

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY MAY 28: ASCENSION OF THE LORD

10:00 AM YA (Young Adult) (Rectory Dining Room)
12:45 PM Legion of Mary Juniors (Rectory Living Room)
01:00 PM Light of Jesus (School Gym)
01:00 PM Migrant Ministry (School Seminar Room)
02:00 PM CSM (Rectory Living Room)

MONDAY MAY 29

06:00 PM Light of Jesus (School Seminar Room)

TUESDAY MAY 30

07:30 AM CISVA (Church Hall)
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 31: THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

06:45 PM Bible Study/Lectio Divina (Church Hall/Basement)
07:00 PM Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
07:40 PM Healing Prayer (Church Children's Room)
09:00 PM Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY JUNE 1 : ST. JUSTIN

05:00 PM Spring Concert (School Gym)
06:30 PM Knights of Columbus (Rectory Basement)
07:00 PM Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
09:00 PM Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY JUNE 2 : STS. MARCELLINUS & PETER

05:00 PM Youth Ministry (Church Hall)
06:00 PM Street Ministry (Rectory Living Room)
06:00 PM CFC Youth (Rectory Dining 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 JUNE 3: ST. CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS

09:30 AM St. Padre Pio Prayer Group (Church Hall)
08:00 AM 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining Room)
09:00 AM Dominican Laity (Rectory Basement)
09:30 AM Dominican Laity (Rectory Living Room)
10:00 AM Youth Ministry BB (School Gym)
02:00 PM CFC FFL (Rectory Basement)
02:30 PM Baptism (Church)
03:00 PM Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)
03:00 PM Street Ministry (Church Library)
05:00 PM Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
06:00 PM CSM (Rectory Dining Room)
07:00 PM Couples for Christ (Church Hall)

SUNDAY JUNE 4: PENTECOST SUNDAY

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 Seminar Room)
02:00 PM CSM (Rectory Living Room)

May the Lord send forth the Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth!

Amen!

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

Youth & Young Adult Ministry: Rocelyn Catris (ext. 247)

RCIA/PREP Coordinator: Edwin Cruz (ext. 5)

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 5pm

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Pastor's Corner

A CAUSE FOR REJOICING!

We can understand and feel the joy of Christmas and of Easter, and the excitement of Pentecost. But Ascension seems a "sad" feast. Wouldn't it be nice if Jesus remained forever with us? If we could see the Risen Jesus appearing to us every now and then? But Ascension signals the end of Jesus' physical appearances to us. At the Ascension, Jesus seems to go up, up, and away until the end of time. We perceive Ascension as "the rising of Jesus to join his Father". But that doesn't make sense! God is not "outside" the world. He contains the world in his mind. And he is everywhere in the world. He is in the world as the one giving existence and life to all. If Jesus had started an intergalactic journey toward the other limits of the world, he would today be only at the edge of our galaxy, the Milky Way, supposing that this was travelling at the speed of light for the last 2000 years. And he would still have to travel fourteen billion years to reach the ultimate frontiers of the universe. But God is not a supreme being outside the world. He came personally into the world and took flesh from the Virgin Mary.



Do I believe that the apostles saw Jesus rising and disappearing into a cloud? Yes! What message did Jesus want to convey by doing that?

Firstly, he wanted to show us that he is going back to the Father with "something" he didn't have when he came down from heaven – a human nature, body and soul. He is telling us that he will never abandon his human nature. He will not throw it away, like an old coat. His human heart will always beat for us. Even after the second coming, in the world without end.

Secondly, Jesus is giving us an assurance that we, too, can enter into the heart of the Father if we only keep united to him. Indeed, Jesus is the head of the body, the head of the Church and where the head has passed, the members will follow. And we are the members of the Church body.

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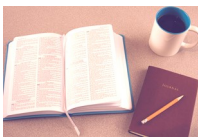
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Thirdly, Jesus is telling us that he can be present even with his body, in the same way that God is present everywhere. His Risen Body has acquired this capacity. And this makes the Eucharistic Presence possible. And he says explicitly in the last verse of today's Gospel, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age". (Matthew 28:20)

That is a cause for rejoicing!

**God bless you,
Fr. Pierre**

PARISH NEWS



BIBLE STUDY

Who and what is the Holy Spirit? Do you have difficulty comprehending Him as one Person of the Trinity? Join Lectio Divina this Wednesday, May 31 at 6:45pm in the church basement; let us ask the Holy Spirit to reveal more of Himself to us. Everyone is welcome!

SPARK (GR.6-8) - GLOW-IN-THE-DARK BOWLING

Join the excitement on June 5 from 6-9:15pm for Glow-in-the-Dark Bowling at Grandview Lanes! Meeting time/place is at 6pm in the Church basement. Cost is \$8/person, which includes 2 5-pin games and shoe rental. Food and transit cost will not be provided. Registration is required and due on May 31. Permission forms are available in the foyer or parish office. For info, email youth.smarv@rcav.org.



WOULD YOU FEED US?

Youth Ministry regular events usually serve pizza, but it's really taking a lot from our budget. :(Will you be one who will feed the hungry by using your abilities to prepare and serve food? No prior experience required. Different days/times are available. For details, please contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext.247 or email youth.smarv@rcav.org.

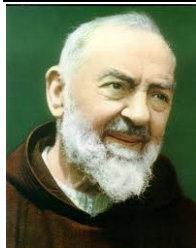
CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Join Fr. Pierre's last Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession at St. Mary's on Saturday June 17, after the 5pm Mass. If you are not attending the anticipated Mass, please come to the Church basement at 4:30pm to practice singing. Songs will be available in the parish website next week. After the procession, please join us for light refreshment and ice cream! :)

P.R.E.P. REGISTRATION FORMS

Please submit your PREP registration form and payment on Jun 3, Sat, 10am-3pm, by the School gym entrance

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 or 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!



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL RAFFLE SALES

Parent volunteers will be selling raffle tickets again after all masses, so don't miss the chance of winning a trip for 2 to Paris or an Apple iPad or cash of \$500 - \$2.50 per ticket or \$25 for a booklet, draw date is June 25th, 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!! Thank you for your support and participation.



MSGR. ESSEFF RETREAT CD/DVD

A recording of St. Mary's 3-day Lenten Retreat with Msgr. John Esseff is now available in CD & DVD. You can get them after all Masses this weekend or at the parish office for \$10. A recording of the PPPG session is also available for \$5.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

EASTER FORUM

THE CATHOLIC FORUM invites you to explore the topic "The Lord is Truly Risen!", with Fr. Rufo Zarate SDB. Bring your questions and a friend! Saturday June 10 at 10:00 am in St. Mary's Church, 5251 Joyce St., Vancouver. By donation. For more information, see <http://dominicanlaity.ca/forum>, or contact Dr. Paul Ungar (604-588-5696) or Cathy Neugebauer (email ve7cld@shaw.ca).

JESUS THE TEACHER RETREAT

Join Archbishop Michael Miller and the Ministries and Outreach Office retreat team for the Jesus the Teacher Retreat at beautiful Westminster Abbey in Mission. Hear informative and inspirational talks, spend time in prayer, join the monks for Mass and enjoy the company of others from around the Archdiocese. The retreat is designed for those in parish ministry but all are most welcome to attend! June 9-11 at Westminster Abbey, Mission. Cost: \$195. For more information or to register, visit rcav.org/jesus-the-teacher-retreat

REMEMBER ST. MARY'S PARISH IN YOUR WILL

CELEBRATING GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF CCR

You are invited to the 50th Anniversary of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal to be celebrated at OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH, BURNABY at 2:30pm on June 4th (Sunday) with Praising, Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass and a small dinner. Vernon Robertson will share on "What's the Spirit is saying to the Renewal". Because food is involved, you need to RSVP to fireblade@telus.net if you want to attend.

STOP THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA

Recreational use of marijuana is not yet legal in Canada! Currently, it is still going through the legislation process. The federal government plans to have it legalized by mid-2018. So, it's not too late to stop it! St. Mary's Street Ministry and Catholic Street Missionaries invite you to sign a national petition to stop the legalization of marijuana for recreational use. To sign the petition or for more details, go to <https://petitions.parl.gc.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-1053> In addition to the petition, in order to minimize access to marijuana should it become legal next year, we are also planning to write to the government on what we think the regulations should include. If you have any suggestions/comments, please email mmoy_ca@yahoo.com. Thank you!

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

There are many post-abortive women and men in our churches who live in silent torment. They believe that if their friends knew what they had done, they would reject and condemn them. We must reach out in truth, love and mercy, and bring the good news of Christ's forgiveness and healing to these hurting women and men. Come on a retreat with us, and share in the merciful and healing love of Jesus Christ. The next retreat is the end of this month. For confidential info/registration call 604-525-0999.

JOURNEY CANADA: MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

A free seminar intended for Christian audiences to facilitate education and awareness on topics related to sexuality and relationships in our shifting culture. Wednesday, June 7, at 7 p.m. at Culloden Church, Vancouver. For more info, contact bc@journeycanada.org. Journey Canada is a non-denominational, community-based, Christ-centred discipleship ministry. The Archdiocese of Vancouver supports the work of Journey Canada: Made in God's Image.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY FOR YOUR CIVIL MARRIAGE

Would you like to get your marriage blessed so you can receive the sacraments? We can help you. On September 16, 2017, Archbishop Miller will celebrate the blessing of marriages at St. Clare's Parish, Coquitlam, for a large number of civilly married couples. Be a part of it. To learn more, check out our upcoming information session on May 31 at 6:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Surrey. For more info, please contact Deacon Greg at 604-771-2975 or Jimmy at 778-378-5389.