

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY JAN 5: EPIPHANY

1:30pm CFC (School Gym)
6:10pm EPIC Journey (Church Basement)

MONDAY JAN 6:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
7:00pm Lay Apostle (Church)
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)

TUESDAY JAN 7: ST. ANDRE BESSETTE

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

WEDNESDAY JAN 8:

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

THURSDAY JAN 9:

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY JAN 10:

6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY JAN 11:

9:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory Basement)
10:00pm YM Basketball (School Gym)
2:00pm Youth For Christ (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
3:00pm Handmaids (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)

SUNDAY JAN 12: BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church Basement)
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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*Pastor's
Corner*

IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH A MELTING POT?

At Epiphany— or is it at Pentecost? - Fr. Vincent Travers used to process in the aisles of the Church, carrying small flags of the countries of origin of our parishioners. On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, we had a Living Rosary with two decades dedicated to the various languages spoken in our parish. We prayed the Hail Mary in twenty different languages. Epiphany celebrates the catholicity of the Church, in other words its universality. What makes the Church one is not the language, even if it were Latin, or English, but it is Christ who unites us. When a baby, or an adult, is baptized, anywhere in the world, it concerns each and every Catholic around the globe. Indeed, by baptism, we are incorporated into Christ, linked to Him as our head, the head of the Church, the Body of Christ. Yes! We become members of the same Body!

That union with Christ and through Him with one another, is so strong that St. Paul exclaimed, "In Christ, there is no longer slave and master, Jews and Gentiles, rich and poor, men and women." When sharers in the divine sonship of Christ, all the divisions caused by languages, cultures, ethnicities are potentially overcome.

But this faith in Christ doesn't create a "melting pot" where the particular ethnicities are absorbed. On the contrary, each culture reflects and enhances some aspects of the life that is in our Risen Lord. Since the year 2000, I had many occasions to see how other countries express their faith in songs, dances, gestures of reverence, devotions, novenas, processions. I became a more "complete" believer and worshipper of Christ.

Among all the 84(?) nationalities that compose our parish, the Filipinos are the most strongly present— maybe 84% of the Mass attendants. Our Sunday Mass in Tagalog

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twice a month, our Simbang Gabi before Christmas— a novena of Masses at 6:00am, our Christmas day Mass at 3:00pm, all were very moving. The Church was filled with people and with their beautiful songs. St. Mary's is the first parish to offer a regular Sunday Mass in Tagalog! But the Hungarians, the Polish, Croatians, Portuguese, Italian, Koreans, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Vietnamese, French, Slovaks, all of them, have a national Church, served by a priest of their country. The Laotians, Spanish-speaking people, Indonesian, Arabic, Chaldean, Indo-Canadian, have a regular Mass in their own languages, even if they can speak and understand English, and can have a wedding, a baptism, or a funeral celebrated in their native tongue. It seems fair enough, that the Filipinos celebrate their faith in their own language and ways!

St. Mary's will continue to be a parish where all are welcomed, where all can contribute to the "catholicity" or "universality" of the Church. Do you have any ideas about how we could be more inclusive in our celebrations and worship? Please email your ideas to the parish office.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

EPIC JOURNEY



EPIC Journey is back. Tonight we will see the establishment of the Franciscans and Dominicans. We will also learn more about St. Bonaventure and St. Thomas Aquinas. Join us in the Church basement at 6:20pm.

YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT (GR. 6-10)

Come learn worship songs and ways to deepen our friendship with the Lord! Join the next prayer meeting on Thursday Jan 9 from 4:30-6pm in the Church basement. Doors along Euclid Street are open from 3:30pm. Refreshments provided.

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.



FLAME NIGHT (GR. 8-12)

How is your walk with God? In the next Flame event, youth will explore how God has been, is, and will be walking you throughout your lifetime. Join us on Friday Jan 10 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement.

FOOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

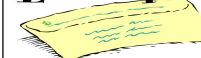
Youth Ministry needs help in food preparation during events. Please share your time with us and contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext.247 for more info.

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 have to be at least 18years of age and no experience required. Please contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext. 247 or email youth.smarv@rcav.org.

2014 ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes



Please collect your 2014 envelopes from the Church basement. Envelopes that are not picked up will be returned to the parish office.

PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE

Our total for 2013 is \$152,875. Thank you for your generosity! Our rebate will be used for the Parish Building Fund.



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.

100th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is home to Catholics from many countries and where the Holy Mass is celebrated in 22 languages. As Christians, we are called to reach out to and pray for all migrants to emphasize the unity of the human family and the values of acceptance, hospitality and love of neighbour. Archbishop Miller invites you to join him at Holy Rosary Cathedral for Holy Mass on Sunday, Jan. 19, at 2:30 pm. We will gather as One family in the global celebration of the Vatican-declared 100th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The theme this year is "Towards a Better World." A cultural reception will follow in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome!

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.

SAVE THE DATE – ARCHDIOCESAN ONE CONFERENCE

The ONE Conference is an annual Archdiocesan event to cultivate, unite, and inspire leadership for our Archdiocesan mission. Featuring world-class speakers Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, Christopher West, Dr. Josephine Lombardi, and closing Mass with Archbishop Miller, this is a "can't miss" opportunity for everyone involved and interested in the life and mission of the Church in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. The conference will be at the Vancouver Convention Centre on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 9am- 5:30pm. Tickets are \$40 available online at <http://rcav.org/one/>.