

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY MAY 7: 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:00 AM CWL Mothers Day Luncheon (Church Hall)
12:00 PM Light of Jesus (Rectory Dining Room)
12:45 PM Legion of Mary Juniors (Rectory Living Room)
01:00 PM Migrant Ministry (School Gym)
01:00 PM SFC (School Seminar Room)
02:00 PM CSM (Rectory Living Room)
02:30 PM Couples for Christ (Church Hall)

MONDAY MAY 8: BLESSED CATHERINE OF ST. AUGUSTINE

05:00 PM Youth Ministry (School Gym)

TUESDAY MAY 9

06:00 PM Baptism Preparation. (Church)
06:45 PM PREP Parents (School Seminar Room)
07:00 PM Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
07:00 PM MVA (Rectory Living Room)
07:00 PM VCCRS/Community of the Risen Lord (Church)
07:00 PM Families For Christ (School Gym)
07:30 PM Mission Ablaze LSS (Church Hall)

WEDNESDAY MAY 10

09:30 AM School Mass (Church)
06:45 PM PREP Parents (School Seminar Room)
06:45 PM Bible Study/Lectio Divina (School Gym)
07:00 PM VCCRS/Community of the Risen Lord (Church Hall)
07:00 PM Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
07:40 PM Healing Prayer (Church Children's Room)
09:00 PM Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY MAY 11

06:30 PM Knights of Columbus (Rectory Basement)
07:00 PM RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) (School Seminar Room)
07:00 PM VCCRS/Community of the Risen Lord (Church Hall)
07:00 PM Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
09:00 PM Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY MAY 12: ST. NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS

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

SATURDAY MAY 13: OUR LADY OF FATIMA

08:00 AM Street Ministry (Rectory Dining Room)
10:00 AM Handmaids of the Lord (School Seminar Room)
11:00 AM Street Ministry (Rectory Basement)
12:00 PM Light of Jesus (Rectory Dining Room)
01:00 PM 1st COMMUNION - School & PREP (Church & Church Hall)
01:00 PM CFC Youth (School Gym)
02:00 PM CFC FFL (Rectory Basement)
03:00 PM Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)
03:00 PM Street Ministry (Church Library)
05:00 PM KFL (School Seminar Room)
06:00 PM Crowning of Mary CWL (Church)
06:00 PM CFC FFL (School Gym)
07:00 PM Couples for Christ (Church Hall)

SUNDAY MAY 14: 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

12:45 PM Legion of Mary Juniors (Rectory Living 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

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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)

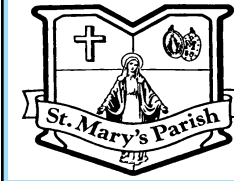
Finance & Property Manager: Ossie Fernandes (ext. 7)

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**

HOW TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE

"The sheep follow their shepherd because they know his voice". (John 10:4 in today's Gospel). Can you hear God's voice? Maybe not an external voice but can you receive God's guidance? How often have you faced situations when you didn't know what to do? Should I go for this risky surgery? How can I deal with my kid, or with my spouse? Should I get another job?



To be able to hear God's voice, you need to be committed to the truth. Jesus said to Pilate, "All who are committed to the truth hear my voice" (John 18:37). And Jesus is the truth, the way, and the life (John 14:6). Are you committed to Jesus? That is necessary if you want to hear his voice, his guidance. So, we need to repent from sin, from everything that prevents us to be committed to him. Sin confuses us. We cannot distinguish what is from God, or from us, or from other people, or from the devil. There are too many voices in us. Each voice tries to draw us to itself. Only through steady and frequent interactions with God can you become familiar with his voice.

How can you distinguish what is truly from him and not from your wishful thinking? First, get familiar with the Bible. God uses the Scriptures to talk to you and you can check your own wishful thinking against Scriptures. Scripture passages are the alphabet God uses to speak to you. Enrich your God's vocabulary! Secondly, God speaks to you through the Church. Get familiar with the Church teachings. Join a Church faith education group. Thirdly, prayer. Give 10 minutes a day to read a Scripture passage and listen quietly to what God says to you. It is important to do this every day. After a few weeks, you will start to hear God's guidance more clearly. It is a guarantee from God himself. Join the Wednesday Lectio Divina at 6:45pm in the church basement*.
*Except May 10 Lectio Divina will be in the gym



You need to really be committed to hear God's voice. "Whoever is from God listens to the voice of God". (John 8:47)

Fourthly, you need to practice quietness, stillness, inside and outside. We live in the noisiest world ever. We become more and more dispersed and agitated, inside and out. "Be still and quiet your soul like a weaned child in its mother's arms." (Psalm 131:2)

Simplify your life in order to amplify God's voice. Remember Martha, the friend of Jesus who was worrying about a multitude of things, and a complicated service. But Jesus said to her, "Only one thing suffices. It is Mary who has chosen the better part, and **it is not to be taken from her**". If you choose to listen to the Word of God, no one can take this away from you. Unless YOU allow it. You may have to make great sacrifices, to obey God and to repent. But you will not only keep the ability to be guided personally by God, but the ability to hear God's voice will always grow deeper and more intimate. Try it! It's worth it!

**God bless you,
Fr. Pierre**

This Pastor's Corner is a summary of a recorded talk in presentationministries.com. Just search for "Hearing God" in that website.

PARISH NEWS



BIBLE STUDY

In next Sunday's gospel, Jesus says He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. What does it mean? Like the apostles, let us ask Jesus to explain it to us. Come to Lectio Divina this Wednesday, May 10 at 6:45pm **in the school gym**. Everyone is welcome!



SPARK (GR.6-8) - HIGH FIVE (CONTINUED...)

Do you wish to experience a renewal in your life? Let's see how Easter connects with our mental wellbeing this Mon, May 8th 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) - TAPP INTO PRAYER

To stay connected to God's love and guidance in life, we need to find ways to pray. On Friday, May 12th 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement, we will rediscover a simple process for personal prayer - Thanks, Admit, Petition, and Ponder. Let's reflect on these steps and join our hearts in communal prayer! :)

FLAME (GR.8-12) - FREE ICE SKATING

Just before we welcome summer, try out your skating skills once more on Thu, May 25th from 3:30-4:30pm in Britannia Skating Rink, Vancouver. Meeting time is at 3:15pm at the corner of Commercial Dr. and Napier St (by Choices Market). Permission forms are required. For info, please contact Youth Ministry Office.

**He is our God and we are his people,
the flock he shepherds.
Psalm 95:7**

CROWNING OF MARY

The St. Mary's CWL would like to invite everyone to attend the Crowning of Mary Event on May 13, 2017 after the Saturday 5pm Mass. You may also bring a flower offering to our Blessed Mother. As well, we would like to remind you of our upcoming Mother's Day Luncheon event this Sunday, May 7, 2017 with Menu posted in church foyer.

HOLY LAND ITEMS FOR SALE ON MAY 13 & 14

Beautiful religious articles made from olive wood will be available for sale in the church foyer this weekend Mar 4 & 5. They are hand crafted by Christians of the Holy land who are seeking your support to assist them in staying rooted in the land of Christ. 70 years ago, the Christian population was 20 % of the whole population, now they are only 1%, due to the pressure to leave their homeland for economic and political reasons. Please note that that **ONLY CASH** are accepted as payment at this time.

P.R.E.P. REGISTRATION FORMS

The Parish Religious Education Programme (PREP) offers religious/catechism instruction for children who attend public schools. The next PREP ministry year will start on September 12, 2017.

Special Registration Dates as follows:

May 17, Wed, 6:30-7:45pm at the School Office

May 27 & Jun 3, Sat, 10am-3pm, by the School gym entrance

Registration forms are now available at the Parish Office. Please fill out the forms and return them with your payment on one of the posted registration dates and venues. Please **DO NOT** return the registration forms to the parish office in the rectory—they will not be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.

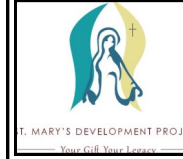
TALK ON FAMILY SPONSORSHIP

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry in collaboration with ISSofBC will hold a free workshop on Family Sponsorship on Sunday, May 14, 1-3PM, in the school seminar room. Tim Bailey, an Immigration and Refugee lawyer, will speak about changes in immigration policies and issues relating to Sponsorship. To register, please email Lenn Castro at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com or call Chit Arma at 604-684-7498 ext. 1666 or email at resochita.arma@issbc.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Saint Mary's Vacation Bible School camp registration was a success. We are now fully booked and registration is closed. We are still looking for volunteers. Please email Dana & Christina at cvbs.stmaryvan@gmail.com for more information.

REMEMBER ST. MARY'S PARISH IN YOUR WILL



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL RAFFLE SALES

Want to win a trip for 2 to Paris or an Apple iPad Air 2 or cash of \$500?? St. Mary School parents are selling raffle tickets after each mass this weekend, \$2.50 per ticket or \$25 for a booklet. Draw date is June 25th so don't miss the chance of win-

ning such fabulous trips and cash!! All proceeds are for the development project of the school. What better way to support our school and a chance to win some awesome prizes!! For more information please contact Teresa Lung at 604-802-0890 or by email tky.lung@telus.net Thank you for your support and participation

MESSAGE FROM PROJECT ADVANCE TEAM

A quick reminder again that Project advance committee members will be available to collect all returned pledges and register new donors after each mass until end of June. We also encourage you to send your gift online at www.projectadvance.ca. Remember, participation from all parishioners is most important and the key factor in making this a successful campaign, **NO** gift is too small. We thank you in advance for your generous support.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Good Shepherd Sunday, May 7, has traditionally been designated by the Church as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The whole Church, therefore, is united today in praying that more men will answer God's call to be the visible face of the Good Shepherd in our world. On this day, all are invited to pray the Rosary, or some part of it, especially as a family, with the intention of an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. Visit rcav.org/pray-for-vocations for special meditations on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary with a vocations theme.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Join us as we commemorate Our Lady of Fatima 100th Anniversary with Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary. Fatima is "undoubtedly the most prophetic of modern apparitions" (Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone). Learn the complete message of Fatima (1916 to 1929) and why it is more urgent than ever. The presenter is Angie Dee, M.A. Theology, who will use a PowerPoint presentation of over one hundred slides. Come on Sat, May 13th with Holy Mass at 8 a.m., followed by the Consecration prayers, rosary and hymn to Our Lady; 9:15 a.m. food and refreshments ending with a presentation on Fatima at 10 a.m. at St. John the Apostle Parish, 5457 Trafalgar St. Vancouver. Permission forms required for minors - please call Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext.247.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY RALLIES

Six Rosary rallies will be held at the South Plaza of the Vancouver Art Gallery, 800 Robson St., Vancouver, V6Z 3B7, on the following Saturdays: 13 May, 10 June, 15 July, 12 August, 16 Sept & 7 Oct. * Time of each rally: 10am to about 11am