

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### **SUNDAY FEB 14: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

### **MONDAY FEB 15:**

6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)

### **TUESDAY FEB 16:**

7:00pm CWL (Seminar Room)

7:00pm Apologetics (Rectory Library)

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)

7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church basement)

### **WEDNESDAY FEB 17:**

6:30pm Bible Study (Church basement)

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

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **THURSDAY FEB 18:**

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **FRIDAY FEB 19:**

6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

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

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **SATURDAY FEB 20:**

10:00am Lector Training (Church)

10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)

10:00am Youth Basketball (School Gym)

1:30pm CFC Youth (School Gym)

2:30pm Youth Ministry (Rectory basement)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)

7:00pm CFC (Church basement)

7:30pm ARC (Church)

### **SUNDAY FEB 21: 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory dining)

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**

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)

**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)

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**FEB 14, 2016**

**Pastor's  
Corner**

### **MAKING ENOUGH ROOM FOR JOY**

In order to find out who I am, I have to find out who I am NOT. To discover my purpose, my goal, my mission, I have to discover first what they are NOT. This is how we are made, we human beings, including Christ in His real humanity. Therefore we all need to be tempted. Christ, of course, didn't need to be purified from sin. He was sinless. On that account He didn't need to be tempted, in the same way as we are. But, as a human being, He needed to be tested in His mission, in His human vocation. He needed to learn from the assault of temptations what He was NOT about. He did that and won the battle against the Evil one, for us. In Him, we too can overcome any temptations. St. James wrote in the Scriptures that no one is ever tempted above His capacity to resist, with God's grace.

What are these temptations? The first one is about bodily pleasures: food, drink, comfort, sex. These pleasures are according to Thomas Merton and the Church tradition, like little kids who demand immediate satisfaction for their bodily needs and will never stop shouting or crying, until they get what they want. They will bug you until they get their cookies. If you don't discipline them, they will rule the house and become terrible teenagers. We have to say no often to our own bodily desires, to avoid becoming totally absorbed by them: if so, there would be no room for the greater, life-giving desires: real love, relationships, family, moral excellence, aspirations after God. How dominant is your search for bodily pleasure in your life? Does it take much of your heart, time, and energy? Is there room for the higher joys, those that last until death and continue in eternity? Christ can help you with that.

The second temptation concerns the will to power. It's the pleasure of controlling other persons, or their circumstances. If you enter into this arena, you will be tempted to

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use accusation and division in order to be at the top of the ladder. Is that what you are about? Beware, power, like money, can be a good servant for a higher purpose, but a terrible master when it becomes number one. And the greater your power, the greater the temptation. Check it out before it crushes you. At whose service is your power? You could lose your very soul in this life and in the next if you let your desire for power control your life.

The third temptation concerns your mind or what we call nowadays the aggrandizement of your ego. Jesus is put at the pinnacle of the Temple. That symbolizes the highest rank in the time of Jesus; it is basically the place of God. Now, you think this is definitively not your temptation! But it is... Jesus is tempted by the devil to throw himself down the Temple's pinnacle so as to force God to save him. Whenever we do that, we put God in the passenger seat and we take Him for a ride to where He doesn't want to go. Take this "prayer" as an example. "Lord, I will serve you, if you give me good health." Give me what I want first, and then I will do something for you. Are you tempted to use God for your own purposes, at your own condition? Are you bargaining with God? Forcing Him into a deal? The goal of true spirituality is to surrender to God, not to have God surrender to you. On the cross, Jesus surrendered totally to the Father, so that we may do that with Him. There is the Fount of Living Water welling up in an eternal life, now and forever.

### The Temptations of Jesus (Luke 4: 1 - 13 )



## PARISH NEWS

### FOOTPRINTS OF GOD BIBLE STUDY

Topic on Wednesday Feb 17: Peter: Keeper of the Keys - Chapter 2 "Upon This Rock" (*Jesus commissions Simon and gives him a new name—Peter – which means Rock*). 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!

### MIGRANT MINISTRY WORKSHOP

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry & ISSofBC will hold a free workshop on the "Taxation System in Canada" on Sunday Feb 21 from 1-3pm in the Seminar room. Speakers are Lorina Serafico and Loribel Mercado. Everyone welcome. Register: stmarysmigrant@gmail.com or resochoita.arma@issbc.org or by phone at 604-684-7498 ext 1666.

### CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (CLP)

We invite all married couples, singles, divorced, separated, widows/widowers to a Christian Life Program sponsored by Couples for Christ on Saturday Feb 27 at 7:30pm in the church basement. CLP is an integrated course on the basics of Christianity leading to a renewed understanding of God's call to us as Christians. Refreshments served, no fees. Bring your children to join the Kids for Christ CLP. Info: George/Susan 778-668-7422, Ricky/Rocky 778-855-0398 or email gpader1956@yahoo.ca.

### 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 after all weekend Masses throughout the month of February.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We are looking for a person/couple to start a children's ministry. This ministry will provide Children's Liturgy on Sundays 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.

## PARISH NEWS

### MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MILLER

Canada is just months away from passing a law making it legal to assist people to commit suicide. We all need to do everything possible to stand up for life and protect vulnerable people from suicide. In the pews you will find postcards to the Federal Justice Minister. The ushers will collect your signed cards during Mass. Secondly, we ask you to please sign a petition after Mass calling for a National Strategy on Palliative Care. The petition is found in the foyer.

### CATHOLIC FORUM

In this Catholic Forum, Paul Ungar MD, PhD, a theologian and registered psychologist with 45 years experience, will discuss why and how to accept death and forms of grief and bereavement. Come with your questions and bring a friend on Tuesday Mar 1 at 7pm in the Church. By donation. For additional info, visit [www.dominicanlaity.ca/forum](http://www.dominicanlaity.ca/forum) or contact Dr. Paul Ungar at 604-588-5696 or Cathy Neugebauer at [ve7cld@shaw.ca](mailto:ve7cld@shaw.ca).

### FR. ROB GALEA

Join us for an evening concert with Fr Rob Galea and Psalm Ninety Eight Music Ministry on Saturday Mar 5 at 7pm in the Church. Fr. Galea is a Catholic priest serving in Sandhurst Diocese in Australia. Cost: \$15. To purchase tickets, please contact the parish office at 604-435-9611 ext. 0.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### MARRIAGE & ANNULMENT - WHAT IS IT?

Fr. Joseph Thoai Le, JCL, pastor of St. Jude's and Defender of the Bond in the Marriage Tribunal, addresses the important topic of annulments Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 7pm in St. Jude School gymnasium. Open to all.

### ONE CONFERENCE 2016

This year's ONE Conference submerges us *In the Father's Mercy*. Hear inspirational messages from world class speakers: Angèle Regnier, Ken Yasinski and Gwendoline Allison, with an opportunity to visit local ministries and exhibits. Saturday Mar 5, from 9am-5:30pm at the Vancouver Convention Centre. This event has sold out the past three years, so be sure to register early! Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased online at [rcav.org/one](http://rcav.org/one) or at the Parish Office.