

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### SUNDAY MAR 19: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am Dev & Peace Hunger Meal (Church Basement)  
1:00pm Handmaids of the Lord (Church Basement)  
11:00am Light of Jesus (Rectory Dining)  
11:00am RCIA (Seminar Room)  
1:00pm SFC (School Gym)  
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)  
2:00pm CSM (Rectory Living Room)

### MONDAY MAR 20: ST. JOSEPH

5:00pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)  
7:30pm Apologetics (Rectory Living Room)

### TUESDAY MAR 21

6:00pm CSM (Rectory Dining)  
6:30pm Catholic Forum on Addiction (Church)  
6:30pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)  
6:30pm CWL (Seminar Room)  
7:00pm Families for Christ (School Gym)  
7:00pm Spanish Rosary (Church Children's Room)  
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Basement)

### WEDNESDAY MAR 22

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

### THURSDAY MAR 23: ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (Rectory Basement)  
6:30pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)  
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)  
7:00pm Project Cana (Rectory Living Room)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### FRIDAY MAR 24

5:00pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)  
6:30pm Dev & Peace (Rectory Dining)  
6:00pm SFL (Seminar Room)  
6:00pm Street Ministry (Rectory Living Room)  
6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### SATURDAY MAR 25: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

10:00am Lectors (Church)  
10:00am Liturgy Committee (Rectory Dining)  
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)  
10:00am Youth Ministry BB (School Gym)  
12:00nn Light of Jesus (Rectory Dining)  
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)  
4:30pm KFL (Rectory Living Room)  
5:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)  
7:00pm CFC (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Taize/Adoration (Church)

### SUNDAY MAR 26: 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

2:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)  
10:00am Youth Ministry YA (Rectory Dining)  
11:00am RCIA (Seminar Room)  
1:00pm SFC (School Gym)  
1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
2:00pm CSM (Rectory Living Room)

## 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)

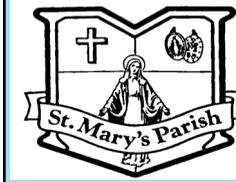
**Finance & Property Manager:** Ossie Fernandes (ext. 7)

**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

**"NO ONE CAN BE A FATHER WITHOUT BEING A CHILD" - MSGR. ESSEFF**

When I was 5 years old, my older sister, 12, my brother, 10, my other sister, 8, came to me and said, "You have to go into Mom's room and console her, because she has been crying all day long and we cannot console her. You, Pierre, go and console her. She loves you." I was proud of having received that mission, but very, very scared. My mother was crying a lot, and seemed both despaired and angry for several years. The idea of entering her bedroom with such a mission was frightening. But I felt I had no choice. When she saw me in her room, she shouted, "Go away! Go away! You cannot understand!" I felt defeated, inadequate, rejected. I had failed my mission. Facing my siblings was not easy. For many years, I had all kinds of symbolic nightmares, expressing the emotions that I had felt that day when I was five years old.

My spiritual director, several years ago, helped me with the healing of that painful memory. With him, I went again through all the steps of those painful events in my memory, this time with Christ. After all, he was there when that happened, but I could not yet receive his help. With Christ in my imagination, I relived the encounter with my siblings who gave me that impossible "mission" for a 5-year old, and I forgave them. With Christ, and after him, I entered the bedroom of my mother. He talked to her first, and then brought me close to her. I felt I could forgive her now even if I didn't fully understand her. Then I went back to my siblings with Christ, forgave them again, and the words that came to me, that were given to me, were, "Now, I can get back to being a joyful, playful child!"

But it's only last Thursday, Mar 16, that I understood the deep truth in these words. Msgr. John Esseff, our retreat preacher, said to the priests of the diocese, "Dear priests, you are called 'father', but you cannot really be a father, unless you can be a child, a child of God the Father, a child who is willing to be cared for by his Father God. Then I realized that I had tried to be a father so much that I didn't have time to be a little child in the arms of the Father or in the arms of Mother Mary. Even during that beautiful Parish Lenten retreat of last week by Msgr Esseff and Sister Cor Immaculata, I was busy adjusting the mikes, walking around the church to open or close the door, so that it would not be too cold or too hot. I didn't give myself a time to receive what God had to give



me through Monsignor or Sister. I was all about caring for others and understanding them. But not about absorbing what God wanted to give me. Now, I want to allow myself to receive from God, through silent prayer. I want to get back into the business of being a playful child in his arms. I don't need to prove myself that I can do everything because only God can do everything and with him, nothing is impossible.

How many fathers and mothers want to give constantly, without having time to receive? Take time to receive from God, take the time to be cared for by God, then your well will never run dry. You will remain joyful and playful like a child full of humor and

excitement, even in the worst circumstances of life. Jesus said to the Samaritan woman at the well, "You will never need to go back at the well. Your heart will be watered by a spring of living water welling up into eternal life."

If you want to keep giving love, you must be connected to Christ living in you, Christ, the spring of living water, welling up into divine life. You will be another Christ. Otherwise, your heart will get empty quickly.

God bless you! *Fr. Pierre*



Let anyone who is thirsty,  
come to me and drink.  
- John 7:37

## PARISH NEWS

### LENTE RETREAT

Thank you for your participation in the Lenten Retreat. May you have a fruitful and meaningful Lenten journey!

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE - PARISH SIGN UP

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. This year's vigil is happening from Mar 1-Apr 9 outside BC Women's Health Centre. Our parish will sponsor a day on March 23 from 8am-6pm. Please sign up in the foyer for at least an hour vigil or at <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/vancouver-2/>. Meeting place: **West 30th Ave** and Heather St. Vancouver

### ADORATION WITH TAIZE MUSIC

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 Saturday Mar 25 from 7-8:15pm.



### BIBLE STUDY

Relive the gospel story of the healing of the man born blind! Come to Lectio Divina this Wednesday, Mar 22 at 6:45pm in the church basement. We will study and meditate on the Gospel of the following Sunday, John 9:1-41, where Jesus made the man see for the first time.

### LENTE SPIRITUAL READING

It is a long standing custom in the Church to do some spiritual reading during Lent. The Parish Library has just what you can ready. Check us out in the Church basement. If the Library door is open come in and take a look.

### SUNDAY ENVELOPES



Please indicate on the outside of the Sunday and Special Offering envelopes the amount contained inside. This will greatly help reduce the workload of the volunteers who help to count the collection every week. Thanks for your cooperation.

### SPARK (GR.6-8) - INTO THE DESERT

Have you been in a desert? Usually, the desert is hot and dry and there's not enough vegetation or water to sustain much life. Sounds boring? Not for Jesus! Learn why on Mon, Mar 20 from 6:15-8:15pm in the Church basement. Be prepared for the journey and invite your pals too!

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL RAFFLE

Want to win a trip for two to Paris with all accommodation and tours included? Or an Apple iPad Air 2 or cash of \$500?? St. Mary School raffle is up for sale again, \$2.50 per ticket or \$25 for a booklet, you have till June 25 to purchase the tickets. All proceeds will go to the Building Fund. What better way to support our school and a chance to win some fabulous prizes!! For more information please contact Teresa Lung at 604-802-0890 or email [tky.lung@telus.net](mailto:tky.lung@telus.net) The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets after each mass this weekend. We accept cash, interact or credit cards. Thank you in advance for your support and participation.

### SAINT MARY'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS): MAKER FUN FACTORY 2017

Do you like to be around children? Have you ever wanted to impact their lives by showing them how awesome Jesus is? Saint Mary's VBS will once again be having a one week morning bible camp for children aged 6 to 11 years old and we are now looking for volunteers to guide and assist the children. We will learn bible verses, bible stories, and play games to experience God's word and how it relates to our lives. Active high schoolers (Grade 9 & above) and volunteers can register today! Please email Dana & Christina at [cvbs.stmaryvan@gmail.com](mailto:cvbs.stmaryvan@gmail.com) for more information.

### FORUM ON DRUG ADDICTION CRISIS

THE CATHOLIC FORUM invites you to explore the topic "Drug Crisis: Saving Our Children from the Snares of Addiction", with Dr. Tamás Ungar. Bring your questions and a friend! Tuesday Mar 21 at 7pm in the church. By donation. For more information, see <http://dominicanlaity.ca/forum>, or contact Dr. Paul Ungar (604-588-5696) or Cathy Neugebauer (ve7cld@shaw.ca).

### COME AND EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

Join us for the Life in the Spirit Seminar for eight Tuesday evenings, from April 25 to June 13, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver in the Church basement. Childminding available and light refreshments provided. To register, contact Mita at 604-435-7561 or Edna at 778-689-7775 or email [missionablazestmary@gmail.com](mailto:missionablazestmary@gmail.com). Sponsored by St. Mary's Mission Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PROJECT ADVANCE 2017

Calling for volunteers! Our committee urgently needs volunteers to assist in 2017 Project Advance. If you are a new parishioner, come join us and show your support for the parish. If you have participated in previous year, we sure need your expertise in assisting us to make this event more successful. Volunteer cards are available at one of the table at the church foyer; please return all cards by March 26th. There will be an information plus training meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the Rectory. Kudos to all parishioners of St. Mary's who had supported the 2016 campaign. Your generous donations, our total pledged amount was \$147,912 and our parish received a rebate of \$32,190 which was routed to the parish development project. Thank you in advance and we look forward to working with all of you in this year's campaign.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### DIALOGUE WITH LUTHERANS

Join the conversations in March, as we discuss, study, and pray "Together in Christ." Event is free, no registration required.  
• *Commemorating the Reformation*: Mar 18, 9:30am to 12pm, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Coquitlam  
• *Commitment to Communion*: Mar 25, from 9:30am to 12pm, at All Saints Catholic Church, Coquitlam

### MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

What is God's intention for relationships? What does it mean to be a sexual being? Who does God say that I am? This event combines teaching and people sharing their stories of dealing with same-sex attraction and with pornography. Thursday, Mar 23 6:30 to 9pm at Cedar Grove Church, Surrey. Free. No registration required. Session is intended for those 21 years and up. Offered by Journey Canada ([www.journeycanada.org](http://www.journeycanada.org)).