

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY FEB 5: 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
1:30pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)
6:00pm Youth Ministry (School Gym)

MONDAY FEB 6: ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

5:00pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
6:30pm CWL Executive Meeting (Rectory Dining)
7:30pm Lay Apostles (Church)

TUESDAY FEB 7

7:00pm Families For Christ (School Gym)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Spanish Rosary (Church)
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY FEB 8: ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

9:30am School Mass (Church)
10:30am 40-Hour Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
6:45pm Bible Study (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY FEB 9

9:30am 40-Hour Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
6:30pm Knights of Columbus (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm CFC-SFC (Church Basement Library)
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY FEB 10: ST. SCHOLASTICA

9:30am 40-Hour Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
5:00pm Youth Ministry (School Gym)
6:00pm Project Cana (Church Basement)
6:00pm Singles For Christ (Seminar Room)
6:00pm Street Ministry (Rectory Library)
7:00pm Holy Trinity Community (Rectory Library)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY FEB 11: OUR LADY OF LOURDES (WORLD DAY OF THE SICK)

6:00am Project Cana (Church Basement)
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
11:00am Multi-Couple Wedding - Project Cana (Church)
2:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)
3:00pm Street Ministry (Church Basement Library)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)
5:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
6:00pm Catholic Street Missionaries (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Couples For Christ (Church Basement)

SUNDAY FEB 12: 6TH 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

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

WHY DOES GOD TOLERATE SO MUCH EVIL?

In the face of so many crimes committed nowadays, many people question God's Providence. "Why, my God, didn't your exterminate every evil deed at once? Why don't you kill every evil-doer before they have a chance to kill someone else? Could you not wipe them out right away?" But Jesus himself sent his disciples "as sheep among wolves". He didn't kill the wolves beforehand. Only one apostle, John, didn't die as a martyr! Most of the popes of the first three centuries were martyred! The Church must be at its best when the world is at its worst. In the parable of wheat and the weeds, Jesus said that we cannot separate weeds and wheat now, but only at the end of time. If we tried to pull out the weeds from the wheat, the evil doers from the holy ones, we would uproot everybody. We are so much intertwined and interconnected with one another. Look at our own selves at different times of our lives. There are times when we were more evil than good. What if God had killed us at those moments?

The fact is that "goodness itself, sanctity itself, is fostered by the proximity of evil! As Saint Augustine puts it so well; it pleased God to make good come out of evil rather than to abolish all evil. God could have abolished all evil in his omnipotence, he did not; he did the better thing; he made good come out of evil, he makes sanctity come out of it..." (Dom Anscar Vonier, OSB, as quoted from Magnificat February 2011)

St. Paul himself exclaimed in Romans 5:20, "Where sin abounds, grace super abounds!" My own experience confirms this. The sins of others against me and even my own sins have been a fertile ground for greater graces. And then, you and I can become salt of the earth and light of the world. In the time of Jesus, salt was used to preserve meat from corruption, from getting bad. They had no fridge to freeze the food. Jesus requests his disciples to be the salt that keeps the world from going bad and the light that will guide it to Himself who is the Light and Life of the world. Those around

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us will partake of the graces we have, if we let our light shine and our salt salt them.

Did not St. Paul write in 1 Corinthians 7:14, that "the faithless husband will be sanctified through the believing wife..."? As Dom Vonier wrote "One person in a family may be the salvation of the whole family, though it may not be given to him to see the final issues and the ultimate results. But there is the fact – an absolute certainty, goodness inevitably produces goodness; it is unconquerable, it cannot be stifled, it has greater ramifications than evil can ever have... One saint outweighs a hundred, a thousand, perhaps a million sinners... Sin is negative; sanctity, positive. Sanctity is more powerful than sin; sanctity is, in fact, the only real power".

One experiment illustrates this. Take two adjacent rooms. Put a bright light into one and leave the other in complete darkness. As you stand in the dark room, you will see the light creeping from the other room, under the door. Now, stand in the illumined room, close the door! You will NOT see the darkness creeping in from the dark room. Only light is self-diffusive.

On Christmas day, we read from the Prologue of the Gospel of John, "What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and THE DARKNESS DID NOT OVERCOME IT." (John 1:4-5)



Do not be afraid to let the Light in you shine in the darkness of the world. It won't be overcome.



Do not be afraid to be poured out as salt of the earth. You will preserve it from corruption and give it flavor.

God in you believes in you! And blesses you!

Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

Deepen your awareness of God by praying with Scripture! Come to Lectio Divina this Wednesday, Feb 8 at 6:45pm in the church basement. The topic will be the Gospel of the following Sunday - Matthew 5:17-37.

40-HOUR EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The annual 40-Hour Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at St. Mary's on Feb 8, 9 & 10. There will be an all-day adoration in the church. You are invited to commit to a time of adoration by listing down your name on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer.

SPARK (GR.6-8) - MOVIE: HOME

How's your home? Our family relationships and friendships with other people help us experience the real meaning of 'home'. Come for laughter and reflection on this movie night-Monday, Feb 6 from 6:15-8:15pm in the Church basement.

FLAME (GR.8-12) - VALENTINE'S DINNER

Building relationships include spending quality time, right?! Come for a 'hearty' dinner and build friendships with your adult leaders, peers, and most importantly, God - the source of our being. Dress code: touch of RED. Invite your friends and RSVP with Rocelyn (youth.smarv@rcav.org) for Friday, Feb 10 at 6:30-8:30pm in the school gym.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

On Feb 5-8, we begin the observance of Catholic Schools Week across the province of British Columbia. During the week, St. Mary's School staff, students, and families will celebrate the ways Catholic schools create environments where the Catholic Christian story is shared and celebrated. We thank Fr. Pierre, Fr. Gabriel and all the St. Mary's parishioners for their ongoing support of Catholic education.

DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL BOOK & MEDIA FAIR

The Daughters of St. Paul will be with us on the weekend of Feb 18 & 19 for a Catholic Book & Media Fair. They will bring a selection of Bibles, books, Music, CDs, and DVD movies for all ages from their Pauline Centre in Toronto. This is a great opportunity to get something for yourself or others before we start Lent. You can find more information about the life and mission of the Daughters of St. Paul/Pauline Books & Media at www.pauline.org.

TWO HEARTS, ONE LOVE. TWO PROMISES, ONE COVENANT

Two lives made one in Christ. On Saturday Feb 11 at 11am in the Church, St. Mary's Parish will host a convalidation ceremony for six couples. Everyone is welcome to witness this unique celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. For more information, see our website: <http://stmarysvancouver.ca/project-cana-multi-couple-wedding-st-marys-feb-112017/>

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Start off the New Year by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend! February 24-26, 2016 at the Carmel Hill Retreat Centre. Call Steve and Mary Bohnen to register 604-876-7298 or e-mail wwwmevancouverbc@gmail.com, or visit www.wwme.org

CELEBRATE WORLD MARRIAGE DAY



Make Valentine special this year by attending the World Marriage Day Mass! The event will be held on Feb 12, 11am at the Good Shepherd Church, 2250 150 St., Surrey and will include Mass, recognizing Marriages, followed by cake, coffee and fellowship. The newest and longest married couples in attendance will each receive a gift.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS CHORAL FESTIVAL

Join us for the 1st CHSCF, featuring award-winning choirs from Archbishop Carney, Holy Cross, Little Flower Academy, St. Patrick's, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Thomas More, on Thursday, Feb 16, 7-9pm at St. Andrew's Wesley, 1022 Nelson St. Vancouver. Visit www.catholicchoralfestival.bpt.me. Cost: \$10.

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.

VOCATION LIVE-IN

On the weekend of Feb 17-19, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715.

INT'L DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS VS. HUMAN TRAFFICKING

We will celebrate the 3rd Int'l Day of Prayer and Awareness against Trafficking in Persons with the theme: "They are children! Not slaves!" on Feb 8, the Feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, a Canossian Sister who was kidnapped and sold into slavery in Sudan. We will observe this Feast day as a Day of Prayer and fasting for Victims of Trafficking and for those who work to combat it.