

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### SUNDAY JUN 18: CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY JUN 19: ST. ROMUALD

05:00 PM Youth Ministry (Seminar Room & School Gym)

### TUESDAY JUN 20

08:30 AM Talent Fest. (Church Hall)  
 06:30 PM CWL (Catholic Women's League) (School Seminar Room)  
 07:00 PM Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)  
 07:00 PM Families for Christ (School Gym)  
 07:30 PM Mission Ablaze (Church Hall)

### WEDNESDAY JUN 21: ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

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

### THURSDAY JUN 22: STS. JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE

09:00 AM Gr. 7 Farewell (Church Hall)  
 06:30 PM Knights of Columbus (Rectory Basement)  
 06:30 PM Couples for Christ (School Gym)  
 07:00 PM Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
 09:00 PM Benediction (Church)

### FRIDAY JUN 23: SACRED HEART OF JESUS

04:30 PM VBS (Rectory Dining Room)  
 05:00 PM Youth Ministry (Church Hall)  
 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 JUN 24: NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

10:00 AM Youth Ministry BB (School Gym)  
 12:00 PM Light of Jesus (Rectory Dining Room)  
 01:00 PM CFC Youth (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 CFC FFL (School Gym)  
 05:00 PM Youth Ministry (Church Hall)  
 07:00 PM Taize/Adoration (Church)

### SUNDAY JUN 25: 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00 AM YA (Young Adult) (Rectory Dining Room)  
 01:00 PM Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
 12:45 PM Legion of Mary Juniors (Rectory Living Room)  
 02:00 PM CSM (Rectory Living Room)  
 02:00 PM Couples for Christ (Church Hall)

"It is the special feature of friendship that friends should live together. . . .  
 Christ has not left us without his bodily presence in this our pilgrimage,  
 but he joins us to himself in this sacrament  
 in the reality of His body and blood"  
 (St. Thomas Aquinas in *Summa Theologiae*, III, q. 75, a. 1)

## 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)

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

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

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**Reception:** Marianne Peraro (ext. 0)

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

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**JUN 18, 2017**

### Pastor's Corner

### EAT THE FLESH OF CHRIST?

Very often in our lives, God lets us pursue our own idols that can't satisfy us, until we really hunger for the true food. After having exhausted all the substitutes for Him, we really crave for something more substantial. That is what is happening in the first reading. The people, led by Moses through a 40-year journey across the desert, felt exhausted, famished, weak and angry at God. They felt abandoned, betrayed by God. Moses tells them what God was trying to teach in Deuteronomy 8:3. "He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna... in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."

Jesus himself had to go through a similar trial in order to gain for us the bread of life. Jesus was famished after 40 days and 40 nights of fasting. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread" (Matthew 4:3), and Jesus answered by quoting today's reading of Exodus 8, verse 3, "One does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God". Isn't it amazing that Jesus who is the Word Incarnate himself would only feed by the words coming from the mouth of the Father? Jesus will not use his own powers to feed himself unless the Father allows him to do so. Even though he was the Son of God, he had to be perfected by suffering and obedience.

How much more ourselves! We cannot break free of our sinful addictions unless we are fed by the Word of God.

But there is more to it. We cannot get free simply by imitating Jesus and putting his teachings into practice. That is what the disciples of Buddha are trying to do, as well as the disciples of the Dalai Lama. These practices can better their lives but they do not give them life eternal. Our situation as Christians is different. For us, the source of eternal life here and after death is Jesus Christ, true God and true man. **We get the Bread of Life by taking Jesus into us and we into Jesus.** In the second reading today, Paul said, "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not



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a sharing in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the Body of Christ?" (1 Corinthians 10:16). And Jesus could not be clearer in today's Gospel. "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever; ... Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you... Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the Living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me" (John 6:51, 53, 56-57)

But how can flesh, even the flesh of Christ, give us eternal life? How can eating the flesh give us spiritual life, a life in the likeness of the Father? The answer is simple: the Body and Blood of Jesus are not from his dead body, but from His Risen Body. That Body has been transfigured, suffused by the Spirit. That Body that appeared to the apostles for forty days, that rose from the dead at Easter and ascended to the Father, is interceding for us seated at the Father's right hand. When we eat this Body sacramentally in the Consecrated Host at the Eucharistic Communion, we receive Christ in his human and divine natures. We receive his Risen Body, united with his Divine Person; we receive the Son, and the Spirit, and the Father. Therefore, They abide in us as we abide in Them, and we are transformed in God's likeness.

*God bless you,  
Fr. Pierre*

## PARISH NEWS



### BIBLE STUDY

Are you a fearless Catholic? In the Bible, God repeatedly tells us to not be afraid. The Holy Spirit empowers us to live the Christian life in a heroic, courageous manner. Join Lectio Divina this Wednesday, Jun 21 at 6:45pm in the church basement to meditate on the cost of following Jesus. Everyone is welcome!

### CAMP FLAME 2017 (GR.9-12)

It's here!!! St. Mary's Youth Ministry welcomes grades 9-12 youth (up to 18yo) to Camp FLAME, a fun, exciting and spirit-filled retreat on August 25-27 in Camp Capilano, North Vancouver. This year's retreat is entitled, 'Called by Name' and invites teens to open up and respond to God's call in their lives. It includes witness talks, reflection on Scripture, games and social activities, group discussions, and more! Check-in starts on Friday, Aug 25 at 5:00pm and end on Sunday, Aug 27 with 5:00pm Youth Mass. The cost is \$70.00/person (includes accommodation, meals/snacks, and transportation) - financial assistance is available. For info, contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext.247 or email youth.smarv@rcav.org.



### SPARK (GR.6-8) - NEEDS & WANTS

Greed and materialism is a difficult topic to explore, isn't it?! But if we can recognize the difference between wanting and needing something, we will live in a more just and peaceful world, don't you think? Join us in exploring this important topic this Mon, Jun 19th 6:15-8:15pm in the Church basement. See you there! :)

### FLAME (GR.8-12) - SUMMER BREAK

There are no Flame youth events for the month of June. Next events will be announced in a few weeks.

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL RAFFLE DRAW AND BRUNCH

St. Mary's School raffle draw is to be held on Sunday, June 25th at 2:30pm at the church basement. To celebrate this exciting wonderful event, St. Mary's Fundraising Committee is hosting a brunch on the same day from 9am to 2:30pm at the church basement. Come join us for a delicious brunch for only \$5 and stay for the exciting raffle draw for the winners of St Mary's School raffle, you may be the lucky winner!! Thank you for your support and participation.



### MESSAGE FROM PROJECT ADVANCE TEAM

Current total pledges is at \$48,356 / 24% of our parish goal of \$200,000. A reminder 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](http://www.projectadvance.ca) Participation from all parishioners is most important and is one of the key factors to make this a successful campaign, NO gift is too small. We thank you in advance for your generous support.

### PREP REGISTRATION

PREP Registration (Catechism for Grades 1-7) is still on-going. Please submit your forms at the Parish Office, Mon-Fri, 2-5pm. For new students, kindly submit a copy of the baptismal certificate with the registration form. Registration deadline is Aug 15, 2017.

### MIGRANT MINISTRY WORKSHOP ON DEPRESSION

FREE workshop about "Understanding Depression" on June 18th, Sunday, 1-3PM at the seminar room, school gym. The Resource Person, Dr. Francois Botha, a registered Psychologist, will speak about the signs of depression, possible causes, how to manage depression and resources available.

### 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.

**REMEMBER ST. MARY'S PARISH IN YOUR WILL**

### **ADORATION WITH PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC TO END SEX TRAFFICKING ON SAT JUN 24 7-8:15PM**

St. Mary's Street Ministry and Catholic Street Missionaries invite you to come join us in an evening of of Adoration to pray for an end to sex trafficking, all we minister to, our volunteers and loved ones, our plan for the new year, and that we are always in God's will.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE/CARITAS CANADA

The Government of Canada launched a Famine Relief Fund that will see **every dollar** donated for international aid between March 17 and June 30 **doubled**. Please help by donating online [www.dev.org](http://www.dev.org) or phone toll free 1-888-234-8533. Or mail your cheques payable to Development and Peace Famine Relief Fund - Emergency postage free envelopes will be available in the foyer. Thank you for helping!

### CATHOLIC BIBLE SEMINAR ON SEP 8-10

Would you like to hear scripture presented in a way that comes to life and has meaning in today's world? Come and listen to the Catholic Bible Seminar on Sep 8-10 at St. Luke's Parish, Maple Ridge, given by Father Jim Nisbet in person, a renowned scriptural scholar and inspirational speaker from the Diocese of Monterey in California. For more information email: [biblestudies@shaw.ca](mailto:biblestudies@shaw.ca) or call (604) 380-2575 after 7 PM on weekdays. To register visit <http://biblestudies4.wixsite.com/biblecentre/registration>.

### LEARN ABOUT COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On Oct 16, we are delighted to welcome **Valiant Richey, Senior Deputy Attorney for King County, Seattle**, to share his city's experience and lessons in tackling the demand side of commercial sexual exploitation, and how they are enforcing the law. As a community, we have to educate ourselves and others around us on this topic that puts those marginalized at risk. This event is **free** and open to the public.

**When:** October 16, 2017, 7-9 PM (Doors Open at 6:30 PM)

**Where:** Vancouver Public Library, 350 W. Georgia Street

**Registration required:** <https://www.picatic.com/endexploitation>

We cannot be silent on this topic, and we hope you can join us on Oct 16.

### VOCATION LIVE-IN

On the weekend of July 7 - 9, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604.826.8975.