

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### **SUNDAY APR 3: 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory dining)  
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar room)  
1:30pm CFC (Church basement)

### **MONDAY APR 4: ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)  
7:00pm Lay Apostle (Church)  
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory dining)

### **TUESDAY APR 5:**

7:00pm Apologetics (Rectory Library)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)  
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church basement)

### **WEDNESDAY APR 6:**

6:00pm Project Advance (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 APR 7: ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE**

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

### **FRIDAY APR 8:**

6:00pm CFC-SFL (School Gym)  
6:00pm CFC Youth (Rectory basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:00pm CFC-SFC (Church basement)  
7:00pm Pro Life Talk (Seminar Room)  
7:00pm Holy Trinity Community (Rectory library)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **SATURDAY APR 9:**

9:15am DNA Men's Discipleship Group (Rectory basement)  
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)  
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)  
10:00am Liturgy Committee (Rectory dining)  
2:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)  
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)  
7:00pm CFC-FFL (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**

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)

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**APR 3, 2016**

**Pastor's  
Corner**

**I DESIRE MERCY, NOT SACRIFICE** (Matt. 9:13)

This Holy Week we had more confessions than any of the previous Holy Weeks. But also deeper and more moving ones. Very often, after the penitent told his sins, and before the act of contrition, I would invite him to ask Christ for a true sorrow for his sins, an awareness of how much their sins had hurt themselves, other people, and Christ, and their personal relationship with Him. And to pray for the grace to detest their sins so that they would not want to commit them again, knowing that he/she would fail but be forgiven again.

While praying these words, the penitent would often cry and shed tears of repentance, a repentance and sorrow leading to joy and closeness to Christ. Can we define that joy, that peace that Jesus brings with Divine Mercy? Bishop Barron said that it is a deep and abiding satisfaction that comes from being connected to God. It's more than a feeling, although it's often accompanied by great feelings. It's a kind of "knowing" that God loves me and forgives me, a certainty of it that isn't based on my good deeds and virtues, but on Him, on His Mercy. God wants you to know and experience this. He wants you to pray for that, in full trust.

Maybe you say that your sins are too great to be forgiven! St. Peter said that we have killed the Author of life, but God has forgiven us. The blood He shed has become our source of eternal life. St. Thomas Aquinas said that if God could not forgive a sin, it would mean that man can overcome God's grace and God's will, then God would no longer be God. What about the unforgivable sin? It's the prideful refusal to be forgiven by God. God wants our yes.

What about penance? Is it an attempt to pay God back? Or to earn His Mercy? No, the best penance is to become merciful to others. In this way, we let God heal our self-accusation, our self-hatred and turn it into compassion for the one who is hurt by his own sins or the sins of others, including myself, against Him. We become like Him.

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St. Faustina tells us how to do that:

*"I want to be completely transformed into your mercy and to be your living reflection, O Lord. May the greatest of all divine attributes pass through my heart to my neighbor.*

*Help me that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbours' souls and come to their rescue.*

*Help me, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbours' needs and not be indifferent to their pains and moanings.*

*Help, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful, so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbor, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.*

*Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbours and take upon myself the more difficult and toilsome tasks.*

*Help me, that my feet may be merciful so that I may hurry to assist my neighbor, overcoming my own fatigue and weariness. My true rest in the service of my neighbor.*

*Help me, O Lord, that my heart may be merciful so that I myself may feel all the sufferings of my neighbor. I will refuse my heart to no one, I will be sincere even with those who, I know, will abuse my kindness. I will bear my own suffering in silence. May your mercy rest upon me.*

*O my Jesus, transform me in yourself, for you can do all things."*

- Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska



God bless you, Fr. Pierre

## PARISH NEWS

### FOOTPRINTS OF GOD BIBLE STUDY

Topic on Wednesday Apr 6: Paul: Contending For The Faith - Chapter 3 "Running the Race" (*Paul embarks on three missionary journeys, and sustains beatings, whippings, stoning, hunger, thirst, cold, shipwreck and imprisonment in order to spread the Gospel and establish local churches*). Ongoing Bible Study every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm in the Church basement. Start at any session; prior attendance not required. Free, including study guides!

### SPARK (GR.6-8) - HE IS RISEN!

Christ has conquered death for us, so that we may live life to the fullest. This extraordinary event calls for a celebration from those who believe in His Resurrection. Do you believe? If you do, join us in the Church basement on Monday Apr 4 from 6:15-8:15pm for a time of rejoicing.

### SINGERS NEEDED

St. Mary's Street Ministry is seeking singers to sing parts in Taize chants during Adoration to pray for street people and for an end to sex trafficking, every 4th Saturday of the month. Singers must commit to practice every Tuesday from 6:30-7:30pm, audition required. If interested, please email mmoy\_ca@yahoo.com.

### PRO LIFE APOLOGETICS TALK

In a country where we have abortion free on demand through all stages of pregnancy, as Catholics we need to stand up and be advocates for the pre-born. Irene De Souza, a parishioner of Immaculate Conception (Delta), who recently came back from her internship with Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform (CCBR), will be giving a pro-life apologetics talk 'Defending and Making the Case for Life' on Friday Apr 8 at 7pm in the School Seminar Room. Please consider attending this very informative session.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### VOCATION LIVE-IN

On the weekend of Apr 8-10, 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 info, please contact 604-826-8715.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

The New Evangelization Summit, held in Ottawa and streamed to 29 host sites around North America including St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver, will bring together speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization. All Catholics – pastors, missionaries, lay ministers, and lay faithful – will benefit from this opportunity to be further equipped in the mission of the Church. Speakers include Sherry Weddell, Christopher West, Dr. Peter Kreeft, Angèle Regnier, Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, Bishop Christian Riesbeck; on Friday Apr 15 from 7-9:30pm and Saturday Apr 16 from 8:45am–4:30pm. Cost: \$30. Note: Saturday lunch will not be provided. To purchase tickets, visit [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca).

### INSTITUTE: SPRING INTO FAITH FORMATION

Archdiocesan Spring Institute offers one-day faith formation and ministry training for adults. Topics include: Understanding the Liturgy; Finding your Catholic Voice on Hot Topic Issues; and Basics of the Faith. Saturday Apr 9, from 10am-4pm at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, 4885 Saint John Paul II Way, Vancouver. Cost: \$40 (before April 3), includes lunch. For more information and registration visit: [www.rcav.org/oc/spring](http://www.rcav.org/oc/spring).

### THEOLOGY OF THE BODY COURSE

Come and discover God's original design for us, our call to holiness, and our destiny with him in heaven. Instructor: Fr. Alan Boisclair, BA, MDiv, STL (Marriage and the Family).  
Apr 11-Jun 27 Mondays from 7-9:15pm at Canadian Martyrs Parish, Richmond  
Apr 13-Jun 29 Wednesdays from 7-9:15pm at Holy Cross Parish, Burnaby  
Apr 12-Jun 28 Tuesdays from 7-9:15pm at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, 4885 St. John Paul II Way, Vancouver  
To register, visit [rcav.org/TOB](http://rcav.org/TOB). For more information, contact 604-683-0281 ext. 50246.

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

*"Rachel's Vineyard™ was a long-awaited answer to years of immense suffering."* Don't wait any longer. Let go of the suffering and allow God to fill you with new life. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat. Next Retreat is June 2016. For confidential information and to register call 604-525-0999.