

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY APR 23: 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

07:00 AM Project Advance Pancake Breakfast (Church Hall)
01:00 PM Light of Jesus (School Gym)
01:00 PM SFC (School Seminar Room)
02:00 PM CSM (Rectory Living Room)
02:00 PM Couples for Christ (Church Hall)
03:00 PM Handmaids of the Lord (Rectory Dining Room)

MONDAY APR 24: ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN

06:00 PM Light of Jesus (School Seminar Room)
06:30 PM RCIA (Church)
07:30 PM Apologetics (Rectory Living Room)

TUESDAY APR 25: ST. MARK

06:45 PM PREP Parents (School Seminar Room)
07:00 PM Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
07:00 PM Families for Christ (School Gym)
07:30 PM Mission Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Hall)

WEDNESDAY APR 26: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

06:45 PM PREP Parents (School Seminar Room)
06:45 PM Bible Study (Church Hall)
07:00 PM Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
07:40 PM Healing Prayer (Church Children's Room)
09:00 PM Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY APR 27

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

FRIDAY APR 28: ST. LOUIS GRIGNON DE MONTFORT

05:00 PM Youth Ministry (School Gym)
06:00 PM Street Ministry (Rectory Living Room)
06:00 PM Couples for Christ FFL (School Seminar Room)
07:00 PM Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
07:40 PM Healing Prayer (Church Children's Room)
09:00 PM Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY APR 29: ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

10:00 AM Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)
02:00 PM Youth Ministry (Church Hall)
02:30 PM Baptism (Church)
03:00 PM Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)
03:00 PM Street Ministry (Church Library)
07:00 PM Couples for Christ (Church Hall)
07:00 PM Adoration with Psalm 98 (Church)

SUNDAY APR 30: 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:00 AM Young Adult (Rectory Dining Room)
12:00 PM Choir (Rectory Basement)
01:00 PM Light of Jesus (Rectory Dining Room)
01:00 PM Migrant Ministry (School Seminar Room)
01:00 PM Light of Jesus (School Gym)
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 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**

LOCKED IN FEAR

There is a healthy fear and an unhealthy one. The fear that makes us run when a gang of thieves approaches us is a healthy fear. But the constant fear of death that turns into anxiety and paralyzes us is an unhealthy one. In the Eastern Church, fear is a capital sin. In our Roman Catholic Church, we say that fear is a ground for the capital sins, but it is not by itself a sin, because we don't have immediate control of it.

Fear of death summarizes all the unhealthy fears. For example, fear of losing one's reputation is a form of death. When you fear losing your reputation, you may resort to lying and compensate by being judgmental and critical towards others, and/or by proudly showing off your accomplishment. Another example is always running to accomplish more, which leads to more anxiety. This fear is linked to the sense of the brevity of our life. We have little time and we want to use it somewhat selfishly to fulfill our wish list.

The disciples locked in fear in the upper room were afraid of being crucified like Jesus. Crucifying was the most horrible death. And the followers of political messiahs had been crucified with their leaders. They had seen it happening in the last decades before Jesus started his ministry. Wouldn't you be afraid too? We tend to judge



them because they had heard Jesus had appeared to some of them; so, we think they should not be afraid. But Jesus had not appeared to Pilate or the high priest. The disciples, then, had good reasons to fear.

At the Pentecost, they will have the courage to face even the crucifixion. They will learn that Jesus doesn't save us FROM death or suffering, but that he saves us THROUGH death and suffering. The way to conquer fear is not to avoid death and pain, not to run away from it, but to walk through our death and suffering with Jesus.

Neither resignation nor rebellion are fruitful ways to cure anxiety and fear. We must continue to follow Christ, with eyes fixed on our goal, eternal life, receiving in our soul the Spirit of Jesus, the Spirit of the Pentecost. Jesus knows that we are afraid and anxious. Peter, who was one of the disciples locked in fear that night, urges us later to cast all our anxiety on Jesus because he cares for us. (1 Peter 5:7) And nothing is impossible with him.

HAPPY EASTER SEASON!

Fr. Pierre

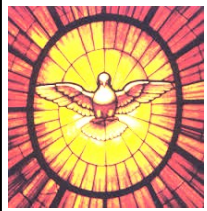
PARISH NEWS

BIBLE STUDY



The Resurrected Jesus accompanies two disciples on the road to Emmaus. We will meditate on this gospel account in Lectio Divina this Wednesday, Apr 26 at 6:45pm in the church basement. Come and see how this event relates to the Mass and our daily life.

COME AND EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

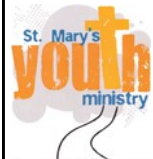


Join us for the Life in the Spirit Seminar for eight Tuesday evenings, from Apr 25 to Jun 13, from 7:30pm to 9pm at St. Mary's in the Church basement. Childminding available and light refreshments provided. To register, contact Mita at 604-435-7561 or Edna at 778-689-7775 or email misionablazestmary@gmail.com. Sponsored by St. Mary's Mission Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group.

SPARK (GR.6-8) - HIGH FIVE

Jesus is risen! With Him, we also receive new life! Do you wish to experience a renewal in your life? Let's see how Easter connects with our mental wellbeing this

Mon, April 24th 6:15-8:15pm in the Church basement. Learn the 5 ways to combat boredom and stay mentally fit with your friends! :)



FLAME (GR.8-12) - OPEN GYM

After the chocolates from Easter celebration, take the time to shed some sweat this Fri, April 28th from 6:30-8:30pm in the school gym. No pre-registration required. Please bring your own water bottles. See you there!

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL – GRADES 1 & 3 OPENINGS

St. Mary's School has limited openings in Grades 1 and 3 for the 2017-2018 school year. We are accepting applications for our waitlist for all other grades. Application packages are available online at www.stmary.bc.ca and from our school office.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2017

We are very excited to announce the launch of Project Advance 2017. Thank you for your generous support, last year total donations were \$147,912 (by end of Dec/16). Our parish goal this year is \$200,000; we need everyone's support and participation.

Following are the donation options:

- 1) Return the pledge form that you have received in the mail.
- 2) Blank pledge forms are available in the pew, please either drop the completed forms in the Sunday collection basket or give to Project Advance volunteers after mass.
- 3) Donate online in the comfort of your home through www.projectadvance.ca and indicate St. Mary's as your parish. Committee members and volunteers are available now till end of June to collect all returned pledges and register new donors at the church foyer AFTER each mass. Your participation is the key factor in making this a successful campaign, NO gift is too small. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP - SEEKING TO TRUST IN JESUS

Come and join us on the upcoming PPPG to discover the way to become holier and have our intercessory prayers answered more and more. One of the outstanding characteristics of Padre Pio's profound spirituality was his abiding love for the Blessed Mother from infancy to last throughout his entire life. Nothing could stand in his way when inspired to give Mary his love. Hope to see you all on Saturday, May 6, 2017 – 09:30AM to find the way to trust Jesus and to get know Padre Pio and his love for the Blessed Mother.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST. MARY'S THIS SUMMER

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. We will learn bible verses, bible stories, and play games to experience God's word and how it relates to our lives. Registration will be available in the church foyer after masses on April 29 & 30th (except the 7pm mass) Registration cost is \$60. First come first served! Brochures are available in the church foyer. As well, we are still in search of youth and adult volunteers. Please email Dana & Christina at cvbs.stmaryvan@gmail.com for more information.

CAREGIVER PROGRAM CHANGES & ISSUES

St Mary's Migrant Ministry in collaboration with ISS of BC will hold a free and interactive workshop on "The Caregiver Program - Changes and Issues" on Sunday, April 30th from 1-3pm in the school seminar room. Our guest speaker is Natalie Drolet, a staff lawyer at West Coast Domestic Workers' Assn. To register, please email Lenn Castro at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com or call Chit Arma at 604-684-7498 ext 1666 or email resochita.arma@issbc.org.

REMEMBER ST. MARY'S PARISH IN YOUR WILL

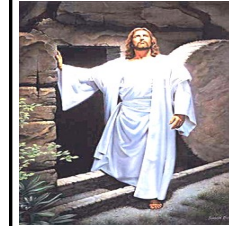


ST. MARY'S SCHOOL RAFFLE

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.

CATHOLIC STREET MISSIONARIES

"A Day of Prayer" at Westminster Abbey on Sat April 29 is sold out! Catholic Street Missionaries would like to thank everyone for your prayer and support! On Sat May 6, Catholic Street Missionaries is having a One-Day Training and Outreach. For details or to register, please visit catholicstreetmissionaries.org and click "Events".



**I came that they may have life,
and have it abundantly.
John 10:10**

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

WHAT CATHOLICS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THEIR FAITH

An informational and enriching introduction to the Catholic faith and theology, this course will enable you to take greater responsibility in promoting the life and mission of the Church. This two-part course covers the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church -- Creed, Morality, Prayer, and Sacraments. Part II explores the moral life and prayer. Course cost is \$40 and includes lunch on Saturday, April 29, from 10am to 4pm at Holy Cross Secondary, Surrey. For more information and registration visit: <http://rcav.org/oc-spring>.

WOMEN IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The question of whether or not women should be pastors and deacons is under serious debate within many churches. Both sides of the argument stir strongly held beliefs, which is why the role of women in the Church is a hot issue. Learn about these issues and how best to handle the questions: What positions should women hold within the Church? Some say women can serve in the highest office of Church leadership while others would prefer to exclude women. What does the Bible say? This workshop is presented by Ikponwosa "I.K." Ero, a member of Catholic Voices Academy who works as an international advocate and legal officer for a Christian charity. Course cost is \$40 and includes lunch on Saturday, April 29, from 10am to 4pm at Holy Cross Secondary, Surrey. For more information and registration visit: <http://rcav.org/oc-spring>.