

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday Feb 3: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1:30pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
7:30pm Neo Catechumen (Seminar Room)

Monday Feb 4:

- 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Lay Apostle (Church)

Tuesday Feb 5: St. Agatha

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

Wednesday Feb 6: St. Paul Miki & Companions

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

Thursday Feb 7:

- 6:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Friday Feb 8:

- 6:30pm Dev & Peace (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:30pm CCO (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Saturday Feb 9:

- 9:15am DNA (Rectory Basement)
9:30am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
11:00am Alpha (Church Basement)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
2:00pm Handmaids (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
6:30pm CFC (Church Basement)

Sunday Feb 10: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
3:00pm Filipino Mass (Church)
6:10pm Bible Study (Church Basement)
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.
PREP: Catechism Program for children attending public schools on Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm
Coordinator: Stefan Oberg E-mail: soberg@rcav.org.
TEEN PREP: Interactive Catechism Sessions for Teens on Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm
Coordinator: Stefan Oberg E-mail: soberg@rcav.org.
YOUTH MINISTRY: Coordinator: Rocelyn Catris
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*Pastor's
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DO YOU REMEMBER ME?

Having Alzheimer's disease, he could not even recognize his wife for the last 5 years. They had been married for about 50 years! Every day she would visit him at the hospital and so often she had tried to reawaken his memory of her. At Christmas time, a musical band came to sing old-timers' favourites. They played their love song, the one that was playing over 50 years ago when they fell in love! As he heard it, he remembered! Joyfully, he kissed his wife on the cheek. I saw it. She was so very elated! She knew his love for her was still there, buried in his damaged brain!

"Life is all about moments of impact, and how they change our lives forever. But what if one day you could no longer remember any of these?" This is the question raised by the blockbuster film "The Vow." It is based on a true story. Leo and Paige were living a great love story, "built upon a series of snapshots, coincidence, encounters and memories-'moments of impact,' and in a split second, a car accident erases every trace of the relationship that grew from those experiences. Leo has effectively been forgotten by his wife Paige who suffered brain trauma." (Rozann Carter) He tries desperately to help her remember but in vain. He will remain forever a stranger to her.

This feeling of being utterly and completely forgotten is one of our deepest fears. Men and women of all times have done crazy things, since the beginning of history to cope with this fear, to numb it. The Pharaohs of Egypt were buried with their wives and servants in great pyramids and their bodies were preserved for thousands of years. Others chose to be remembered through their contribution to science, politics, culture. Most of us want to be remembered for our contribution to our family and/or our local Church.

"Fear of being forgotten subconsciously undergirds much of our panic-ridden and hurried attempts to secure our plot in this world. It weaves its ways into our relationships,

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our vocations, and our jealous, comparative efforts within our daily interactions.” (R. Carter) “To be loved is to be known, through and through, and to be forgotten is never to have been known.” (R. Carter) It is like having “never existed” for anyone.

Is there any healing to that “final meaningfulness in love...and in life?” Yes there is a person who has been a witness of all our life experiences and holds them together forever in His heart. “God chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world.” (Ephesians) Where were you before Creation? In God’s Divine Mind, you were a thought for all eternity. Then He spoke you into existence. “You are my beloved son, my beloved daughter.” God loved you into existence. This is happening at every fraction of an instant of your life, at every breath you take. “God is there at your bedside while you sleep, longing for the moment you will open your eyes.” (Fr. J.H. Hampsch) All of you is recognized, redeemed, made one, gazed upon and loved by the Trinity. On the cross, Jesus says, “You will never be forgotten. I have carved you in the palm of my nail-pierced hand.” (R. Carter) Jesus says this each time we celebrate the Eucharist.

“Jesus too desires to be remembered, to be known, for our sake— to draw us into eternal life.” (R. Carter)

- We forget Him. “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me...” (John 14:9)
- The Mass is one way He wants us to remember Him, “Do this in memory of me.”
- “Then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.” (1 Cor. 13:13 in today’s second reading)

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

Please check Rozann Carter at wordonfire.org/WoF-Blog/Wod-Blog/february2012/Film-The-Vow-and-the-fear-of-being-forgotten.aspx.

PARISH NEWS

IS MY HEART READY?

Would you like our future to be in good hands? If yes, come by our Welcome Session and meet the Youth Ministry Coordinator on Sunday, Feb 3 at 6:30pm at the Church basement. No commitments, no expectations-just be ourselves.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is February 13. The Mass times are as follows: 8am, 10am School Mass, 5pm and 7pm. PREP Masses are Tuesday & Wednesday at 6:45pm in the School Gym.

PARISH NEWS

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.

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.

WELCOME HOME RECEPTION

Newly registered parishioners (*less than one year in our parish*) and returning Catholics are invited to a Welcome Home Reception on Sunday February 17 from 2-4pm in the Church basement. Meet the priests and the coordinators of our 40+ parish ministries. Light refreshments will be served and door prizes will be awarded. Pre-registration for the reception is required. Catholic Women’s League members will be in the Church foyer after all Masses to assist you with registration for the reception. Come and see why St. Mary’s is *YOUR* home!

YOUCAT

Do you have the YOUCAT? Would you like to get the most out of YOUCAT? Join us Wednesday evenings to watch videos that will expand our understanding of the Catholic faith. The first video will be on February 20 at 7:40 pm, right after the evening Mass in the Church basement. Together, let us learn our faith!

ST. MARY’S INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Volunteers are needed in the following areas: Stage builders, Professional videographers for the 3 day event, Vendors, food and non-food items, Businesses looking to advertise, Cultural groups to display their native dress in a fashion show, Talent show participants; ballet dancers, pianists, guitarists, dance troupes. For the first 4 categories contact Lynda Tamayo at 604-563-5262 or SMIntfest@yahoo.com. For the Talent Show: Rocelyn at roce-lynn.catris@gmail.com. For the Cultural Fashion Show: Riz at os-carug@hotmail.com. Let’s work together to make this fair a great success. Thank you for your support!

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

The CFC-Handmaids of the Lord invites single mature women, widows, separated or divorced, single parents, wives of overseas workers, and those whose husbands are unavailable to join the community to a Christian Life Program. In this year of Faith, the program is a series of teachings about our faith and how we can deepen our relationship with the Lord. The program is free and starts on Saturday, Feb 9 at 10am in the School Seminar Room. Light snacks and fellowship follows after each session. For info. pls. call Rae or Lory at 604-435-0297.

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CATHOLICS COME HOME

You are invited to www.vancouvercomehome.com, where you will find a simple three-step process for sharing 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 social media, email and personal contacts. Please pray for the success of this momentous campaign, as we head into its next stage.

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 more info or to register contact Sr. Denece at 604-985-4872 (dbillesberger@shaw.ca) or Sr. Linda at 604-936-2875 (bechardlinda@gmail.com.) Space is limited.

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, or online at RCAV.ORG/ONE.