

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY MAR 9: 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

MONDAY MAR 10:

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

TUESDAY MAR 11:

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

WEDNESDAY MAR 12:

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:00pm Building Committee
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY MAR 13:

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

FRIDAY MAR 14:

6:00pm Fast and Pray (Rectory Basement)
6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY MAR 15:

10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
1:30pm Youth for Christ (Rectory Basement)
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)
7:30pm ARC (Church)

SUNDAY MAR 16: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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*

I DID IT MY WAY!

"I did it my way" goes the song popularized by Frank Sinatra. It has become the motto of many generations of people. Another one is "My life belongs to me and to no one else. Don't tell me what to do." Even though, this maxim can apply to some areas of our individual lives, it doesn't apply to our relationship with God, and to our duty towards the Common Good. Again another maxim is, "I can do whatever I please as long as it doesn't hurt others."

Many years ago, the chief judge of the Supreme Court of the U.S. justified abortion by saying, "It belongs to the individual freedom to determine the meaning of his life, and indeed the meaning of the Universe." Now, Canada pays for abortion. But if your fetus has some deficiency, yet is fully viable, they will practically refuse to help you give birth by making huge pressure on you to abort.

Another area, related to abortion, is the definition of what is a human being. According to the law, an unborn child becomes a human being only when his head is out of the mother's womb. I wonder what kind of animal is the nine month old baby if he is not a human being. And if he is not a human fetus, could he at least, have protection from the animal rights activists?

Needless to say, we are facing a crisis of the truth. The so called brilliant minds of our society believe there is no objective criteria for truth and therefore for morality. They believe that the individual can decide for himself what is good and what is evil, and that is original sin!

Look at today's first reading taken from Genesis. God has forbidden man to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, that is to usurp God's right to determine what is good and evil. Now this divine right is not an arbitrary desire from God! It is based on the objective reality of the Universe created by Him, including our objective

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nature. The Ten Commandments are ingrained in us. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that original sin has obscured our inner knowledge of these commands but not destroyed them. Our conscience is still operative in guiding us. But we are inclined to deny any objective role.

Original sin is a sin of rebellion and its effects are lasting rebellion throughout the ages. God had good reasons to forbid the fruit. He said, "For the day that you eat of it, you shall die." Indeed since that day, wars and the culture of death have grown wild. Man is man's worst enemy!

Christ came to reverse the effect of original sin by refusing the devil's temptation to grasp the prerogative and powers that made Him (Christ) the equal of God. Christ refused to use arbitrarily His powers for His own sake. He chooses to use them only in accordance with God's utterances, with God's will. He also gave us to participate in Him, therefore resisting rebellion through His Saving Grace.

God bless, Fr. Pierre



*"...the tree of life
also in the midst
of the garden,
and the tree
of the knowledge
of good and evil."
- Genesis 2:9*

PARISH NEWS

LENTEN MISSION/HEALING PRAYERS

Topic: Taking Sin Apart. Guest Presenter: Bishop Emeritus R. Gilmore. (Dodge City, Kansas Diocese and Jacqueline Loh) at St. Mary's on Thursday March 20 evening, Friday March 21 evening and Saturday March 22 all day. For more information please see: www.GracethatReigns.com and register RSVP@GracethatReigns.com. Free will offering. Tax receipts will be given for \$25 or more.



FEAST OF SAN PEDRO CALUNGSOD

The Knights of Columbus are organizing a 9-day novena in honor of the second Filipino saint, San Pedro Calungsod from March 14-23. Families who may be interested to host one of the novena days and welcome the image of San Pedro Calungsod may contact Ven Bryan Azarcon at 778-323-8242 or venusius@yahoo.com.

YOUTH PRAISE & WORSHIP BAND

Youth P&W Band are seeking a bass guitarist and singers to serve in the Thursday 4:30pm prayer meeting. We sing popular songs by Hillsong, Chris Tomlin, Avalon, Matt Maher, etc. String instrument experience required for those interested to be a bass guitarist. Training provided. Inquiries: contact Mildred mmoy_ca@yahoo.com 778-885-9611.

SPARK (GR. 6-8) - RETURN TO ME

When was the last time you allowed Jesus to look at you lovingly? In this season of Lent, experience God's 'look of love' again that we sometimes fail to notice. Join our vibrant team and youth on Monday March 10th 6:30-8:30pm at the Church basement to know more.

YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT (GR. 6-10)

Praise songs + games + food + prayer ministry = awesome spiritual youth experience! Join our young ministry every 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 4:30-6pm in the Church basement. The doors along Euclid Street open at 3:30pm and we provide refreshments. The next event is on Thursday March 13th.

SPARK ENCOUNTER (GR. 6-8)

How happy and content are you with yourself? Do you sometimes compare yourself with others? Have you ever wondered HOW God sees you? On Saturday March 22nd 10:30am-6:30pm, you are invited to experience the answers for these questions in a fun, safe and exciting environment. Registration is required and space is limited. Please see forms at the foyer, parish office or www.marysyouth.com.

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MVA FOUNDING ASSEMBLY

MVA (Metro Vancouver Alliance) which includes St. Mary's Parish, collectively represents over 200,000 people from across Vancouver, will meet to celebrate the founding of MVA. Please come and be part of this exciting and powerful new organization working together to bring real change to our city and communities. Archbishop Miller and other religious and civil leaders will be present. Join us on March 19, 7-9pm at the Maritime Labour Centre, 1880 Triumph St. Vancouver. Please sign up in the foyer. There will also be volunteers available to answer questions. For further info, please contact Richard Lange at richard_lange@hotmail.com or 778-995-2010; or James Infante at james.infante@alumni.ubc.ca.

SURVEY ON PROSTITUTION

Last year, the Supreme Court struck down all prostitution laws, and Parliament was given one year to write new laws related to prostitution. The Department of Justice is seeking public consultation on prostitution-related offences. The Archdiocese is advocating the Nordic Model as follows:

1. To criminalize the purchasers and the pimps
2. To decriminalize the prostituted person who is the victim

Your opinion counts. Please respond to the survey by the Mar 17 deadline: Online survey at <http://goo.gl/6JY9Ud>.

PRAY AND FAST

St. Mary's Street Ministry is calling for intercessors to fast and pray for an end to sex trafficking. Please come to our Fast and Pray meeting every Friday from 6-7pm in the Rectory basement.

40 HOUR ADORATION

This Wednesday to Friday we will have 40 hour Adoration from 9am-9pm. Come and adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL—KINDERGARTEN

St. Mary's School is accepting applications for a second Kindergarten class. Applications are available online at stmarys.bc.ca or from the school office.

MIGRANT MINISTRY

The St Marys Migrants Ministry would like to invite migrant workers and newcomers to attend a taxation seminar and "Migrants Connect" session on March 15 from 1-3pm. This will be held in the School Seminar Room. You will learn how to file your own taxes and how to access resources to file your taxes for free.