

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY MAY 8: ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9:30am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
10:30am Mother's Day Luncheon (Church basement)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Dining)

MONDAY MAY 9:

6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)

TUESDAY MAY 10:

6:00pm Baptism Prep (Church)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)
7:00pm MVA (Rectory Dining)
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church)

WEDNESDAY MAY 11:

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

THURSDAY MAY 12:

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

FRIDAY MAY 13:

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

SATURDAY MAY 14: ST. MATTHIAS

10:00am Youth Basketball (School Gym)
1:00pm First Communion (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

SUNDAY MAY 15: PENTECOST

9:30am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Dining)
1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
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

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*Pastor's
Corner*

INTO THE SUN, WITHOUT BURNING!

Can a human being, body and soul, find his way to the Heart of God? Can a human being come so close to the Father as to be in Him? Can you go into the sun without burning? How long would a man survive amidst the extremely intense power and holiness of God? Understanding and believing the mystery of the Ascension of Christ will make it possible to answer these questions positively. On the day of Ascension, Christ with his human nature, that is with his human body, mind, heart and soul, has entered into the Father and invites us to follow Him. "I am going to the Father to prepare a place for you and I will come back and take you to myself so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going, you know the way...I am the way." (John Chapter 14)

Wherever the Christ, the Head of the Body, goes, the Body, that is the Church, ourselves, will follow, if we remain united to Him.

Pope Benedict, quoted in Magnificat, May 2010, explains this in a beautiful manner: "The meaning of Christ's Ascension," writes Pope Benedict XVI, "expresses our belief that in Christ the humanity that we all share has entered into the inner life of God in a new and hitherto unheard of way. It means that man has found an everlasting place in God." It would be a mistake to interpret the Ascension as "the temporary absence of Christ from the world." Rather, "we go to heaven to the extent that we go to Jesus Christ and enter into him." Heaven is a person: "Jesus himself is what we call 'heaven.'"

Are you willing to follow Christ into the Father's Heart? Sometimes we think negatively of heaven: "I will miss my dog, my family, my hobbies, my belongings." Let's think positively of heaven as the fullness of life, as everything that we truly enjoy here but at a higher intensity of being.

God Bless you, Fr Pierre



PARISH NEWS

MIGRANT MINISTRY

The second session on Money Management being sponsored jointly by St. Mary's Migrant Ministry and ISSofBC will be on Sunday May 15 from 1-3pm in the Seminar Room. The topic "Let's Talk Credit" workshop is being presented by Catherine Ching, a financial educator with Credit Counselling Society. Please register with Lenn Castro at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com or Chit Arma at resoquita.arma@issbc.org or by phone: 604-684-3599 ext. 1666. There's a lot to learn about money management and it is important that we share this information with our friends and families. Feel free to invite them.

RAFFLE AND DRIVE 4UR SCHOOL FUND RAISING

Want to win a trip for 4 to Puerto Vallarta Mexico or Caribbean Cruise for 2, or \$500 cash? St. Mary's School is selling raffle tickets after all Masses during the month of May. Tickets \$2/each or \$20/booklet. All proceeds go to the Parish Building Fund. Please also support the Drive 4UR School fundraising event on June 18 by taking a free test drive, and Ford Canada will donate \$20 per test drive. Pre-register at www.drive4ur.com/en/drive4urschoolstmarysschool/ or go to the parish website and click the link. Thank you for your support and participation!

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>).

HOOPS FOR HOPE (GR. 8-12)

The anticipated basketball tournament for charity is back! Join us on Saturday June 11 from 10am-5pm in the School Gym. Please see YM bulletin board for registration details. Space is limited.

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FOOTPRINTS OF GOD BIBLE STUDY

The last session in the Footprints of God series is on Wednesday May 11. Join us in discussing Apostolic Fathers: Handing On The Faith - Chapter 4 "You Will be My Witnesses" (*Thousands of early Christians die horrible deaths bearing witness to Christ*).

EMERGENCY SECOND COLLECTION FOR ECUADOR

On April 16, 2016 a violent earthquake measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale struck Ecuador. Archbishop Miller has asked the faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver to contribute to this emergency humanitarian campaign. Next weekend, May 14/15, we will have an emergency special collection for the people of Ecuador.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

CELEBRATE THE POWER AND JOY OF PENTECOST

Gathering all Prayer Groups to come together to celebrate Pentecost. This is a potluck event, coffee, tea, juices provided. Join us on Saturday May 14 from 10am–1:30pm at All Saints' Parish, Coquitlam. Cost: Free.

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.

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.