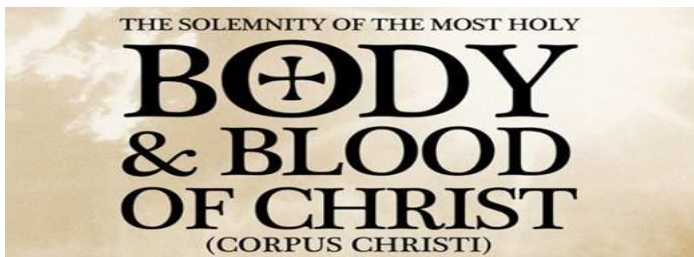


THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



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)

MONDAY MAY 30:

TUESDAY MAY 31: VISITATION OF MARY

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

WEDNESDAY JUN 1: ST. JUSTIN

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

THURSDAY JUN 2:

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

FRIDAY JUN 3: SACRED HEART OF JESUS

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY JUN 4: IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
10:00am Youth Basketball (School Gym)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)

SUNDAY JUN 5: 10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:30am Handmaids of the Lord (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

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**Pastor's
Corner**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

There are two extremes we need to avoid regarding Eucharistic Communion. There are those who would never receive Communion unless they have confession before, maybe the very same day or the day just before. And there are those who receive Communion all the time, even when they are regularly in a state of mortal sin and they rarely go to confession.

Regarding the first extreme, I can refer you to a little quoted gem in St. Faustina's diary:

"Once I desired very much to receive Holy Communion, but I had certain doubts, and I did not go...Jesus suddenly stood by me and said, "My daughter, do not omit Holy Communion unless you know well that your fall was serious; apart from this, no doubt must stop you from uniting yourself with me in the mystery of my love. Your minor faults will disappear in my love like a piece of straw thrown into a great furnace. Know that you grieve me much when you fail to receive me in Holy Communion."

St. Padre Pio said to one of his directees that even when you are not sure you are in a state of grace because you don't know if you really committed a mortal sin, even then you should not abstain from Communion. It is the devil who usually wants us to stay away from Communion, so that we get even weaker. St. John Vianney said, "You are not worthy to receive Communion but you need it." Isn't it beautiful that Christ ardently desires to be united to us in His Risen Body that we receive sacramentally in the Host?

There are days when you cannot go to Mass. Then the Church recommends that we make a spiritual communion instead.

Pastor's Corner Continued...

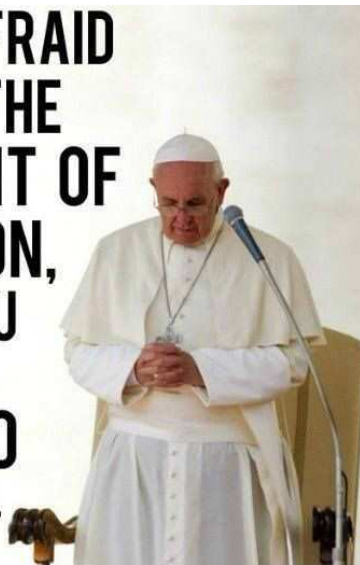
Pastor's Corner Continued...

*"My Jesus, I believe that you
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.
St. Alphonsus Liguori*

What about the other extreme, those who go regularly to Communion in a state of mortal sin? Don't do it. If you cannot go to confession before Sunday Mass, make a spiritual communion instead. But try to go to confession once or twice a month to confess your mortal sins. You don't need to have a thorough examination of conscience each time. Just confess your grave sins and ask Jesus to help you get rid of them.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

**DON'T BE AFRAID
TO GO TO THE
SACRAMENT OF
CONFESSION,
WHERE YOU
WILL MEET
JESUS WHO
FORGIVES YOU.
Pope Francis**



PARISH NEWS

ANTI-TRAFFICKING PETITION

Thank you for your support for the anti-human-trafficking petition last weekend! If you haven't signed the letters to the MP's, it's not too late. The letters are now downloadable from the parish website at stmarysvancouver.ca. If you have any inquiries, please email mmoy_ca@yahoo.com.

FLAME (GR.8-12) - QUARRY ROCK FAMILY HIKE

You and your family are invited to an average rating hike with an awesome view at the top of the Quarry Rock in Deep Cove, North Vancouver on Sat Jun 4 from 3-6pm. Please bring food to share and dress appropriately. Permission forms are required and available at the YM bulletin board, parish office, or <https://goo.gl/21Xg2Y>. To register, email youth.smarv@rcav.org (RE: June 4 Hike).

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.

VBS BIBLE CAMP - CAVE QUEST 2016

Thank you to all who have registered their children to St. Mary's first ever bible camp! As registration is officially closed, we will be accepting late registrants for our wait list. Please provide the names of the parents, child and contact info to cvbs.stmaryvan@gmail.com. If you're interested in volunteering, please e-mail for more information.

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 NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

Topic on Wednesday June 1: CATHOLICISM - Episode 3 "The Ineffable Mystery of God: That Than Which Nothing Greater Can be Thought". Bishop Barron takes us to the Sinai desert, Istanbul, Paris and Rome as he speaks about the nature of God, and the challenging question of evil and the existence of God. Ongoing Bible Study every Wednesday from 6:30pm to 8pm in the church basement. Free. Start anytime; prior attendance not required.

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.

BIRTHRIGHT INTL. WALK/RUN DAY

Every year Birthright Vancouver, a downtown crisis pregnancy service, hosts a Walk/Run fundraiser. This year, the Walk/Run will start at Holy Name Parish, Vancouver, and go around Queen Elizabeth Park. After this scenic adventure, music, refreshments, and prizes will follow back at the parish. We hope you can join us for this event! Join us on Saturday, June 25, from 10am-1pm at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Vancouver. For more info, to register or to sponsor someone, please contact birthrightvancouver@gmail.com.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

No matter what has happened in your life, you are created in the image and likeness of God. He created you for a great good, and He will help to restore you when you feel broken and worn down. We can help. Come be restored and filled with the life He created in you, on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat. Next retreat is June 2016. For confidential information and to register call 604-525-0999.