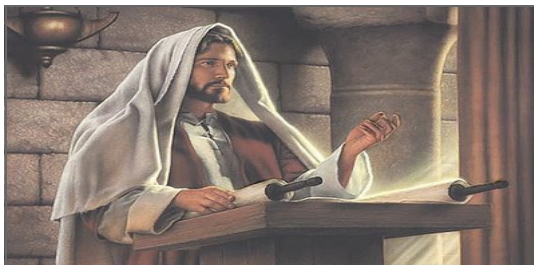


## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



### **Sunday Jan 27: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
3:00pm Tagalog Mass (Church)  
7:30pm Neo Catechumen (Seminar Room)

### **Monday Jan 28: St. Thomas Aquinas**

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

### **Tuesday Jan 29:**

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)  
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

### **Wednesday Jan 30:**

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:30pm Neo Cat (Seminar Room)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **Thursday Jan 31: St. John Bosco**

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm Building Committee (Rectory Dining)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **Friday Feb 1:**

6:30pm Family Life Workshop (School Gym)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **Saturday Feb 2: Presentation of the Lord**

9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)  
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)  
11:00am Alpha (Church Basement)  
2:30pm Baptism (Church)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
6:30pm CFC (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Source Psalm 98 (Church)

### **Sunday Feb 3: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1:30pm Youth for Christ (School Gym)  
7:30pm Neo Catechumen (Seminar Room)

## PARISH INFORMATION

**WEEKDAY MORNING MASS:** Monday - Friday: 8:00am  
Weekday Morning Rosary 7:00am / Weekday Morning Lauds 7:30am  
**WEEKDAY EVENING MASS:** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7pm  
followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:00pm  
**SATURDAY MASS:** Our Lady's Mass 8:30am

**SUNDAY MASS:** Anticipated Mass Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday: 8:00am / 9:30am / 11:15am / 1:00pm / 5:00pm / 7:00pm  
FILIPINO MASS: every 2nd & 4th Sunday 3:00pm

### **NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:**

Wednesday 6:00pm

### **NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:**

Thursday: 8:00am & Saturday: 8:30am

**DIVINE MERCY:** Friday 3:00pm & 6:15pm

### **FIRST FRIDAY: Adoration throughout the day after morning Mass CONFESSION:**

Weekdays: After all Masses (except Thursday Evening Mass)

Saturday: 9:00am-9:30am, 4:15pm- 4:55pm, 6:10pm- 7:00pm

Sunday: Before & After all Masses

An appointment for confession 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. Contact the Parish Office 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. Contact [soberg@rcav.org](mailto:soberg@rcav.org).

**PREP:** Catechism Program for children attending public schools on Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm

Coordinator: Stefan Oberg E-mail: [soberg@rcav.org](mailto:soberg@rcav.org).

**TEEN PREP:** Interactive Catechism Sessions for Teens on Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm

Coordinator: Stefan Oberg E-mail: [soberg@rcav.org](mailto:soberg@rcav.org).

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Coordinator: Rocelyn Catris

Email: Website: [www.marysyouth.com](http://www.marysyouth.com)

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## JANUARY 27, 2013

### Pastor's Corner

### THIS IS MY PROBLEM!

There are statements that we use so routinely that we forget what they truly mean. One of them is the often-repeated affirmation by St. Paul that, we, the Church, are Christ's Body. This is of course, an image, but it refers to something very **real** in our relationship to Christ and to one another.

Let us start with the first point, our relationship with Christ. St. Paul means to say that we are grafted to Christ, like a body is grafted to its head, and receives life from this connection to the head. Jesus said it Himself, "I am the vine, you are the branches." (John 15) Or "Live in me as I live in my Father." "I have told you these things so that you may live by me." A Christian doesn't simply take Christ as a role model. He does this but far more importantly he lives in Christ and by sharing in the very life of Christ. This becomes very clear when, at Holy Communion, we eat the Body of Christ and drink of His Blood, so that we may become what we receive. In this, Christianity, and especially Catholic Christianity differs from other religions. A Buddhist imitates Buddha. He doesn't eat the body of Buddha. Same thing for a Muslim who imitates Mahomet but does not become part of Mahomet.

Now, let us turn to the second point, that follows from the teaching of Paul about us being **together** the Body of Christ. To see this point more clearly, let us look at our own body and its parts. We can never say, "I have a stomach pain but that is not my problem. It is my stomach's problem. I don't need to do anything about it." That would be stupid. When an organ or a system in our body is hurt, the whole body will cooperate to compensate for the wounded part, give it rest, so that it may heal. If I have a problem in my ankle, the whole body will adjust to it. I will walk in a different way and stand up in a different way. We, Christians, as part of the Body of Christ, are connected to one another organically. I cannot

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say to a suffering member of Christ's Body, "This is your problem, not mine." We have to pool our resources together to help this person heal. If a person within the Body of Christ is lonely, afraid, sick, ignorant, this is our problem. The Church, as Body of Christ, is not an organization. It is a living organism. Not just a society coming together freely, on its own terms; not just a club of like-minded people. Let us not critique one another by gossiping and backstabbing. Let us willingly help the person, rather than backstabbing. Because we would be hurting Christ and ourselves.

*God bless you, Fr. Pierre*

p.s.

*Listen to Fr. Barron's homily number 4: Jan 21, 2001*



## PARISH NEWS

### **CHOCOLATE FOR SALE!**



St. Mary's School will be selling Purdy's chocolate for their annual fundraising campaign at all Masses Feb. 2-3. Almond bars \$5, milk & dark bars, heart lollipops \$2.50, perfect for Valentine's Day. Thank you for your support!

### **NEOCATECHUMENAL WAY**

Catechesis for youth and adults: Jesus Christ is truly risen! He loves you as you are and wants to give you His life! You are invited to come and listen on Sundays and Wednesdays at 7:30pm, starting Sunday Jan 27 in the School Seminar room. Babysitting service available.

## PARISH NEWS

### **OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS**

In order to promote steady employment for the minority Christians in Bethlehem & Jerusalem, families who carve olive wood are seeking our support by purchasing their crafts on sale the weekend of Feb 2/3 after all Masses. The sale assists the community in supporting the last minority of Christians to be rooted in the Land of Christ and preserving a local cultural heritage which is in danger of being lost as a more Christians feel pressured to leave their homeland. Thank you for your support.

### **FAMILY LIFE WORKSHOPS**

St. Mary's Parish and the Families for Christ would like to invite you to the 2nd series of our Family Life Workshops on Friday, Feb 1 from 6:30-8:30pm in the School Gym. The workshop title is "Understanding Ourselves as Parents." Learn about your parenting styles and the transitions that happen in the family life cycle stages that affect your relationship with your children. Please bring friends and family.

### **CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITYCARE SYSTEM**

Infertility? Repeat Miscarriage? Irregular Cycles? Trying to follow Church teaching? We invite you to learn more about the Creighton Model FertilityCare System and NaProTECHNOLOGY at a Free Introductory Session: Wednesday, Feb. 6, from 7-9pm in the Church basement. It is free, but space is limited. To pre-register please call Julia at 604-596-6063 or email [spicefertilitycare@gmail.com](mailto:spicefertilitycare@gmail.com).

### **BIBLE STUDY**

The Bible is more than a book; it is the incredible story of salvation history-God's glorious plan for leading his people to an intimate relationship with Himself. Come learn how to enter into this relationship! Join The Bible Timeline study! This 24-part DVD series by Jeff Cavins covers 14 books of the Old and New Testaments. The videos include not only theological insights but also animated maps and images of ancient Biblical sites making study of the Bible easy and exciting. Watch the 50-55 minute talk, then stay for the discussion. Cost of the study kit is \$30, optional but highly recommended to deepen understanding. Come to the introductory session on Sunday Feb 10 at 6:10pm in the Church basement.



## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

### **CATHOLICS COME HOME—PART 2**

The first stage of Catholics Come Home has been a hit. Now it's time for Part 2, building on the momentum from the TV ads. You're invited to [www.vancouvercomehome.com](http://www.vancouvercomehome.com), where you will find a simple three-step process for sharing the CCH videos through Facebook, Google, Twitter, YouTube and email. No one is in a better position than you to extend the reach of these ads through social media, email and personal contacts. Please pray for the success of this momentous campaign!

### **IS GOD CALLING YOU TO PERMANENT DIACONATE?**

Men between the ages of 30 and 60: Would you like to know more about the Permanent Diaconate? This new ministry in our Archdiocese is open to both single and married men. You (and your wife) are invited to hear Archbishop Miller speak at an information session at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, 3690 – 152 St., Surrey, on Sunday, February 10 at 1:30pm.

### **VOCATION LIVE IN—MEN**

On the weekend of February 15-17 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. For more information call 604-826-8715.

### **VOCATION LIVE IN—WOMEN**

Silent Live-In Retreat for women interested in discerning a call to religious life from 7pm Friday, Feb. 15 to 3pm Sunday, Feb 17. For further info or to register contact Sr Denece at 604-985-4872 ([dbillesberger@shaw.ca](mailto:dbillesberger@shaw.ca)) or Sr Linda at 604-936-2875 ([bechardlinda@gmail.com](mailto:bechardlinda@gmail.com).) Space is limited.

### **WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**

Archbishop Miller will be the main celebrant at the Mass of Anointing on Feb 12 at 11am at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 555 South Slocan Street, Vancouver.

### **ARCHDIOCESAN ONE CONFERENCE**

The annual Archdiocesan conference - to inspire, unite, and empower Catholics in their faith and mission. Hear from dynamic speaker Sr. Miriam Heidland, SOLT, celebrate Mass with Archbishop Miller, and enjoy an evening concert by international recording artist Matt Maher. Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Vancouver Convention Centre. Tickets: \$45 for full conference package/ Day conference \$35/ Concert only \$20. Tickets are available at the parish office, JPPI Pastoral Centre or online at [RCAV.ORG/ONE](http://RCAV.ORG/ONE). Get your tickets early, as last year's event was sold out!