

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY MAR 17: 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

6:10pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

MONDAY MAR 18:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

TUESDAY MAR 19:

7:00pm CWL (School Gym)

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY MAR 20:

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 21:

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY MAR 22:

6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

6:30pm Passion of the Christ (Church Basement)

6:30pm Dev & Peace (Rectory Dining)

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY MAR 23:

9:30am Handmaids (Seminar Room)

9:15am DNA Men's Group

10:00am Understanding the Bible (Church)

10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)

2:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

2:30pm Baptism (Church)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)

6:30pm CFC (Church Basement)

SUNDAY MAR 24: PASSION SUNDAY

10:00am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)

2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

6:10pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

PASSION SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

8am, 9:30am, 11:15am (Church & Church Basement), 1:00pm, 3:00pm (Filipino), 5:00pm, 7pm



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: Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P. (ext. 6)

Assistant Pastor: Fr. Gabriel de Chadarevian, O.P. (ext. 3)

Pastoral Assistant: Vesna Jankovic (ext. 6)

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

Youth Ministry Coordinator: Rocelyn Catris (ext. 247)

RCIA/PREP Coordinator: Edwin Cruz (ext. 5)

Reception: Edwin Cruz (ext. 0)



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

5251 Joyce Street

Vancouver BC V5R 4G8

tel: (604) 435-9611 fax: (604) 439-9413

email: parish.smarv@rcav.org

web: www.stmarysvancouver.ca

MARCH 17, 2013

*Pastor's
Corner*

A SINNER ON EACH SIDE OF THE CONFSSIONAL

Several times a month, I hear the confession of someone who is very nervous. That person will say, "This is my first confession in Canada. It has taken me 5-10 years to get the courage to do this. Will you help me through it?" Of course I will help them and I am glad they come. But why does it seem so hard to go to confession? Are we, priests, so mean and so impatient, that we scare people away? Certainly, Jesus wasn't like that. Take a look at today's Gospel in John 8, 1-11. When the pharisees and scribes challenged Jesus to stone the woman caught in adultery, he saves her by bringing the pharisees and scribes to an awareness of their own sins, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her!" They all left, one by one, starting by the elders. Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. He could have condemned her, being the only man without sin that ever lived and will ever live. But he said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

We, priests, are not sinless like Jesus, but we have no choice but to favor mercy over condemnation, if there is sincere repentance, a desire to amend one's life, and to avoid the near occasions of sin. What makes us better confessors, is a true awareness of our own sinfulness, gained through graces and life's trials and humiliations. We become less arrogant! It is a slow process.

Let me tell you how it happened for St. John Vianney, pastor of Ars, the greatest confessor of all time, along with Padre Pio. Around the mid-point of his work as a pastor, he had begged God to make him known his own sinfulness. The experience was devastating. He was tempted by depression. But he overcame it by a greater compassion for the sinners he would meet in the confessional. When people would

Pastor's Corner Continued...

Pastor's Corner Continued...

struggle to say their big sins, like crime, abortion, adultery, abusive relationships, he would say to them, "me too, me too!". Was he lying? He had never committed even one mortal sin! But he felt he could have committed all of them if not by God's grace. He had received the knowledge of our inherent sinfulness, that we show with our brothers and sister. We are all involved as an accomplice in the sins of one another. But "where sins abound, grace superabounds" (St. Paul)

So, do not be afraid to go to confession before Easter. Get rid of that burden. Christ has paid for all of us. You don't need to earn it. It will lead you to know Christ Jesus as your Lord. "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection". (Philippians 3, in today's second reading)

Friday night, March 22 after the mass, at 7:40pm will be our big penitential service with 8 priests. Regular confession schedule will apply on Palm Sunday (before and after mass) and special schedules on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday (as noted on the bulletin) - no confession on Easter Sunday.

God bless you,
Father Pierre

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.



Gr. 6-8 Youth - SPARKLE NIGHT

Jesus calls us to a deeper relationship with Him, but how do we respond? Join us on March 25, 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Church basement and find out. Parents are invited to bring food/snacks to share with the youth. Please contact Youth Ministry for details.

PARISH NEWS

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, served after all Masses today in the Church basement. Donations will be gratefully accepted and will go to the Development and Peace Share Lent Collection.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena will be distributed by the Knights of Columbus members and Divine Mercy Group after all Masses this weekend.

SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We will have 40 hours Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with the Vocations Monstrance, from March 20-22. Please avail yourself of this time to spend with the Lord and prepare for Holy Week.

EXPLORING YOUCAT

In the next session of EXPLORING YOUCAT, Mar 20, we invite you to see a video about who Jesus is, what it means to be true God and true man, how to enter into a relationship with Jesus, and Mary. Raise your questions about your faith in the discussion after the video! Feel free to drop by any Wednesday evening after Mass in the Church basement.

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.

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 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-noon in the Church.

PARISH NEWS



PASSION SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

5:00pm Saturday, Anticipated Mass
8am, 9:30am, 11:15am (Church) & 11:25am (Church Basement), 1:00pm, 3:00pm Filipino, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY: 7:30pm
GOOD FRIDAY: 3pm (Church & School Gym)
7pm Stations of the Cross
EASTER VIGIL: 8:30pm
EASTER SUNDAY: 8am, 9:30am, 11:15am (Church) & 11:25am Church Basement), 1pm, 3pm (Filipino) 5pm, 7pm

HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday : 6:45pm – 7:15pm, 8:40pm – 10pm
Good Friday: 10am – 2:30pm, 4:30pm – 10pm
Holy Saturday: 3pm – 6pm
Easter Sunday: No Confessions

BIBLE STUDY

The topic in the Bible Timeline Study this Sunday March 17 is about the most important event in Old Testament history- Israel's redemption from slavery. Learn how the events in the book of Exodus, chapters 1-18 relate to Jesus as the Paschal Lamb and what the events mean to us today. Come to the Church basement after the Sunday 5pm Mass.

ADVERTISE IN INT'L FESTIVAL SOUVENIR PROGRAM

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 March 31. Please contact Lynda at lyndaqtamayo@yahoo.com.

DEANERY PENITENTIAL SERVICES

St. Helen's– March 19 @ 6:30pm
St. Jude's– March 19 @ 7pm
St. Theresa's– March 21 @ 7pm
St. Mary's– March 22 @ 7:40pm

