

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY JAN 15: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)

MONDAY JAN 16

6:00pm RCIA (Church)

TUESDAY JAN 17: ST. ANTHONY THE ABBOT

6:30pm CWL (Seminar Room)

6:30pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

6:45pm 1st Reconciliation Parents (School Gym)

7:00pm Spanish Rosary (Church)

7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY JAN 18

9:30am Hands of Veronica (Rectory Dining)

6:45pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY JAN 19

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement Library)

7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY JAN 20: ST. FABIAN

6:00pm CFC-SFL (Seminar Room)

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY JAN 21: ST. AGNES

8:00am CFC-FFL Youth (Rectory Basement)

10:00am Dominican Jubilee Mass (Church)

11:00am Dominican Jubilee Celebration (Church Basement)

10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)

10:00am Youth Ministry (School Gym)

1:00pm CFC (School Gym)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)

6:00pm Cancer Support Group (Rectory Library)

7:30pm ARC (Church)

SUNDAY JAN 22: 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 of the Blessed Sacrament 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 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 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

Coordinator: Edwin Cruz

E-mail: prep.smarv@rcav.org

Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6:30-8pm / Teen Prep Wednesdays only

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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PASTORS & STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P. (ext. 6)

Assistant Pastor: Fr. Gabriel de Chadarévian, O.P. (ext. 3)

Assistant to the Pastors: Theresa De Ocampo (ext. 6)

Finance & Property Manager: Ossie Fernandes (ext. 7)

Youth & Young Adult Ministry: Rocelyn Catris (ext. 247)

RCIA/PREP Coordinator: Edwin Cruz (ext. 5)

Reception: Marianne Peraro (ext. 0)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 5pm
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Pastor's Corner

WILL THE TRUE YOU PLEASE STAND UP!

Donald Trump was visiting a nursery home for people with senile dementia during his electoral campaign. He spotted one resident wandering in the hallway and, getting close to him, Mr. Trump asked, "Do you know who I am?" The man answered, "I don't know who you are but if you go to that kind nurse, she will tell you who you are." This joke has some truth: we really know who we are when someone calls us by name, and with love.

Look at any baby. He gets to know his name and to know that he is loved by being named with love, by being called with love by his mother. Throughout our whole life, until our last breath, we learn who we are through the voices of people who call us. It's as if a loving voice calls us not into existence, into fruitfulness. Remember the word of Jesus to the dead Lazarus in the tomb, "Lazarus, come out."

Throughout my life, God has been placing for me people who were able to see in me what I could not see in myself. They were the voice of God, calling me, "Pierre, come out, I will be with you. Do not be afraid." One of these voices came from Jean Paradis, a very gifted leader. He was heading a group of young Catholics who wanted to make a difference in a very poor neighbourhood of Montreal in the sixties. I was about 19 years old. Our group was going through a crisis. Many members were losing the focus of our group, its purpose and its spirit. As a group, we had lost sight of who we were, what our mission was. In the midst of our discussion, Jean Paradis stopped, turn to me and said, "Pierre, tell us who we are, what we are about." I was hit by a lightning! During the whole discussion, I was burning with desire to dispel confusion and communicate that passion for the people in the community that were so dear to me. But I was paralyzed by timidity and lack of faith in myself. Jean Paradis saw it all in me. And I began to share my passion, my vision. The group was restored and rekindled into action and service for the poor. And I had discovered my vocation as a priest.

Pastor's Corner Continued...

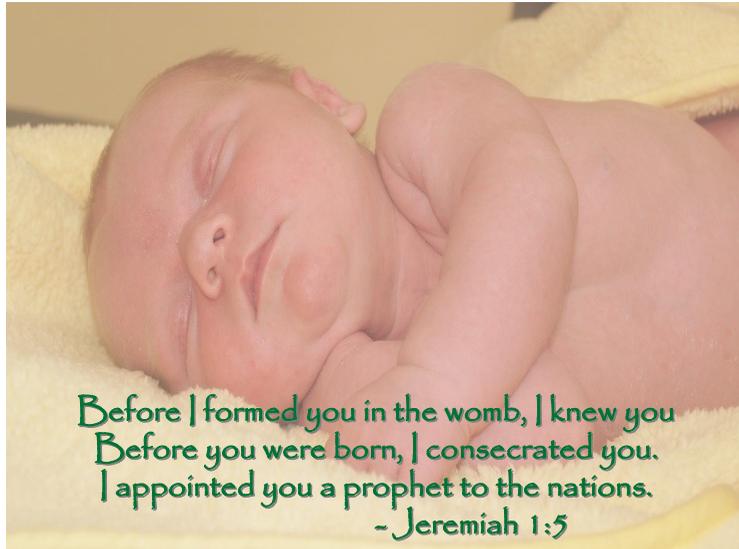
Pastor's Corner Continued...

You, too, are called by God, at any age, in any circumstance! If you answer that call and accept to be sent, in the midst of your present life, you will know who you truly are, and find the joy of acting from within, rather than from under the constraint of external circumstances. You will know yourself as God knows you.

"Each baby is born with a unique message for the world that only he can say, with a song for God and the world that only he can sing."

Re-read today's Scriptures and **ask the Lord to speak to you.**

*God bless you,
Fr. Pierre*



PARISH NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

Ask the Lord to speak to you! Discover the Lectio Divina. "Lectio Divina", a Latin term, means "divine reading" and describes a way of reading the Scriptures whereby we gradually let go of our own agenda and open ourselves to what God wants to say to us. Join us on Jan 18, Wednesday, 6:45pm in the church basement.

PARISH NEWS

DOMINICAN 800TH JUBILEE

The Dominican Family invites everyone to celebrate the closing of the 800th Jubilee Year on Saturday Jan 21. Mass at St. Mary's church with Archbishop Michael Miller and the Dominican friars will be at 10 am, followed by a reception and presentations by members of the Dominican Family in the church basement.

HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD

On Saturday January 21 at 10 am, the 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 at the St. Mary's 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: Irene at 778-883-9091 or Zen at 604-727-9546.

MESSAGE FROM THE PROJECT ADVANCE TEAM

Thank you so much for everyone's support and generosity, we are so close in reaching our goal, the total amount of pledges to date is \$149,649 or 75% of parish goal!! Thank you again for making this year's campaign a success! Thank you for everyone's continuous support and participation.

REDESIGNING THE PARISH BULLETIN

St. Mary's Parish is collecting ideas for redesigning our bulletin. No restriction on forms, colors, concepts, and design. Ideas about additional content are also welcome. The only requirement is the information on the current bulletin must appear on the new bulletin. Samples are most welcome. Please email parish.smarv@rcav.org with the subject REDESIGN BULLETIN. We want to hear from you!

2017 ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2017 envelopes from the church basement, if you have not done so. If you do not find your name, or if you need corrections made, please fill out the respective forms provided beside the envelopes. To prevent inaccuracy in recording your donations, please use the right envelopes for the right year, e.g. 2017 envelopes for 2017. Thank you for your cooperation.

PARISH NEWS

ADVERTISE IN BC CATHOLIC

Build your business & your parish. Advertise in BC Catholic and reach 61,000 readers weekly to grow your business and 15% will go to St. Mary's Parish building fund. Quantity discounts available. For info on the Parish Incentive Program or a free strategic plan consultation, contact Raymond Loretan at ads@rcav.org or call 604 683 0281.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

MARRIED COUPLES CONNECT: A DEEPER BOND

Through teaching moments, demonstration, and practice, this 6-week workshop provides couples with a unique opportunity to practise 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. Couples will also receive a workbook containing handouts and reference tools to take home. Join us on Wednesdays, Feb 1, 8, 15, 22 and March 1, 8, from 7-9 p.m., at John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver. Cost: \$130 per couple. To register, visit rcav.org/event/couples-connect-deeper-bond

ARCHDIOCESAN WINTER INSTITUTE

One day courses for ministry training, faith formation and general interest open to all. Date: Saturday, Jan 21, 2017. Time: 10am to 4pm, unless otherwise noted. Location: St. Patrick Secondary, 115 East 11th Avenue, Vancouver. Cost: \$40 on or before Jan 13 (\$20 for half-day course); \$45 after Jan 13 (\$25.00 for half-day course)

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS AND ANOINTING

Come to the World Day of the Sick Celebration of Mass and Anointing on Friday, Feb 10, 10:30am, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, 555 S. Slocan St. Vancouver. Archbishop Miller is the main celebrant.