

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### **SUNDAY APR 17: 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Dining)  
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)

### **MONDAY APR 18:**

6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)

### **TUESDAY APR 19:**

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

### **WEDNESDAY APR 20:**

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

### **THURSDAY APR 21:**

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

### **FRIDAY APR 22:**

6:00pm CFC-SFC (Church basement)  
6:00pm CFC-SFL (School Gym)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:00pm Holy Trinity Community (Rectory Library)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **SATURDAY APR 23:**

1:30pm CFC Youth (Church basement)  
2:30pm Youth Ministry (Rectory basement)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)  
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)  
7:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)  
7:00pm Taize/Adoration (Church)

### **SUNDAY APR 24: 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

10:00am Young Adults (Rectory Dining)  
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Dining)  
1:00pm Light of Jesus (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)

**RCIA/PREP Coordinator:** Edwin Cruz (ext. 5)

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**APR 17, 2016**

**Pastor's  
Corner**

### **ARE YOU AFRAID TO LET GOD KNOW YOU?**

Is there any greater joy than to have someone in our life who knows us through and through and loves us with a forgiving, affirming, unconditional love, from the beginning of life to the end? There is only one Person who can do that and beg to do it for our sake= God. All the other real friendships we can experience in life are a reflection and a participation in that Good Shepherd's love for us, and of our response to Him.

That friendship- "I call you friends" (John 15:15) - and love of Jesus for us doesn't stop at our death= "I know my sheep...I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand." (John 10:27-28) But God wants us to accept freely His eternal friendship. How can we do that? By letting ourselves be found in all the concrete circumstances of our life, every time, everywhere. Like a shepherd seeking His lost sheep, God seeks you in all these concrete circumstances of your life, relentlessly, every time everywhere. "He follows our trail... calling us again and again and again until He succeeds in getting us back on the road to salvation." (St. Claude de la Colombiere) It is amazing that God should be so affected when we stray. After all we are nothing compared to Him and He "suffers no real loss when we break away from Him." (St. Claude de la Colombiere)

So then, how are we to cooperate with His seeking of us; how are we to correspond to His love? By letting Him find us all the time and everywhere! By giving Him the permission He is begging from us as He knocks at our door (Rev. 3:20) "Let your inner life answer true to God's searching... after no matter what struggle and combats...What happens to you from friends or enemies, may from your very mother or sister - no matter how it comes, or from whom, all whatsoever that comes to you, prepares you for God's searching and finding." (John Tauler, O.P.)

*Pastor's Corner Continued...*

*"Precisely because He loves me, Jesus calls me by name: He calls me when in prayer He opens to me new horizons of the spiritual life, or when He enables me to know my faults and weaknesses better; He calls me when He reprimands me or purifies me by aridity, as well as when He consoles and encourages me by filling me with new fervor: He calls me when He makes me feel the need of greater generosity, and when He asks me for sacrifice or gives me joys, and still more, when He awakens in me a deeper love for Him. Hearing His call, my attitude should be that of a loving little sheep who recognizes the voice of its Shepherd and follows Him always. (Fr. Gabriel of Saint Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)*

*God bless you, Fr. Pierre*



## PARISH NEWS

### FOOTPRINTS OF GOD BIBLE STUDY

Topic on Wednesday Apr 20: Apostolic Fathers: Handing On The Faith - Chapter 1 "Make Disciples Of All Nations" (*The apostolic fathers, who lived around the age of the apostles, blaze a new trail though a pagan world*). 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) - WHAT'S UP WITH MODESTY?

Young or not, we must be very careful about why we wear what we wear. It's NOT just a girl issue - we're all responsible for navigating our culture! Come this Monday Apr 18 from 6:15-8:15pm to the Church basement and join us in building a world with purity in mind.

### YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18-39) - MONTHLY ROSARY

Mark your calendar for Sunday Apr 24 from 10:30am-12:30pm for our monthly prayer and bonding with young adults. Feel free to bring food/drink to share. We will meet in the rectory dining room. Please knock at the back door.

### FLAME (GR. 8-12) - EASTER POTLUCK CELEBRATION

Before we reach the end of Easter Time, let us join in celebrating our Lord's Resurrection on Saturday April 23 from 3-5pm in New Westminster Pier Park. Meeting is at 2pm in the parish office. Permission forms are required. Please bring food/drink to share.

### FLAME (GR. 8-12) - 3-MO PERMISSION FORMS

In order to make it easier for parents to permit their youth on out-trips, Youth Ministry has adapted a 3-month permission form that describes our planned activities for the next 3 months. More details are found in the forms. They can be picked up from the foyer or parish office. For electronic copies, please go to <https://goo.gl/3oSi4I>.

### YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18-39) - FOOD SORTER

Young Adult Ministry invites you to share your time every Monday from 9am-12pm at Door Is Open, Downtown Eastside. The Carmelite Sisters need help in sorting the food donations they receive. For info, please contact Rocelyn at [youth.smarv@rcav.org](mailto:youth.smarv@rcav.org) RE: DIO Food Sorter.

## PARISH NEWS

### PROJECT ADVANCE

It is time to launch Project Advance 2016! Last year we raised \$152,138, this year we hope to reach our parish goal of \$200,000. Committee members and volunteers are available to collect all returned pledges and register new donors in the foyer after all Masses. No gift is too small! Please return the pledge form received in the mail, or use the blank pledges forms in the pews. These can be placed in the collection basket or given to Project Advance volunteers after all Masses. You may also donate online at [www.projectadvance.ca](http://www.projectadvance.ca). Thank you in advance for your generous support!

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

St. Mary's School has completed re-registration and has limited spaces for K-7 for the 2016-2017 school year. Please visit our website to download an application form or stop by the School Office.

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL RAFFLE SALES

Would you like to win a trip for 4 to Puerto Vallarta, or a Caribbean Cruise for 2, or \$500 cash? St. Mary's School is selling raffle tickets after all Masses during April and May. Tickets are \$2/each or \$20/booklet. All proceeds go to the Parish Building Fund.

### DRIVE 4UR SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENT

Please support the Drive 4UR School fundraising event on June 18 by taking a free test drive. For each test drive, Ford Canada will donate \$20 toward our Parish Building Fund, to a maximum of \$6,000. Pre-register for a test drive at [www.drive4ur.com/en/drive4urschoolstmarysschool/Register](http://www.drive4ur.com/en/drive4urschoolstmarysschool/Register); or go to the parish website and click on the link.

### ADORATION WITH TAIZE MUSIC BY PS98

Street Ministry invites you to our monthly Adoration night on Saturday Apr 23 to pray for street ministry intentions, an end to human trafficking, all volunteers and loved ones. Taize music provided by PS98.

### STREET MINISTRY CHOCOLATE DONATIONS

St. Mary's Street Ministry is asking for donations of individually wrapped chocolates purchased within the last 3 months. Please deposit donation to the box in the foyer. Thank you!