

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



### **SUNDAY DEC 8: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- 12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
1:30pm CFC (Church Basement)  
6:10pm EPIC Journey (Church Basement)

### **MONDAY DEC 9: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY**

- 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
7:00pm MASS & LIVING ROSARY (Church)

### **TUESDAY DEC 10:**

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

### **WEDNESDAY DEC 11:**

- 2:00pm Willingdon Mass (4435 Grange)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:00pm Building Committee (Rectory Dining)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **THURSDAY DEC 12: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **FRIDAY DEC 13: ST. LUCY**

- 6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **SATURDAY DEC 14: ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS**

- 9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory Basement)  
12:00pm YM Basketball (School Gym)  
1:30pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)  
4:00pm Handmaids (School Gym)  
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)

### **SUNDAY DEC 15: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- 12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
6:10pm EPIC Journey (Church Basement)

## PARISH INFORMATION

**WEEKDAY MORNING MASS:** Monday - Friday: 8am

Weekday Morning Rosary 7am / Weekday Morning Lauds 7:30am

**WEEKDAY EVENING MASS:** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7pm  
followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9pm

**SATURDAY MASS:** Our Lady's Mass 8:30am

**SUNDAY MASS:** Anticipated Mass Saturday 5pm

Sunday: 8am / 9:30am / 11:15am / 1pm / 5pm / 7pm

**FILIPINO MASS:** every 2nd & 4th Sunday 3pm

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

Wednesday 6pm

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

Thursday: 8am & Saturday: 8:30am

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

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

Weekdays: After all Masses (except Thursday Evening Mass)

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

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 for children attending public schools on Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6:30pm-8pm / 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 6pm

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### **PASTORS & STAFF**

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

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

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

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DECEMBER 8, 2013

*Pastor's  
Corner*

### ENTER INTO THE MIND OF GOD

Have you ever fallen in love? What happened? You began to see and feel things from the viewpoint of your beloved! Going to Metrotown, you would browse the stores with a new perspective: what would your beloved like to receive as a gift! Walking in nature, you would wish he/she would be with you to see the beauty you see. Facing a problem, you would want to talk it through with him/her. You would be more interested in helping him/her than being helped.

When John the Baptist and Jesus say "Repent," this is one change of perspective like that they have in mind. Strange? Yes, because we have lost the true meaning of repentance. The word the Bible uses for repentance is "metanoia." It is the juxtaposition of two words "meta" which mean "beyond" and "nous" which means "mind." So "repent," a translation of "metanoia te," means "to go beyond your mind" or "to perceive and interpret and understand every-thing, including yourself, from a new "mind," from a different perspective, from a higher and more comprehensive, more encompassing perspective. Actually from the very "mind" of God! You feel, interpret, and understand everything from the Mind of God, from the Spirit of God.

Normally, we perceive, interpret and react to everything, person and events, in our daily lives from the standpoint of our own self-interest, of our egotism. "What is in there for me?" "Am I receiving the respect that is due to me?" "Am I properly rewarded? Am I noticed?" "Will I be inconvenienced if he/she does that?" "Will I suffer?" I...I...I... I am at the centre of the day, prisoner of my self-preoccupation, unable to truly love and enter into the joys of others, and into the joy of God.

But this is what the saints are able to do! Not by themselves! They ask God for the grace to receive His mind. That's what Jesus does when He baptizes us with the Holy

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Spirit and fire." He immerses (baptises) us in His Spirit so that we can perceive and love the way He does, with His divine Life, with His Spirit. Having been baptized as a baby before we could even repent, means this divine Life may still be "sleeping" in us. Advent calls us to re-awaken it. Then the seven-fold gift of the Spirit will be activated in us. These gifts are also renewed at Confirmation, and also when we renew our promise of baptism. This is happening also in the Charismatic "Movement" when we go through a "Life in the Spirit Seminar" or a "Christian Life Program." We have several of these every year at St. Mary's.

What are these seven gifts? I am not speaking here of those charismatic gifts that are sometimes spectacular like praising in tongues, healing, prophecy, words of knowledge. I am speaking of the basic seven gifts, also called sanctifying gifts. These gifts enable us to become holy, to fulfill the ultimate purpose of our life. They do this by making us more receptive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. They help to perceive and interpret things from the mind of God and then to act and live accordingly. Wisdom, the most important gift, enables us to see and judge from the highest viewpoint, God's, everything, even the daily events of our lives. The people I met, the things that happened to me today, the accidents, successes and even failures and sins...I see them as invitation from God to move into a deeper relationship with Him, to love God's purposes more than myself, more than my narrow-minded ways.

The gifts of understanding and knowledge give us an appreciation and a taste for God's ways and the "things" related to Him. They make our minds hunger to understand the ultimate realities and ways. Like Mary, we ponder everything in a joyful meditation.

The gift of counsel enables us to choose well what I value and love so that I might become the person God wants me to be. You intuitively know what is good for you. The gift of fortitude enables you to do God's will even in the face of opposition, facing courageously inner temptations and external pressure.

Of course, as God is being "born anew" in you, He will ask you to expel sin and dysfunctional behaviours. He will burn these like chaff.

*God bless you, Fr. Pierre*

p.s. Hear Fr. Barron sermon 49 and 204.

## PARISH NEWS

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

We are accepting kindergarten applications for the 2014/15 school year. Applications are available at [www.stmary.bc.ca](http://www.stmary.bc.ca) and from the school office on Monday, Dec. 9.



### 2014 ENVELOPES

2014 offering envelopes are ready for pickup in the Church basement. Please look for envelopes by last name. If your address has changed, please fill out the forms at the envelope table.

### DONATIONS FOR PHILIPPINES TYPHOON

The victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines are still in desperate need of your. Development and Peace, through one of its main partners, Caritas Philippines NASSA is coordinating distribution of basic necessities: food, water, shelter, hygiene and essential household items. Please give now: online [www.devp.org/emergencies/Philippines](http://www.devp.org/emergencies/Philippines); phone toll free 1-888-664-3397. There are also postage paid, self addressed envelopes in the foyer for your use if you wish to mail in your donations. The CFC will also receive donations through ANCOP in the foyer this weekend. The Canadian Government has extended its matching contributions until Dec. 23. Act now!

### THE ANNUAL GIVING CHRISTMAS TREE

St. Vincent de Paul Society is coordinating a Giving Tree this Christmas. The branches are covered with gift tags and you may select one or more. This will indicate your commitment to purchase a gift(s) for a child aged newborn to 16 years old. Please bring the unwrapped gift and place it under the tree during the weeks **Dec 14/15** and **Dec 21/22**. We, along with other interested ministries in St. Mary's, will then distribute them to children who would otherwise be without gifts at Christmas. Thank you again for helping these loved ones, your generosity will make this another successful Christmas.



### ST. MARY'S SIMBANG GABI

All parishioners are invited to celebrate Simbang Gabi with Fr. Rey Usman from Dec. 16-24, daily at 6am. As per the Filipino tradition, there will be a salo-salo (traditional foods and refreshments) after Mass. We invite and welcome those who wish to sponsor one of the Masses and/or the salo-salo (food and refreshments) after Mass. Please contact Ven Azarcon at 778-323-8242 or [venusius@yahoo.com](mailto:venusius@yahoo.com).

## PARISH NEWS

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Will be celebrated on Monday, Dec 9 beginning with Mass at 7pm celebrated by Archbishop Miller, followed by a Living Rosary. After the Living Rosary there will be a potluck in the Church basement, and all are welcome. Please note that because of bingo on Monday night, parking will be limited. Please make use of the back School parking lot, entrance off Clive St.



### NO SPARK NIGHT ON DEC 9

Please join us at 7pm Mass followed by the Living Rosary on Dec 9. The next and last event for the year is on Dec 16, Potluck Christmas Party at 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement. For more info contact Rocelyn 604-435-9611 ext. 247 or [youth.smarv@rcav.org](mailto:youth.smarv@rcav.org).

### ADVENT PRAYERS - FLAME (GR. 8-12)

We are called to prepare for the coming of Christ, but how? Join us Dec 13th, 6:30-8:30pm at the Church basement and find out. Grow in friendship with fellow youth and with Christ.

### YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING

Come sing praises to the Lord! Be filled with His love & receive healing Dec 12, 4:30-6pm at the Church basement. Doors on Euclid St open at 3:30pm. Refreshments provided.

### YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS NEEDED FOR P&W BAND

Interested to play in a Youth Praise & Worship band? Come to our first Youth Band gathering on Thursday Dec 19, 4:30-6:30pm in the Church basement. No experience required. Bring your own instruments, if you have. To register, contact Mildred at [mmoy\\_ca@yahoo.com](mailto:mmoy_ca@yahoo.com) or call 778-885-9611.

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### MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER CAMPAIGN

Next weekend Dec 14/15 there will be a special one-time collection in the Archdiocese for Talitha Koum and St. Kateri Centre. This is a Canada-wide campaign that brings fundamental and lasting change to Aboriginal communities in Canada by supporting local and national healing and educational programs in partnership with Catholic, Aboriginal, business and community leaders.

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Dec 12 @ 7pm St. Joseph's 1612 E. 18th Ave Vancouver  
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Dec 14 @ 2pm SFX 428 Great Northern Way, Vancouver  
**Dec 20 @ 7:40pm St. Mary's** 5251 Joyce St. Vancouver