

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU,
MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU;
NOT AS THE WORLD GIVES
DO I GIVE TO YOU.
LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED,
NEITHER LET IT BE AFRAID.**

JOHN 14:27

SUNDAY MAY 1: 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
1:30pm CFC (Church basement)

MONDAY MAY 2: ST. ATHANASIUS

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

TUESDAY MAY 3: ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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

WEDNESDAY MAY 4:

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

THURSDAY MAY 5:

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

FRIDAY MAY 6:

6:00pm CFC-SFC (Church basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY MAY 7:

9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

SUNDAY MAY 8: ASCENSION OF THE LORD

10:30am Mother's Day Luncheon (Church basement)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Dining)

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

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**Pastor's
Corner**

WHO IS IN CHARGE?

What is the greatest obstacle towards your inner peace, happiness, joy, holiness? After sin, the greatest obstacle is worry and fear, according to Christ Himself. "Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid," Jesus tells us in today's Gospel of John 14:27. The words of Saint John Paul II, "Do not be afraid" are written 365 times in the Scriptures.

The New Age is basically a search for inner peace, but it seeks it in a way that is opposed to the path of the Gospels. New Age speaks a lot about surrendering, yes, but it seeks "to take control" of surrendering by technique and methods, without the personal love and grace coming from a God who is truly a Person. New Age proposes a self-contradictory path: how you can surrender using techniques to control your surrendering! How can you abandon yourself to a "god" who is an impersonal energy? An energy is meant to be harnessed, not to be surrendered to. Only a Loving, Infinite Being can be surrendered to, without fear.

Jacques Philippe said that "we often cause ourselves to become agitated and disturbed by trying to resolve everything by ourselves when it would be more efficacious to remain peacefully before the gaze of God and to allow Him to act and work in us with His wisdom and power, which are infinitely superior to ours... All the reasons that cause us to lose our sense of peace are bad reasons."

In that same book, "Searching for and Maintaining Peace" - widely available, and inexpensive, Jacques Philippe, who will give a talk on Saturday June 4, proposes an image to help us understand how important it is to seek and maintain an interior peace.

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"Consider the surface of a lake, above which the sun is shining. If the surface of the lake is peaceful and tranquil, the sun will be reflected in this lake; and the more peaceful the lake, the more perfectly will it be reflected. If, on the contrary, the surface of the lake is agitated, undulating, then the image of the sun can not be reflected in it.

It is a bit like this with regard to our soul in relationship to God. The more our soul is peaceful and tranquil, the more God is reflected in it, **the more His image expresses itself in us, the more His grace acts through us.** On the other hand, if our soul is agitated and troubled, the grace of God is able to act only with much greater difficulty. All the good that we can do is a reflection of the Essential Good, which is God. The more our soul is peaceful, balanced, and surrendered, the more this Good communicates itself to us and to others through us. *The Lord gives strength to His people, the Lord blesses His people with peace, Scripture says (Ps 29:11)"*

Father Jacques Philippe

Quoted from pages 300-301, *Magnificat* May 2014

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



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FOOTPRINTS OF GOD BIBLE STUDY

Topic on Wednesday May 4: Apostolic Fathers: Handing On The Faith - Chapter 3 "Prepared to Make a Defense" (*Polycarp of Smyrna, Irenaeus of Lyons, and Justin Martyr defend the Church from heretics*). 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

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry & ISSofBC are holding a workshop on Money Management running for 3 sessions May 1, 15, 29 from 1-3pm in the Seminar Room. Topics are Budgeting, Credit Management, Savings and Investment. Speakers are Noel Magtibay and Catherine Ching. Everyone is welcome to attend. Register at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com or resoquita.arma@issbc.org or 604-684-3599 ext. 1666.

SPARK (GR. 6-8) – DAILY DECISION

Do you sometimes find it hard to pray? Even adults know that praying can be a challenge, but that can be changed. Come this Monday May 2 from 6:15-8:15pm to the Church basement and see how prayer can be a way of life that brings joy, peace, and love.

SPARK (GR. 6-8) – MOVIE NIGHT

Family members and friends of youth are invited to a Mother's Day Movie night on Monday May 9 from 6:15-8:15pm in the Church basement. Popcorn and drinks are free!

FLAME (GR.8-12) - BURNABY MOUNTAIN ROSARY HIKE

Be fit for summer by joining monthly hikes, starting Friday May 13 from 6-8pm at Burnaby Mountain Park. Meet at 4:30pm in the Parish Office. Please bring your own food/drink. Permission forms required (available at YM bulletin board, parish office, or <https://goo.gl/3oSi4l>).

YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18-39) - FOOD SORTER

Young Adult Ministry invites you to share your time from 9am -12pm every Monday at the 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 RE: DIO Food Sorter.

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ST. MARY'S BIBLE CAMP: VBS CAVE QUEST 2016

Ready for the adventure of a lifetime? For the first time ever, children from Kindergarten-Gr 5 will have a life changing experience as we will be "Following Jesus, the Light of the World" this summer. Bible camp will run Aug 15-19 from 9am -12:15pm. Registration May 7/8 after the Sat 5pm Mass and all Sunday morning Masses. Volunteers are still needed. For more information, brochures are available in the foyer or e-mail cvbs.stmaryvan@gmail.com.

CWL MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Come and enjoy Mother's Day Luncheon on Sunday May 8 from 10:30am-2pm in the Church basement. Tickets: Beth 604-431-9945 or Kerr 604-327-6864.

NATIONAL HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK

In commemoration of National Hospice and Palliative Care Week, St. Mary's CWL will hold a Special Prayer Event and Petition Signing following the 8am Mass on May 4, in the Church. Everyone is welcome to join us.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

LIGHT OF JESUS

Are you looking to be uplifted, spiritually nourished, and blessed? Light of Jesus Family invites you to "Awaken the Miracle in You," A Living in the Light Encounter at Our Lady of Good Counsel Auditorium Surrey, on Saturday May 28 from 9:30am-5:30pm (includes anticipated Mass). Speakers: Fr. Lucien Laree, Fr. Junji Zarate, Sr. John Marie Sullivan, FSE, Guillermo Ramos. Come and experience a special encounter with Jesus! Free admission, refreshments will be served. Please call 778-317-2413 or 778-928-9644 to pre-register.

COUPLES CONNECT: A DEEPER BOND

This six-week workshop provides couples with a unique opportunity to practice the skills learned and receive feedback from counsellors. Couples will learn how to manage and work through conflict, increase sexual intimacy, fondness and admiration, feel more connection with their partner, and build a long-lasting relationship of love. Workbook included. Wednesdays, May 18-June 22, from 7-9pm at St. Jude's. To register, visit rcav.org/event/2016-05-18_couples.