

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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)

MONDAY MAY 23: *PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY MAY 24:

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

WEDNESDAY MAY 25: *PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

6:30pm Bible Study (Church basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY MAY 26: ST. PHILIP NERI

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

FRIDAY MAY 27:

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

SATURDAY MAY 28:

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)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
7:00pm Taize/Adoration (Church)

SUNDAY MAY 29: BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

9:30am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
10:00am Young Adults (Rectory dining)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
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
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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*Pastor's
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THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

Do you perceive the mystery of the Trinity as something strictly for the theologians and mystics? Something inaccessible and irrelevant? The opposite is true! Each time you pray and make the Sign of the Cross, you cover yourself with the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. That juxtaposition of the Cross and the Trinity in the Sign of the Cross refers to that moment, at the Crucifixion, on Calvary, when the link between the Father and the Son was stretched to the limit. When you do the Sign of the Cross, you start with your hand high up on your forehead and say, "In the name of the Father." The Father so loved the World that He sent down His Only Begotten Son – your hand goes down to your waist while you say "in the name of the Son." Yes! The Son went down into the World, into our flesh which He took from Mary. He went further down, "into our dysfunctions, into our hatred and violence, into our stupidity and injustice, and fears, all the way down to death itself, even death on the Cross." Why did God experience such a terrible thing? Out of love! Why did Christ accept to be sent down? Out of love for God and for us! "The Father and the Son wanted to bring the Divine Light into the darkest places. They wanted to hunt us down, "even to the furthest limits of where we had wandered from them." The Father sent the Son down to follow us into the darkest caves where we had tried to retreat from them."

And then, the Son brought us back up to the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Now, as we continue the Sign of the Cross, our hand goes up, to the left and to the right. Now we are covered with the Trinity. We are in the inner life of God, who is Love! We are within the eternal embrace of the Father and the Son. We are in the Spirit, who is the Love between the Father and the Son. Indeed the Holy Spirit attests from within our hearts that we are born not of the flesh, but of God. By baptism and faith, we have been

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grafted into Christ, who is in the heart of the Father, with His Risen Body, since Ascension. We are in Christ, who is in the heart of the Father, sons and daughters of the Father. St. John Paul II said, "In the communion of grace with the Trinity, man's 'living area' is broadened and raised up to the supernatural level of divine life. Man lives in God and by God." We are at home in God!

The Father says to you what He had said to His Son, when He was baptized. "You are my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." The Father calls you by name into His Family. He speaks you into being, just as He did when He created Adam by speaking His name. And the Spirit whispers in your heart, "Abba, papa, daddy." Father, Son and Spirit say to you, in unison, "We belong to you. Will you let us be your own?" Yes, the Father gives all that He is to the Son; the Son gives all He is to the Father; the Father and Son give all to the Spirit. And the Spirit gives all to you, to us. Now we can love one another as they have loved us.

Will you receive the Father, the Son and the Spirit as your gifts? Will you stop walking away from them? Stop, turn around and **look at the Gift**. Receive the Holy Spirit, the bond of love between the Father and the Son. That bond can go down to your deepest darkness and lift you up to the highest heavens. As the Father's love constantly gives rise to the Son, let the Father's love regenerate you, raise you up, day by day, instant by instant. The Father longs to hear your voice, your yes. **Will you accept the gift, the purpose, the mission, and the identity He is giving you?**

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

p.s. reprint of Pastor's Corner from May 31, 2015; quotes taken from Bishop Barron



PARISH NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

Topic on Wednesday May 25: CATHOLICISM - Episode 2 "Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus." Bishop Barron takes us to Poland, Germany, Spain, and New York City as he discusses the stunning invitation of Jesus to a unique new way of life taught in the Beatitudes and the parables. Ongoing Bible Study every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm in the Church basement. Free. Start anytime; prior attendance not required.

P.R.E.P. REGISTRATION

The Parish Religious Education Program offers religious instruction for children who attend public schools. The next P.R.E.P. ministry year will start on Sept 13 & 14. Registrations will be accepted on: **May 24 & 25, 6:30-7:45pm at the School Office and on May 21, Saturday, 10am-3pm by the School Gym entrance.** 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.

MIGRANT MINISTRY

The final session on Money Management sponsored by St. Mary's Migrant Ministry and ISSofBC will be on Sunday May 29 from 1-3pm in the School Gym. Noel Magtibay, an independent financial advisor, will discuss "Savings and Investments." 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.

YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18-39) - MONTHLY ROSARY

Mark your calendar for Sunday May 29 from 10:30am-12:30pm for our monthly prayer and bonding with young adults. Feel free to bring food/drink to share. Meeting in the rectory dining room.

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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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!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday May 25 as the power will be shut off all day by BC Hydro.

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.

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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

JESUS THE TEACHER RETREAT

Join us for a weekend of enriching faith and personal discovery guided by the Catechetics Office retreat team with a special Saturday session with Archbishop Miller. *Jesus the Teacher Retreat* is a journey in faith, a sharing in Christian love, and an opportunity to learn more about yourself and explore your relationship with God. This retreat is primarily for catechists but is open to all who serve in ministry in our parishes. Friday June 10 at 7pm to Sunday June 12 at 1pm at Westminster Abbey, Mission. Cost: \$195. For more info and to register, visit rcav.org/jesus-the-teacher-retreat.