Sept 2016; and the fatigue of volunteers; many who have served at bingo for over 40 years! Because of the increased enrolment, we will need to build an additional classroom space for the new bubble class, and that will also take up part of the gym. So, the time is right. We wish to thank all those who volunteered at bingo over the many years, as well as all those who played bingo in support of our parish and school.

## PARISH NEWS

### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT

All married couples are invited to St. Mary's Parish Marriage Enrichment Retreat on Feb 13 from 9am-4:30pm in the School Gym followed by Holy Mass and renewal of vows at 5pm. Strengthen and enhance your marriage relationship and have a better understanding of God's plan for your marriage and family life. This event is free and lunch/snacks will be served. To register please contact Albert/Anna 604-522-2259 or albert\_angeles@hotmail.com; Rick/Rocky 778-855-0398 or rick\_ysonza@yahoo.com.

### HELP US PRAISE & WORSHIP

St. Mary's Street Ministry is looking for singers and instrumentalists to lead contemporary Praise & Worship songs at Talitha Koum transition house (for women) every 2nd Saturday of the month. If you would like to serve the marginalized in this Year of Mercy, and can commit, please contact Mildred at 778-885-9611 or email mmoy\_ca@yahoo.com.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We are looking for a person or couple to start up a children's ministry. This ministry will provide Children's Liturgy during some of the Sunday Masses (which don't already have it) and/or childminding for major parish events such as retreats, conferences and seminars. If interested, please email Mildred at mmoy\_ca@yahoo.com or call 778-885-9611.

### STREET MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Mary's Street Ministry is looking for volunteers for outreach teams and to enter an outreach journal using MS Word. If you're interested, please contact Mildred at mmoy\_ca@yahoo.com or call 778-885-9611.

### HOUSING AFFORDABILITY ASSEMBLY

Unhappy with the affordable housing crisis? St. Mary's Metro Vancouver Alliance (MVA) invites you to a Housing Affordability Assembly on Monday Feb 8 from 1-2:30pm at St. Catherine's Church, 1058 Ridgewood Drive, North Vancouver. MVA will engage with municipal politicians in North and West Vancouver to include affordability of housing as a design principle in upcoming community plans. Families are especially welcome, childcare on site. Contact Richard Lange at 778-995-2010 or richard\_lange@hotmail.com.