

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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)

MONDAY MAY 15: ST. ISIDORE

05:00 PM Youth Ministry (Church Hall)
06:00 PM Singles for Christ (School Seminar Room)
06:30 PM Confirmation Rehearsal (Church)

TUESDAY MAY 16:

06:30 PM CWL (Catholic Women's League) (School Seminar Room)
07:00 PM PREP Mass (Church)
07:00 PM Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
07:00 PM Families for Christ (School Gym)
07:30 PM Mission Ablaze LSS (Church Hall)

WEDNESDAY MAY 17

06:45 PM Bible Study/Lectio Divina (Church Hall/Basement)
07:00 PM Fundraising Committee (Rectory Dining Room)
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 MAY 18: ST. JOHN I

04:30 PM VBS (Rectory Dining Room)
06:30 PM Knights of Columbus (Church Library)
07:00 PM RCIA (School Seminar Room)
07:00 PM Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
09:00 PM Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY MAY 19

05:00 PM Youth Ministry (Church Hall)
05:30 PM Youth Ministry (School Gym)
06:00 PM Street Ministry (Rectory Living Room)
06:00 PM CFC 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 MAY 20: ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

09:00 AM Dominican Laity (Rectory Basement)
10:00 AM Youth Ministry BB (School Gym)
12:00 PM CFC KFL (School Gym)
12:00 PM Light of Jesus (Rectory Dining Room)
02:30 PM Baptism (Church)
03:00 PM CFC FFL (Rectory Basement)
03:00 PM Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)
03:00 PM Street Ministry (Church Library)
05:00 PM CFC YFL (School Gym)
06:00 PM Cancer Support Group (Rectory Living Room)
07:00 PM Couples for Christ (Church Hall)
07:30 PM ARC (Church)

SUNDAY MAY 21: 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

12:45 PM Legion of Mary Juniors (Rectory Living Room)
01:00 PM Migrant Ministry (School Gym)
01:00 PM SFC (School Seminar Room)
01:00 PM Light of Jesus (Rectory Dining 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 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

JOYFUL FAREWELL

At first, when my Superior Provincial told me I had to leave St. Mary's Parish, it seemed bad news to me. Yet I knew I had to obey. After committing to obey, I asked the Lord for the grace to obey willingly and lovingly, and with my heart and mind. Through your prayers, God gave me that grace. I understand IN MY BONES that "all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). Peace and union with God became real after surrendering to God. I still need your prayers to remain surrendered and as totally as Jesus wants me to do.

But I do know that St. Mary's is not the ultimate goal but a way to go to the Father's house, where Christ has prepared a place for me, and for each one of you. Nothing can prevent us from reaching that place except our own will. I do see some of the fruits of my surrender in my own life right now... and I see that some of you are already sharing in these fruits. God is blessing you and will continue to do so.



Let me clarify the announcement I made last week.

- 1) I am not retiring from pastoral ministry.
- 2) A sabbatical year is not retirement. It will be a time for me to listen to what God has to say to my heart. I will be still and quiet, and listen to that small inner voice of God. I will study the spiritual teachings of St. Catherine of Siena, St. John of the Cross, St. Thomas Aquinas. I will learn more about spiritual direction and Lectio Divina (contemplative prayer) guided by the traditions of the Dominicans, the Jesuits, the Carmelites, and the Church Fathers. I will likely do a little bit of ministry in Montreal. Maybe I could hear confessions at St. Joseph's Oratory, God willing.
- 3) By July or August 2018, I could come back to the Archdiocese of Vancouver as a Dominican priest, and serve wherever the Bishop and the Dominican Provincial Superior will send me, anywhere in the Archdiocese. And I am happy with that.
- 4) I am truly grateful for all these years at St. Mary's. It is much more than I ever expected.

Pastor's Corner Continued...

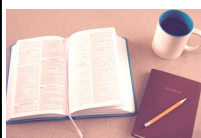
Pastor's Corner Continued...

- 5) Please, do not try to change the decision of Fr. André, my superior. It would not do any good for St. Mary's and for me.
- 6) My ministry as pastor and parish priest of St. Mary's will finish sometime around the end of August 2017.
- 7) Between now and the end of August, I have very limited time. Hence, I will not be able to accept all requests for spiritual direction and dinner invitations.

**God bless you,
Fr. Pierre**



PARISH NEWS



BIBLE STUDY

In next Sunday's gospel, Jesus speaks about sending to us the Advocate who will be with us always. Come to Lectio Divina this Wednesday, May 10 at 6:45pm **in the church basement**, and let us meditate on this promise of Jesus. Everyone is welcome!

SPARK (GR.6-8) - NEAR AND FAR

Do you love your neighbour? Strange question, isn't it? Is it important to care for others? Let's take a guess this Mon, May 15th 6:15-8:15pm in the Church basement. See how the body of Christ is called to work for the common good!



FLAME (GR.8-12) - YOUTH OPEN GYM

Get ready for summer this Fri, May 19th from 6:30-8:30pm in the school gym for a fun time in the gym. No pre-registration required. Please bring your own water bottles. See you there! :)

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.

CARNATIONS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Knights of Columbus are selling Mother's Day Carnation for a \$2 donation. Proceeds to be donated to a women's charity group.

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 intake will start on September 12, 2017.

Registration forms are now available at the Parish Office.

Please submit form and payment on these dates and venues only:

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

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

VOLUNTEERS FOR MIDNIGHT OUTREACH

St. Mary's Street Ministry is looking for female volunteers for midnight outreach to the prostituted women on Thursday night at 9:30pm. If interested, please call Mildred at 778-885-9611 or email mmoy_ca@yahoo.com.

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 May 13 & 14. 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 **ONLY CASH** are accepted as payment at this time.

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's 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 winning 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

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PRESENTATION

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 Mar 26, Friday, 7pm-9pm at St. Mary's in the church basement.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE/CARITAS CANADA

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our Share Lent Campaign. Your donations amounted to \$11,080.10. May we continue to share the gifts we receive from God to others specially to our needy brothers and sisters!

REMEMBER ST. MARY'S PARISH IN YOUR WILL

PPPG - SURRENDERING TO GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Surrendering to God's providence is to open our hearts to be transformed as per His plans. How do we abandon ourselves to God's providence in the most challenging time? Will you let God change you? Padre Pio went through many interior grief and physical pain in his life. In particular, in his formation years, he faced this challenge wholeheartedly. See you all on Saturday, June 3, 09:30AM, let's learn how to open our doors to be transformed by God!

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 is 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

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY FOR YOUR CIVIL MARRIAGE

GET YOUR MARRIAGE BLESSED IN THE CHURCH (It's easy and costs only \$50). Archbishop Miller will be celebrating a wedding Mass in September for a large number of civilly married couples (participants must be both baptized and married only once). All you need is a copy of your marriage registration and a recent copy of your baptism certificates. Come to an Information/Processing Session, 6:30 pm, May 17th at St. Francis De Sales, Burnaby or 6:30 pm, May 31st at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Surrey. For more information, email gbarcelon@rcav.org.

CARMELITES RETREAT

The Holy Trinity Community would like to invite everyone to attend the upcoming retreat Go Deeper a Fresh Encounter with the love of God Retreat 19-21th May 2017. Led by Carmelite Nuns from San Francisco. To register, please call Jossy at 778-893-3352 or find us on Facebook (Retreat: OLM, UKIBC and KTM). <https://www.facebook.com/events/175312799657496/>

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

"The retreat has been a life-changing and spiritual awakening for me. I feel that any person who has had an abortion should come to Rachel's Vineyard to experience healing and forgiveness." - Testimonial after a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat. Come experience a spiritual awakening and allow God to change your life forever. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat. Next Retreat is May 2017. For confidential information and to register call 604-525-0999.