

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY FEB 19: 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
12:00nn Light of Jesus (School Gym)

MONDAY FEB 20

5:00pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

TUESDAY FEB 21: ST. PETER DAMIAN

6:45pm Grade II First Reconciliation (Church)
6:30pm CWL Executive (Seminar Room)
7:00pm Families For Christ (School Gym)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Spanish Rosary (Church Children's Room)
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY FEB 22: THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER

6:45pm Bible Study (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY FEB 23: ST. POLYCARP

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement Library)
7:00pm Fundraising Team & Ministry Coordinators (School Gym)
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY FEB 24

5:00pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
6:00pm SFL (Seminar Room)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
6:00pm Street Ministry (Rectory Living Room)
6:30pm Development & Peace (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Holy Trinity Community (Rectory Living Room)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY FEB 25

10:00am Liturgy Committee (Rectory Dining)
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
10:00am Lectors (Church)
1:00pm YFC (School Gym)
2:00pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
2:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Street Ministry (Church Basement Library)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)
5:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
7:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
7:00pm Taize Adoration (Church)

SUNDAY FEB 26: 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Knights of Columbus Brunch Fundraising (Church Basement)
2:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
10:00am Youth Ministry YA (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 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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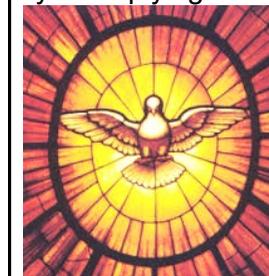
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*Pastor's
Corner*

BE PERFECT? OH, NO!

"Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect", Jesus said it! And it doesn't seem to fit with the rest of his words! In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus rather said, "Be merciful as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). So shouldn't Jesus be merciful to me in my imperfections? The call to be perfect makes me feel quite uneasy. I am like those who cut corners, do things in a hurry because they want to do many things, not just a few perfectly, slowly done jobs. The call to perfection makes me feel guilty. The traditionalist Catholics who want observance of every little detail of the law, tell me I am not perfect. I answer them that Jesus didn't observe the details of the oral laws of the Pharisees like washing hands before meal, not healing on the Sabbath. The traditionalists reply to me with last week's Gospel, "I tell you, unless your righteousness doesn't exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." So am I going to hell, then? No, Jesus calls us to fulfill the law more than the Pharisees, but not in the same way. Not externally by multiplying the external observances, but rather Jesus



invites us to fulfill the Law, from the heart, having in us the same intentions, the same Love, that is the Holy Spirit in our heart. Thus, we will be justified not by our own efforts and works, but by the Living Grace of God, the Holy Spirit, leading us to express that new Inner Life into deeds, such as loving our enemies, praying for those who persecute us, blessing them, fighting evil NOT with more evil, but with goodness, with the very goodness of God himself in us.

The perfection that we are called to imitate is actually given to us in our hearts, if we ask for it persistently. It is the perfection of Love that is in God himself. It is to love the other for his own sake, effectively willing the good of the other for the sake of the other, not just for my sake, not hoping to be rewarded by the other but only by God himself.

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How much time, every day, do we spend calculating the rewards of our generosity, expecting a "return of the elevator"? I won't write him a letter of reference because he didn't write me one last year." "I will be kind to that one because he was kind to me last week." "I will not give this driver a chance to cut me off because he didn't allow me to merge into his lane 5 minutes ago."

All this is not love, but self-serving even when we love those who love us in return. Now try to spend one day, or one hour, doing what is right, what is like your Father in heaven is asking you to do, what the Holy Spirit is empowering you to do. Follow St. Therese of Lisieux. Right now, what is the most loving thing you could do, not what is most beneficial to you, in terms of an increase of pleasure, possessions, power, popularity, but what is promoting the true good of the other? Such as not taking revenge, doing to your enemies what you would like them to do for you. And remember, being perfect doesn't mean to be infinitely good like God is. It is to be all that you can be, with the power and love of the Living God in you. As a child shines the love of his parents, so you, as a child of God, have received an identity and a mission more than a privilege. It is to shine God's love on others, the good ones and the bad ones. In fact the bad ones need your love more.

God bless you!

Fr. Pierre



St. Catherine of Siena once said to Jesus, "I want to love You as you love me". Jesus said, "You cannot, because you are not infinite like me. You will love me perfectly if you love me as much as you can."

PARISH NEWS

TO ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

The sign-up sheets for the 5pm and 7:30pm Masses for Ash Wednesday are now available. If you are able to serve during that day, please sign up. Thank you.

BIBLE STUDY

Do you worry a lot? Come to Lectio Divina this Wednesday, Feb 22 at 6:45pm in the church basement. We will study and meditate on the Gospel of the following Sunday - Matthew 6:24-34, where Jesus teaches us about anxiety.

SPARK (GR.6-8) - AROUND THE TABLE

Our families are our first educators and they continue to influence our learning and development as we grow up. The community of the family is where we are first called to love, forgive, and pray. Join us around the table this Mon, Feb 20 from 6:15-8:15pm in the Church basement to reflect and pray for our family relationships.

FLAME (GR.8-12) - FREEDOM

Freedom, the free annual reconciliation event for youth sponsored by the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office, will take place on Friday, March 10 at St. Patrick Parish, Vancouver from 7pm-10:30pm. Participants will experience first-hand the healing power of Christ through music, prayer, testimonies and teachings, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Adoration. You won't want to miss this special event! To register, please contact youth.smarv@rcav.org (RE: Freedom) by March 5.

ADORATION WITH TAIZE MUSIC NEXT SAT FEB 25:

Come join St. Mary's Street Ministry for a Holy hour of Adoration with Taize music to pray for an end to sex trafficking, our loved ones in addiction, and Street Ministry intentions next Sat Feb 25 from 7-8:15pm.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP - A PERSONALIZED FAITH CALLED TRUST

"Many of us do not grasp the close connection between the life of faith and the prayer of faith; hence, our prayer power is very limited... Seeking the face of God more earnestly than we seek answers to our prayers from God is to have faith. A personalized faith called trust." (Fr. John H. Hampsch, CMF)
We will look at this faith which seeks intercession for others as it cares for God's Glory. In addition, we will also be introduced to one of Padre Pio's friends, Msgr. John Esseff, who encountered the Saint in 1959; a detour from Rome to San Giovanni Rotondo that turned into an unforgettable pilgrimage. Hope to see you all on Sat, Mar 4 at 9:30am in the church basement.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE OF MASSES

8:00am - Church
9:45am - Church (School Mass)
5:00pm - Church
6:40pm - Church Basement (PREP Mass)
7:30pm - Church

LENTEN MEDITATION BOOKLETS

After all Masses on Feb 25/26, Lenten meditation booklets will be sold in the foyer at the special price of \$2. The booklets will accompany you in the prayerful observance of Lent.

LENTEN RETREAT

Mark your calendar! St. Mary's Lenten Retreat will be on Mar 13 to 15, Mon to Wed. Choice of 8am or 7pm sessions. Mass followed by Retreat Talk. Theme: Call to Holiness - To be Jesus Christ in the World Today. Speaker: Msgr. John Esseff, exorcist for the Diocese of Scranton, guided by Padre Pio in the beginning of his ministry, and later became a spiritual director to Mother Teresa.

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. 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.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

We invite all married couples, singles, single parents, divorced, separated, widowed to a Christian Life Program (CLP) sponsored by Couples for Christ. The program starts Saturday, March 4 at 7:30pm in the Church Basement. Refreshments served, no fee. Bring your children along to join Kids for Christ-Christian Life Program. For more information, pls. contact: Choco and Paulette at 604-307-5719 or email choxgonzales@yahoo.com.

DEV & PEACE CANADA: SURIGAO EARTHQUAKE

Donations are greatly needed to help the victims of the recent earthquake in Surigao Province, Philippines. Emergency D&P donation envelopes are available in the foyer. Please make sure to indicate "Surigao Earthquake" in your check. OR donate online at www.devp.org/givenow, indicate Surigao Earthquake. Thank you for your generosity.