

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY DEC 29: HOLY FAMILY

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

MONDAY DEC 30:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

TUESDAY DEC 31:

4:15pm Confession (Church)

5:00pm Mass (Church)

10:00pm Adoration (Church)

10:45pm Confession (Church)

11:30pm Mass (Church)

WEDNESDAY JAN 1: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

9:30am Mass (Church)

11:15am Mass (Church)

1:00pm Mass (Church)

THURSDAY JAN 2: ST. BASIL & ST. GREGORY

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY JAN 3:

6:00pm Youth for Christ (Rectory Dining Room)

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

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY JAN 4:

9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining Room)

12:00pm YM Basketball (School Gym)

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Rectory Basement)

2:30pm Baptism (Church)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)

SUNDAY JAN 5: EPIPHANY

1:30pm CFC (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

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ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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DECEMBER 29, 2013

*Pastor's
Corner*

RESCUE REMEDIES FOR FAMILIES

(Sermon 364 of Fr. Barron)

On this feast of the Holy Family, St. Paul, in today's second reading, lays out for us the remedies that make a family healthy. They include compassion, humility, bearing the burden of the other and above all to love and forgive one another. Families are essential. They are the focus of our greatest joys...and the focus of some of our greatest resentments, violence and suffering. Most violent crime takes place within the family...

Paul wants us to be compassionate. It means "to feel the feelings of the other." If you are fighting with a family member, and you are convinced that you are right and he/she or they are wrong, have you really entered into the feelings of that other person(s) you are disagreeing with? Have you walked around in her shoes? Have you very actively sought to see it from his perspective? That is compassion. It would go a long way to solving some of the worst disputes that we have in our family. Even when you try to understand a thinker that you disagree with, you should look above all for the feelings and passions that gave rise to that perspective, that way of thinking in the thinker's mind.

Next, Paul speaks of the virtue of humility. The word is derived from the Latin "humus," which means "ground." The humble person is deeply aware of his own ground, of his real truth, including his weak spots. The humble person is aware of his former blind spots, prejudices, hidden resentments, fears. The ignorance of these weaknesses can do us in! So in our family, we tend to say, "I am having this argument with you because obviously you are wrong!" Could it be that this conflict arose because of my own problems, my own anxiety, my own prejudices? Can I look at yourself in the mirror, just after you had a heated disagreement with someone in my family and say, "I might be wrong." Try it sometimes.

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"Maybe it is me." You will grow in self awareness and freedom, if you dare do this.

Next Paul wants us to bear with one another and have patience. Elsewhere Paul talks about bearing another's burdens. We are always looking for help in bearing our burdens, whether they are emotional, psychological, physical, and we get annoyed when people don't help us. Let us change our point of departure. Not who will help me bear my burdens but rather whose burdens can I bear today. What are the struggles, that other people are having and how can I help them? Apply this principle within your family. Whose burden can I bear? Whose troubles can I alleviate? How many kids have any idea of the burdens their parents are bearing? How many husbands can really grasp the weight that their wives may be under? How many parents fully understand the psychological burdens their kids are bearing? Find out! Then order your lives toward helping them!

Next Paul speaks about patience. Kids, practically by definition, are not ready to enact all the recommendations their parents have for them. Why? Because they are kids. It takes time to develop. So parents have patience with these young people, And kids, and teens, have patience with your parents. Realize their burdens and responsibilities...how difficult and trying their lives can be. Be patient as God is patient with each of us, not revealing the fullness of his laws right at the beginning of our journey. He is gradually, slowly, and patiently working with us, drawing us slowly to His goals.

If you apply the advices of St. Paul you will truly love. To love is to will the good of the other. All dysfunction within families flows from a lack of love. It is not poverty, it is not struggle, it's not failure that cause family breakdown. It is lack of love. Pray for the grace of patience, compassion, humility, bearing one another's burdens. With God, nothing is impossible.

God bless our families, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

*Happy New Year!
From the Pastors
and Staff of St. Mary's*



NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

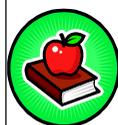
Dec 31: 5pm, 11:30pm
Confessions 4:15pm- 4:45pm & 10:45pm-11:30pm
Jan 1: 9:30am, 11:15am, 1pm
No confessions



PARISH OFFICE HOURS DURING NEW YEAR'S WEEK

Dec 30: 10am-5pm
Dec 31: 10am-5pm
Jan 1: Closed
Jan 2: 10am-5pm
Jan 3: 10am-5pm

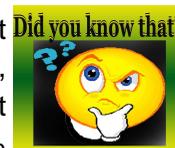
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL



St. Mary's is accepting applications for Kindergarten-Grade 7 students for the 2014/15 school year. Applications are available from our website or from the school office.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that St. Mary's has the biggest Sunday attendance in the diocese, at 5,315, which is 20% or more than the second biggest parish, Our Lady of Good Counsel; and 50% more than the third and fourth, St. Paul's and St. Matthew's, at 3,600. We have twice or triple the attendance of the biggest parishes in Vancouver. Since the year 2000, we have doubled our own attendance. This Christmas, we had nine Masses, about 7,500 people celebrated Christmas in our Church.



PARISH NEWS

YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT (GR.6-10)

Mark your calendars for the next prayer meeting on Jan 9 from 4:30-6pm at the Church basement. May you be filled with the Spirit this Christmas and New Year!

JUNIOR YOUTH BASKETBALL (GR. 6 & 7)



Yes, it's finally here! Meet Coaches Chan & Steven in the first Junior Youth Basketball practice of the year. Join us on Sat, Jan 11 from 10am-12pm at St. Mary's School Gym. Registration forms are available at the foyer or in the office. Contact Youth Ministry for more info.

SPARK NIGHT (GR. 6-8)

Spark events will resume on Jan 13 from 6:30-8:30pm at the Church basement.

FOOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Youth Ministry needs help in food preparation during events. Please share your time with us and contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext.247 for more info.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEEDS LEADERS

Youth are the future of our Church and our world, but they need models to guide them if we desire to keep our Catholic Church for generations. We are looking for people who have the passion to bring youth closer to Christ. You must be at least 18 years of age and no experience required. Please contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext. 247 or email youth.smarv@rcav.org.



DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGIATE OPEN HOUSE

Will be held on Wednesday, January 15 at 6:30pm. The placement exam for students entering grade 8 is on Thursday, Jan 23 at 1:30pm. For more info www.stmc.bc.ca.

ARCHDIOCESAN WINTER INSTITUTE

Archdiocesan Winter Institute offers one-day faith formation and ministry training for adults. Topics include: Core Catholic Life, Volunteer Management, Stewardship, Basics of the Faith and more. Ministry training offered for RCIA, PREP & Youth Ministry. Jan. 25 at Holy Cross Secondary School from 10am-4pm. Cost \$35, before Jan. 17, includes lunch. Everyone welcome. For more information and registration visit www.rcav.org/oc-winter.