

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY MAR 10: 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 10:00am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)
- 2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
- 3:00pm Filipino Mass (Church)
- 6:10pm Bible Study (Church Basement)
- 7:30pm Neo Catechumen (Seminar Room)

MONDAY MAR 11:

- 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
- 7:00pm MVA (Rectory Basement)

TUESDAY MAR 12:

- 6:30pm Baptism Prep (Church)
- 7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
- 7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY MAR 13:

- 2:00pm Willingdon Mass (4435 Grange)
- 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 14:

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

FRIDAY MAR 15:

- 6:00pm CFC (Seminar Room)
- 6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
- 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 MAR 16:

- 9:30am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
- 10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
- 11:00am Alpha (Church Basement)
- 2:20pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
- 3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)
- 6:30pm CFC (Church Basement)
- 7:30pm ARC (Church)

SUNDAY MAR 17: 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 6:10pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

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

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*Pastor's
Corner*

RECEIVE GOD'S LIFE ON THE EDGE!

As I was working on this Pastor's Corner, I came to realize that I am not so much like the "Prodigal Son" but more like the elder, the self-righteous, resentful one. I was led to remember some conversations with my siblings, fifty years ago, when we were brooding resentfully against our father. He had a pharmacy. He made it a family affair. We all worked there during our spare time. But we noticed our father's kindness for the hired employees. When one would get tired, he would say to him, "Take this seat and rest for a while," or even "Go home, take a free day off." And we were asked to do the work of the employee. We didn't notice he would take on himself most of the extra work. We were just too sensitive to the "illegitimate rewards" the hired men were getting. We would calculate, measure and weigh their gifts versus ours. We thought they had become the family of our father and that we had lost our privileges.

During that time, I had started smoking in secret (I was about fifteen years old!) buying at the corner store expensive cigars, with my allowance, even sharing them with my friends...just like the prodigal son. When he learned about it, he didn't get angry, like my mom did. He told me, "You don't need to buy these cigars. We sell them here, in the pharmacy. Take whatever you want for free, when you want it." I did that for a while, and then stopped smoking by myself! Much later on, I realized that this is what the Father of the elder son said, "My son, you are always with me. All that I have is yours."

When my father passed away, all the former employees and many clients came to the viewing and testified about his goodness to them. One had stolen quite a lot of money, regularly at the cash register and lost his job, but later on, in great need, was forgiven and re-hired by my father, to the great discontent of my mother!

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I then resolved to try becoming a Father priest like my father on earth. I failed many times but I am still striving to reach out as he did. What is the teaching of today's Gospel? We cannot divorce the Giver (God) from the gifts. Without a relationship with the Giver, we will not be able to receive the blessings. They will dry out in our hands! There are two basic responses to the Father's generosity. We can grab His gifts and enjoy them as a personal possession to spend far away from Him, by ourselves, like the prodigal son. Or we can stay physically with the Father, but move away from Him spiritually by treating Him as an unfair boss. "I did this and that for you and therefore you have to give me back more than you gave to this prodigal son of yours." Again I want to use God's gifts without a relationship to him. The only way we can truly enjoy the Father's gifts is by giving them away to others as soon as we receive them, trusting in the Father's generosity. Then we become like Him and find true joy.

Which brother are you? Are you ready to enter into the joy of giving and forgiving even those who don't earn it? If you are, you are becoming a saint, and a happy one.



God bless you, Fr. Pierre

Please check Fr. Barron's awesome sermon number 479 at wordonfire.org

PARISH NEWS

YOUTH (GR 8-12) & YOUNG ADULTS (18-39) FIRST ANNUAL HOOPS FOR HOPE



Can you play basketball? Would you play for a good cause and a trophy? If yes, come join our youth and young adults on Saturday March 23, 10am-2pm in the school gym for the First Annual Hoops for Hope. You may register as a team or individual. Registration is by donation and ends on March 20. All donations will go toward the winning team's choice of organization (subject to approval). Families and friends are invited to support the players. Please contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext. 247 or email youth.smarv@rcav.bc.ca. Space is limited.

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EXPLORING YOUCAT

In the next session of EXPLORING YOUCAT, March 13, we will learn and talk about God the creator of man, the human soul, man and woman, and sin. Join us Wednesday evenings after Mass in the Church basement.

BIBLE STUDY



You are welcome to come to the BIBLE TIMELINE study even if you have not attended the previous sessions. Every session consists of 2 parts: 1) Viewing the DVD 6:15-7:15pm 2) Small group discussion 7:15-8:15pm. Although participants find the group discussion useful and enjoyable, you are invited to at least join us in the first hour watching Jeff Cavins elaborate on the Bible readings. The topic this Sunday Mar 10 is Genesis 25 to 50, the beginnings of the twelve tribes of Israel.

ARC PRAYER GATHERING

Sat Mar 16 at 7:30pm (every 3rd Sat of the month) in the Church. Come join us in our prayer gathering including adoration, confession, prayer ministry and praise & worship all in one evening! This monthly event is organised by ARC (Archdiocesan Renewal Committee). All are welcome!

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE "HUNGER SNACK"

Everyday millions of people in the developing world go hungry because of extreme poverty. During this holy season of Lent, let us be in solidarity with our less fortunate brothers and sisters by partaking of a "Hunger Snack" of rice soup and water. This will be served after all Masses next weekend, March 16/17 in the Church basement. Donations will be gratefully accepted and will go to the Development and Peace Share Lent Collection.

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our Lenten Reconciliation Service will be on Friday, March 22 at 7:40pm, following the 7pm Mass. Please avail yourselves of the extra priests who will be present to hear confessions that evening.



MOVIE: THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son.." Relive the last 12 hours of Jesus by watching "The Passion of the Christ" on March 22 at 6:30pm in the Church basement. No one under 18 years old will be permitted. Invitation to confession and adoration will follow.

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UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

Do you get frustrated reading the Bible? Do you feel that the Bible is not relevant to your life? Come to a free, live presentation by Kyle Neilson, Director of the Archdiocese Office of Evangelization and receive practical guidance on how Catholics are to understand the Bible. Get motivated to dive into the Scriptures and allow God to infuse you with life. Mark your calendar- Saturday Mar 23 from 10am to noon in the Church.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

TREASURES OF THE TRIDUUM

Discover the wonderful treasures that have come to us through the three days of Christ's suffering and resurrection, hosted by the Catechetics Office- includes a reflection by a local priest, opportunity for prayer, and practical ideas for teaching children. The evening begins at 6pm with a light supper on Monday, Mar. 11 at All Saints Parish, Coquitlam. Cost: \$15. 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@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 at the Michael J. Fox Theatre on Mar. 24 at 2:30pm to 4:30pm. For tickets and more info: 604-818-6888.