

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### **SUNDAY APR 2: 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT**

11:00 AM RCIA (School Seminar Room)  
01:00 PM Migrant Ministry (School Seminar Room)  
01:00 PM Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
01:30 PM Couples for Christ (Church Hall)  
02:00 PM CSM (Rectory Living Room)

### **MONDAY APR 3**

05:00 PM Youth Ministry (Church Hall)  
06:30 PM CWL Executive Meeting (Rectory Dining Room)  
07:00 PM Lay Apostles (Church)  
07:30 PM Apologetics (Rectory Living Room)

### **TUESDAY APR 4: ST. ISIDORE**

12:00 PM St. Mary's School (Church Hall)  
06:00 PM Baptism Preparation (Church)  
06:30 PM Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)  
07:00 PM Spanish Rosary (Church Children's Room)  
07:00 PM Ablaze (Church Hall)  
07:00 PM Families For Christ (School Gym)  
07:30 PM PREP (Church)

### **WEDNESDAY APR 5: ST. VINCENT FERRER**

05:00 PM LMC (Rectory Dining Room)  
05:00 PM Project Advance (School Seminar Room)  
06:45 PM Bible Study (Church Hall)  
07:00 PM Couples for Christ (Rectory Basement)  
07:00 PM Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
07:40 PM Healing Prayer (Church Children's Room)  
09:00 PM Benediction (Church)

### **THURSDAY APR 6**

06:30 PM Knights of Columbus (Rectory Basement)  
07:00 PM RCIA (School Seminar Room)  
07:00 PM Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
09:00 PM Benediction (Church)

### **FRIDAY APR 7: ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE**

08:30 AM St. Mary's School (Church Hall)  
05:00 PM PREP Pre-Confirmation (Church Hall)  
06:00 PM SFL (School Seminar Room)  
06:00 PM Street Ministry (Rectory Living Room)  
06:30 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)  
07:00 PM Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
07:40 PM Healing Prayer (Church Children's Room)  
09:00 PM Benediction (Church)

### **SATURDAY APR 8**

09:30 AM Padre Pio Prayer Group (Church Hall)  
10:00 AM Handmaids of the Lord (School Seminar Room)  
10:00 AM Youth Ministry BB (School Gym)  
12:00 PM Light of Jesus (Rectory Dining Room)  
01:00 PM CFC Youth (School Gym)  
03:00 PM Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)  
03:00 PM Street Ministry (Church Library)  
06:00 PM CFC FFL (School Gym)

### **SUNDAY APR 9: PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY**

11:00 AM RCIA (School Seminar Room)  
01:00 PM Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
01:00 PM SFC (School Seminar Room)  
02:00 PM 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

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### **PASTORS & STAFF**

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

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**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  
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### **WALKING THROUGH DEATH WITH CHRIST**

The most tragic event in our life will always be the death of a loved one, unless we are too selfish to care or too absorbed in our addictions. The death of your child, of your spouse, of your father or mother will be the most difficult even if you have a deep faith in the Resurrection, and deep hope in life after death. It is always a temptation to rebel against God and to doubt his love and his existence.

Today, on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, we see Jesus weeping and being deeply troubled at the death of his special friend Lazarus. It shows how Jesus is truly human. And yet truly divine because he did bring him back to life. But Jesus was so human that he needed special friends like any of us. Even a living saint like Msgr. Esseff had a special friend, a priest of his diocese who was ordained with him, if my memory is exact. He would enjoy his company regularly, just for the joy of it, not for work. The special friends



of Jesus were the two sisters, Martha and Mary, and their brother, Lazarus. Jesus would often stop over their house for meal, probably each time that he would go to the Temple. When Jesus received the request to go quickly to heal Lazarus before he dies, Jesus still delayed intentionally, for two more days. By the time gets from Galilee to Bethany, Lazarus has been dead for 4 days. I know a young woman who was still crying for Jesus to reanimate her three-year-old boy even during the funeral liturgy. Remember the death of a loved one, how you wished that God reversed the effect of death, or how you got angry at death, and wept, and were deeply troubled. Jesus, true man and true God, felt like that. This is a summit of the incarnation. Jesus, so human, that he is angry at death. When my beloved grandma died, I was really angry at death, even at God and I stopped going to church for almost three years. Did you? Would you?

But when my father died, I was ready, and in a way, full of the peace that only God can give. And that is what God can offer you. Ask for the grace to believe that your beloved one, even if you aborted him/her, is one with Christ who is one with the Father. To give you this grace, to free you from the fear of death, your own death and the possible death of your beloved ones, Jesus Christ

had to cry out loud at the tomb: "Lazarus, come out!". The same voice that created the Universe "Let there be light" is saying to you "Come out of your fear. Come out of your death-dealing sins. God's glory doesn't consist in the death of anyone, but that we may be born to eternal life."

Is reanimation of the dead still happening? Yes, Msgr. Es-seff mentioned a lay Catholic who did it many times (I believe his name is Neil Velez). But what is more important than reanimation is Resurrection to eternal life. Reanimation merely prolongs our life, while Resurrection gives us access to a life that never ends.

**Indeed, death is only a transitional stage to the fullness of life in Christ.**

**God bless you! Fr. Pierre**

## PARISH NEWS

### HOLY WEEK MASSES

#### PALM SUNDAY

Sat 5pm, Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11:15am (Church & Ch Basement), 1pm, 3pm (Filipino), 5pm, 7pm

#### HOLY THURSDAY

5pm, 7:30pm

#### GOOD FRIDAY

Passion Liturgy 3pm (Church & Ch Basement), 7:30pm  
Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

#### HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

8:30pm

#### EASTER SUNDAY

8am, 9:30am, 11:15am (Church & Ch Basement), 1pm, 3pm (Filipino) 5pm, 7pm

### HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS

Penitential Service: Apr 11 7pm-9pm

Holy Thursday: 4:15-5pm, 6:45pm-7:15pm, 8:40pm-10pm

Good Friday: 10am-2:30pm, 4:30pm-10pm

Holy Saturday: 3pm-6pm

Easter Sunday: No Confessions

**The schedules are available as handouts in the church foyer.**



### BIBLE STUDY

Love and suffering go together. This is clearly demonstrated in the agonizing death that Jesus took for our sake. Come to Lectio Divina this

Wednesday, Apr 5 at 6:45pm in the church basement. We will study, meditate, and pray on the passion narrative in Matthew chapters 26 & 27.

### TO ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

If you had volunteered for any of the Holy Week extra Masses, please pick up your copy of the schedule at the Lectors room

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

Join us for the Life in the Spirit Seminar for eight Tuesday evenings, from Apr 25 to Jun 13, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Mary's 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. Sponsored by St. Mary's Mission Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group.

### PPPG - BECOMING A POWERFUL INTERCESSOR

The power of our intercessory prayers does not depend so much on the quality of the Saint who intercedes for us. It depends more, among other things, on the purity of our hearts and on the radicality of our trust in the Lord. We will explore briefly these topics on the upcoming prayer meeting on Apr 8. Moreover we will continue with the biography of Padre Pio in the Man of Hope series. A year of trial for Padre Pio on his first novitiate year in Morcone in 1903. See you at the Padre Pio Prayer Group meeting on Saturday, Apr 8 at 9:30am in the Church Basement.

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

St. Mary's School has limited spaces available for Gr. 1 and 3 for the 2017-2018 school year. Parents are welcome to apply to be on the waitlist for all other grades. Please contact the office at 604-437-1312 for more information or our website [www.stmary.bc.ca](http://www.stmary.bc.ca) for the application package.

### SPARK (GR.6-8) – FINDING JOY IN LENT

Lent may bring thoughts of despair, loneliness, and (sometimes unwilling) sacrifice, doesn't it? We focus on what we're going to give up — ice cream, Netflix, or picking your nose in public — whatever "it" is. We want this Lenten season to be different. This Mon, April 3 from 6:15-8:15pm in the Church basement, let's go through Lent with attention while also preparing for His (and our) joyous Resurrection! ☺

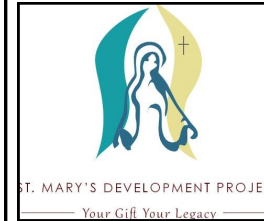
### FLAME (GR.8-12)-LIVING LENT

Each Lent, we have a great opportunity to immerse ourselves into the heart of the season and think with the mind of the Church. We need time to ready our hearts before the great celebration of Easter. We need to walk through the desert of Lent and meet our Lord there. This Fri, April 7 from 6:30-8:30pm, join us in making the season of Lent come alive! Invite friends and see you in the Church basement. ☺

### FLAME (GR.8-12)-40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Take a stand for life on Sun, April 9 from 2-3pm outside BC Women's Health Centre. Join this pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. Meeting time is at 1pm in the parish office. Permission forms are required and available in the foyer or parish office. For info, contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext.247 or email [youth.smarv@rcav.org](mailto:youth.smarv@rcav.org).

~~ Remember St. Mary's Parish in your will. ~~



### 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. The Knights of

Columbus will be selling tickets after each mass this weekend. We accept cash, interac 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 (July 31-August 4) 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 adults can register to volunteer today! Please email Dana & Christina at [cvbs.stmaryvan@gmail.com](mailto:cvbs.stmaryvan@gmail.com) for more information.

### A DAY OF PRAYER AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY - SAT. APR 29

Catholic Street Missionaries invites you to a Day of Prayer at Westminster Abbey on Saturday April 29. The day will include mass, confession, a talk by Fr. Larry Lynn and private prayer time. \$25 per person (includes transportation). All are welcome! Register at the parish office Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. Limited spaces. Register early! Inquiries: call Mildred 778-885-9611 or email [mmoy\\_ca@yahoo.com](mailto:mmoy_ca@yahoo.com)

### MVA'S PROVINCIAL ELECTION ACCOUNTABILITY ASSEMBLY

The MVA Group at St. Mary's is inviting all to come to our upcoming Provincial Election Accountability Assembly at the Italian Cultural Centre at 3075 Slocan Street, Vancouver (at South Grandview Hwy). It will be held on Tuesday Apr 4 at 6 pm - 8pm. Four major issues - transit, income justice, affordable housing, and health care, special for seniors. If you are affected by any of these issues, please come to show your support. For further information call Richard Lange at 778-995-2010 or RSVP at [http://www.metvanalliance.org/provincial\\_election\\_rsvp](http://www.metvanalliance.org/provincial_election_rsvp).

**I am the Resurrection and the Life.**

**- John 11:25**