

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### **SUNDAY MAR 3: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**

1:00pm CFC (School Gym)  
1:30pm YFC (Church Basement)  
2:00pm Liturgy Committee (Seminar Room)  
6:10pm Bible Study (Church Basement)  
7:30pm Neo Catechumen (Seminar Room)

### **MONDAY MAR 4:**

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

### **TUESDAY MAR 5:**

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

### **WEDNESDAY MAR 6:**

10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:30pm Neo Cat (Seminar Room)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
7:40pm YOUCAT (Church Basement)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **THURSDAY MAR 7:**

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

### **FRIDAY MAR 8:**

6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)  
6:30pm Dev & Peace (Rectory Dining)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **SATURDAY MAR 9:**

9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory Basement)  
9:30am Handmaids (Seminar Room)  
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)  
1:00pm Handmaids (Rectory Basement)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)  
6:30pm CFC (Church Basement)

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### **SUNDAY MAR 10: 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT**

10:00am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)  
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
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.

Coordinator: Edwin Cruz Email:rcia.smarv@rcav.org.

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

Coordinator: Edwin Cruz E-mail: prep.smarv@rcav.org.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Coordinator: Rocelyn Catris  
Email: youth.smarv@rcav.org Website: www.marysyouth.com

### **ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Principal: Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff Website: www.stmary.bc.ca  
Phone: (604) 437-1312 Fax: (604) 437-1193

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 6:00pm  
Phone: (604) 435-9611 Fax: (604) 439-9413

E-mail: parish.smarv@rcav.org Website: www.stmarysvancouver.ca

### **PASTORS & STAFF:**

**Pastor**

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Vesna Jankovic

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Ossie Fernandes

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**MARCH 3, 2013**

*Pastor's  
Corner*

## **ABLAZED YET NOT CONSUMED**

Did you ever have a real friendship with a person who was far greater than you in terms of power, possessions, reputations, natural gifts and talents? Such a friendship might have been a blessing or turned into a curse. The inequality of persons in a relationship can lead to fear or abuse. I will be tempted to use the power of my greater friend for my own purpose, that is the abuse; or I may be tempted to fear the control he/she could exert over me through his/her power, that is the fear. Pride comes into play. It may lead me to refuse his/her gifts and his/her friendship. Pride may also lead me to grasp whatever my rich friend has, without asking for it.

Now, can you imagine your relationship with someone who is infinitely greater than you, because He is God? One who is, who was and will be forever, the great I AM, the One who created you and the stars, and the sea! The One whose wisdom is unfathomable! The One whose love for you – and for your enemies! - is infinite! The One who demands total trust and surrender to His will...

"I no longer call you servants...I call you friends" said Jesus in John (15:15-17.) When we are responding to that invitation to friendship with Him, we are bound to confront the same type of temptations that Adam and Eve had. To grasp what belongs to God, against His will, or to run away from Him and hide, in fear and shame.

Moses goes through these temptations, in today's first reading, when he becomes aware of the greatness of God in the burning bush, and also becomes aware that this God is good and knows all the miseries of His people, Moses is tempted to control God by asking His name, and manipulate Him as if He were one god among the others. God refuses that by saying "I AM WHO I AM," meaning, "I am not one being among others. I am the One who created all beings,

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who sustains them in being, in life, in holiness." And God has demonstrated this in the burning bush, "that was blazing, and yet was not consumed."

Yes, the Lord wants to set you ablaze, to transform you into Himself, without destroying you. On the contrary, you will be fulfilled and become fully yourself. Accept to make the gift of yourself that He asks of you. Then you will have the joy of loving as He loves, without fearing the cost, knowing He will never destroy you.

*Happy Lent, Fr. Pierre*



## PARISH NEWS

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Come to the Bible Timeline study in the Church basement after the Sunday 5pm Mass. The topic on Mar 3 is on Genesis chapters 12 to 25, God's covenant with Abraham. Learn how you are a part of this covenant. The full schedule posted on the board in the Church foyer lists the Bible readings covered in each session.



### **EXPLORING YOUCAT**

The YOUCAT study resumes this coming Wednesday, Mar 6. We will learn and discuss two topics: Man's Response to God and Creation. Come down to the Church basement after the Wednesday evening Mass. See schedule posted on the board in the Church foyer for a listing of YOUCAT sections discussed in each session.

### **FREEDOM - YOUTH (Gr 6-12) & YOUNG ADULTS**

Join us on March 8, 7:30-10:30pm for FREEDOM: a powerful, one-of-a-kind reconciliation event for youth and young adults. Admission and transportation are provided. Event will take place at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Port Coquitlam. Music, witness, catechesis and an examination of conscience are part of the dynamic program that prepares the participants for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please register with Rocelyn at youth.smarv@rcav.org or call 604-435-9611 ext. 247. Space is limited.

### **WELCOME SESSION FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-35)**

Have something in mind for our Young Adult Group? Please join us on Thursday, March 7 at 6:30-8:30pm at the rectory library. For info, please contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext. 247 or youth.smarv@rcav.bc.ca.

### **9:30AM CHOIR**

The 9:30am choir is in need of new vocalists and instrumentalists (pianist and/or guitarist). If you are interested in serving God through the ministry of music, please contact the 9:30am choir at 778-888-5791.



### **ADVERTISE IN INT'L FESTIVAL MAGAZINE**

We invite businesses, organizations, and families with their portraits to advertise in St. Mary's International Festival 2013 Souvenir Program. This is a great way to reach over 5,000 community members. Please pick up your booking forms from the Church foyer. Deadline for submission is April 10.

### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

Remember to move your clocks forward next weekend.



## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

### **INNER HEALING CONFERENCE**

A presentation by world renowned speaker Fr. John Hamp-sch on Inner Healing will be held on Friday, Mar. 8 at 7:30pm and Saturday, Mar. 9 from 9am to 5pm at Archbishop Carney School, 1335 Dominion Ave., Port Coquitlam. Cost \$20 each or 2 for \$30. For more info and tickets call Vernon at 604-460-0114 or visit [www.stlukesparish.wordpress.com](http://www.stlukesparish.wordpress.com).

### **TREASURES OF THE TRIDUUM**

Discover the wonderful treasures that have come to us through the three day of Christ's suffering and resurrection. Hosted by the Office of Catechetics, it includes a reflection by a local priest, opportunity for quiet prayer, and practical ideas for teaching children. The evening begins at 6pm with a light supper on Friday, Mar. 8 at Holy Name Parish, Vancouver; Monday, Mar. 11 at All Saints Parish, Coquitlam. Cost: \$15. For info or to register: <http://www.rcav.org/oc/triduum/>.

### **WHEN THE POPE RESIGNS**

"When the Pope Resigns - Context and Implications of Pope Benedict's Recent Resignation", a free public lecture by Archbishop Miller at Saint Mark's College, 5935 Iona Drive on Wednesday, Mar. 13 from 6- 8pm. For more information; and to reserve a seat, please call 604-822-4463.

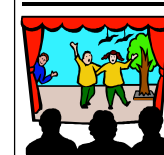
### **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR FOR THE FAMILY**

An instrument for bringing people into a deeper experience of the work of the Holy Spirit, at St. Peter's Parish, 330 Royal Avenue, New Westminster on Saturday Mar. 16- May 11, 10am to noon. Includes children's, teens and adults components. Babysitting available; lunch provided. Pre-registration required. More information contact Bev 778-558-9551; Roy 604-523-2769; Ashanti 604-526-9910; e-mail [rmacintyrest-er@gmail.com](mailto:rmacintyrest-er@gmail.com).

### **CONSECRATED LIFE FOR WOMEN**

On the weekend of March 15-17 there will be a Monastic Life Workshop for ladies interested in the consecrated life at Westminster Abbey, Mission. For more information call 604-826-8975.

### **"PURSUIT OF LOVE" MUSICAL**



The Fountain of Love and Life is hosting a Chinese Evangelization Event named 'Pursuit of Love' at the Michael J. Fox Theatre on Mar. 24 at 2:30pm to 4:30pm. For tickets and more information, call 604-818-6888.