

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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)

MONDAY MAY 16:

6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)

TUESDAY MAY 17:

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

WEDNESDAY MAY 18:

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

THURSDAY MAY 19:

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

FRIDAY MAY 20:

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 21:

10:00am Youth Basketball (School Gym)
1:30pm CFC Youth (School Gym)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
2:30pm Youth Ministry (Rectory basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)
7:30pm ARC (Church)

SUNDAY MAY 22: TRINITY SUNDAY

9:30am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
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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*Pastor's
Corner*

RIDING THE WIND

We generally speak of the Holy Spirit as a gentle presence. He is gentle. But when we need it, He can be very strong. In two ways...the first one is in allowing the negative consequences of our past sins to unfold in our personal lives or in the life of the Church, or even in the whole world. How come? Each time we sin, it hurts us in our soul, our mind and our will. We become weaker and more confused, more self-ish, and therefore more miserable. The Holy Spirit, in those moments is like a strong purifying fire, burning what is not from God in us. But this doesn't happen automatically. We need to give Him permission. We do that by actively putting Jesus as our Lord in all the dimensions of our lives. Loving everything only as much as it fits in God's plan, and for the sake of God's love. We have to think and act and desire as Jesus did. Then the Holy Spirit can come, in that measure.

What happens then? The Holy Spirit becomes for us like a powerful wind who drives us where He wants. And we start moving forward with giant leaps. Before, God was telling us what we should be doing. Now He goes as far as doing it Himself with us. He surrenders with us and through us. He loves in us and with us. He forgives, chooses and desires in us and with us. Then we begin to see a need for greater purification in us. And the two-step cycle starts again; a purifying fire, followed by an empowering wind. A deeper acknowledgment and enthronement of Jesus as our Lord in every dimension of our lives.

How can we describe the result of all this interaction with the Holy Spirit? Here is an extract of a 2011 Pastor's Corner describing it:

The Holy Spirit makes you fly with love through the Ten Commandments. You will not see them as a limit to your freedom, but as guidelines along the path to freedom. You will see their purpose. You will be inclined to obey them.

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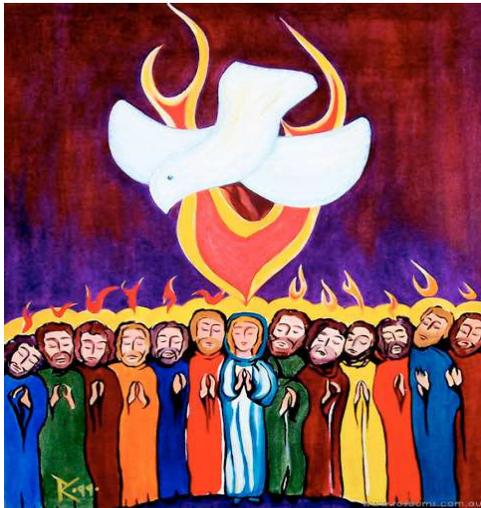
God will no longer seem to be distant and uncaring. You will see Him as a Loving and Understanding Father. You will not pray to Him so much to be re-energized, but you will pray because you will long to be with Him, just as Jesus did. The Liturgy will no longer be a succession of boring rituals, but a life-giving encounter with Christ. Christ will no longer be a person of the past, about whom you know things, but the Living One, interacting with you. The Bible, the Scriptures will no longer be a foreign ancient document to be read with a dictionary. They will be a conversation with God, through which even the same verse can have a different meaning for you, everyday, according to the context of your life. Evangelization will no longer be a scary duty, but a passionate expression of the driving force and love of your life.

Tradition will become a communion with the ancestors who transmitted Christ's teaching for two thousand years!

Do you want this? Pray for the Holy Spirit! Jesus promised to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask for Him. Pray everyday for the Ultimate Gift, the Holy Spirit. Without Him, Christ's passion serves you nothing!

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." John 7:37-38 Vigil of the Pentecost



PARISH NEWS

BIBLE STUDY – CATHOLICISM

On Wednesday May 18, we will begin the epic film series CATHOLICISM, certain to take you deep into the Faith. In session 1 Amazed and Afraid (The Revelation of God Become Man), Bishop Barron addresses some of the most controversial questions about the life and identity of Jesus Christ and travels through the mysterious and sacred places of Israel and Rome. Ongoing Bible Study every Wednesday from 6:30pm to 8pm in the Church basement. Free. Start anytime, prior attendance not required.

P.R.E.P. REGISTRATION

The Parish Religious Education Programme offers religious instruction for children who attend public schools. The next P.R.E.P. ministry year will start on **September 13 & 14**. Registrations will be accepted on: **May 17, 18, 24 & 25, 6:30-7:45pm at the School Office and on May 21, Saturday, 10:00am-3:00pm by the school gym's entrance**. An early bird discounted rate will apply if you register during these dates. For those registering for the first time, please submit a copy of your child's baptismal certificate with the registration form. Regular fees will be charged after May 21. Please **DO NOT** register or submit forms to the Parish Office - they will **NOT** be accepted. If you are registering after the above dates, please call the PREP Coordinator 604-435-9611 ext. 5 or email prep.smarv@rcav.org.

ST MARY'S BIBLE CAMP: VBS BIBLE CAMP 2016

Thank you to all who have registered for VBS this coming August! Late registration will not be today, but will only be happening on May 22nd after the 9:30 and 11:15am masses. There are only a limited number of spots left, and additional participants will be moved to the wait list. We are still in need of volunteers for this exciting event - if you are interested, please email cvbs.stmaryvan@gmail.com.

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.

PARISH NEWS

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 drive4ur.com/en/drive4urschoolstmarysschool/ or go to the parish website and click the link. Thank you for your support and participation!

HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD

Handmaids of the Lord, a family ministry of Couples for Christ, is inviting single mature women, widows, separated or divorced, single parents, wives of overseas workers, and those whose husbands are unavailable to join the community to a Christian Life Program on Sunday May 22 at 10am in the Seminar Room. This is a series of teachings about our faith and how we can deepen our relationship with the Lord. The program is free and fellowship follows after each session. For more information pls. call: Malou at 604-518-8979 or Rae 604-435-0297.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR FORT MCMURRAY

Archbishop Miller has approved a special collection in response to the wildfire disaster in Fort McMurray and surrounding region. The collection will be next weekend May 21/22 and proceeds will go to the Diocese of St. Paul, Alta. Bishop Paul Terrio has confirmed that half of contributions will go to assisting local Catholic parishes and parishioners, while the other half will be forwarded to the Fort McMurray Ministerial Association for ecumenical assistance to those who have lost homes and jobs.

ADORATION WITH TAIZE MUSIC

St. Mary's Street Ministry invites you to an evening of Adoration with meditative, heavenly Taize chants to pray for an end to sex trafficking, your beloved in addictions, street ministry intentions and all our volunteers and loved ones, on Saturday May 28 from 7-8:15pm in the Church.