

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



SUNDAY MAR 23: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

MONDAY MAR 24:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

TUESDAY MAR 25: ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

7:00pm Mass (Church)

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

7:40pm Living Rosary (Church)

WEDNESDAY MAR 26:

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

7:00pm Human Trafficking Session (Church Basement)

7:00pm Building Committee (Rectory Dining)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY MAR 27:

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY MAR 28:

4:30pm Vocations Committee (Rectory Dining)

6:00pm Fast and Pray (Rectory Basement)

6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

6:30pm Dev & Peace (Rectory Dining)

6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

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

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY MAR 29:

10:00am Liturgy Committee (Rectory Dining)

10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)

10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)

1:00pm Handmaids (Rectory Basement)

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)

2:00pm Youth for Christ (School Gym)

2:30pm Baptism (Church)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)

6:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)

7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)

7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

7:00pm Source (Church)

SUNDAY MAR 30: 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Dining)

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

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*Pastor's
Corner*

BELIEVING OUR OWN LIES

What is it that makes us go back day after day to the well of our earthly desires? Each time we bypass Jesus Christ who wants to give the living water that springs up in eternal life. What is it that keeps us obsessed with things that cannot satisfy? What is it that prevents us from seeing the fount of true life? Yet Jesus is begging us to ask Him what we really need! And what only He can give!

For each of us, this obstacle to true life takes on a personal twist and is associated with different imagery, phantasms, dreams, memories and gratifications. But we can re-group them in four categories that can be used as an examination of conscience. This personalized examination can help us to be freer. It can enable us to see more clearly what Jesus has to offer.

Let's look at the first category = **prestige** or popularity...the need to be loved, admired, envied, desired. For people who are physically beautiful and attractive, like the Samaritan in today's Gospel who had gone through five men, there is a need to seduce and to be desired, that prevents them from really loving the other for his own sake. They are seeking love in all the wrong places, as the song goes. They end up with lustful men who will eventually drop them because sex cannot fully satisfy them. These men keep wanting more, wanting to experience something more with another woman. Please note the same is true for handsome men who also seek love in all the wrong places. In that same category of prestige are those who need to be admired. Their dreams are shattered when they see someone more popular and more successful than they are. They fall into envy and jealousy which makes them miserable, as St. James wrote in his Letter: "You do not have what you want therefore you kill to get it." That is what King David did. That is the number one motivator for killing according to the government statistics.

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Many jealous husbands threaten to kill their unfaithful wife, not because they love her, but because they are hurt in their pride.

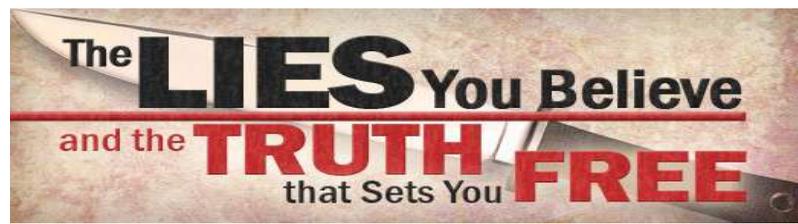
Another category is the obsession with **possessions** and all that money can buy. We want to have all the comforts of life, all the commodities that technology can give. We do overtime in order to pay for that iPhone 6 that will be so marvelous, and not to forget the new iPad air, with 475,000 apps in the apps store! Meanwhile we don't have time for the children or the spouse. Anyway they are busy with their own mini iPads. Here again, St. James reminds us, "You don't have what you covet, therefore you kill to get it." Not that we kill our neighbour, but we kill our family life and our own soul.

What about the third category: **power**? We don't have to be a supervisor or a head manager to seek power. All of us seek power in the form of control. We want to force people to do things our way. This is a trap for evangelizers, church people, priests, parents with their children. We make ourselves believe we are motivated by the good of others. We believe our own lies— most people do, says a science magazine. In fact we are seeking control, out of fear. One sign of that is when we catch ourselves seeking power for the sake of power, forgetting about the mission that would justify a loving and respectful use of power.

The fourth category is **pleasure**. Sought as an end, a good by itself. Food is sought only for pleasure, no matter its effect on our health. Sex is sought outside marriage and commitment and love. Health is sought only as a means to enjoy more, not to serve more and love more.

All these four major drives, power, pleasure, prestige, possessions are good, but cannot be their own ends. They cannot satisfy us if we allow them to control our lives. They blind us to God. Only God can make His source of eternal life flow in us...if we ask Him.

*Lord I am thirsty...
God bless, Fr. Pierre*



PARISH NEWS

TRAFFICKING AND PROSTITUTION

Come to a free talk to learn about Trafficking and Prostitution and the current laws. Find out how each of us can contribute to the human dignity of our marginalized sisters and youth, on March 26th from 7-9pm in the Church basement. Pope Francis encourages all Christians to make every effort to combat human trafficking. For more information contact evollet@rcav.org.

CATHOLIC FORUM



Catholic Forum invites you to explore the topic: "Joy and Solidarity: Pope Francis' Vision of Catholicism in Evangelii Gaudium" with Dr. Peter Baltutis from Corpus Christi College. Bring your questions Tuesday April 1 at 7pm to St. Mary's Church. Info: www.dominicanlaity.ca/forum, or Cathy Neugebauer 604-874-8037 or ve7cld@shaw.ca.

YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT (GR. 6-10)

How can you make Thursday a fun day for free? Join Youth in the Spirit! Play exciting games, meet friendly people and enjoy beautiful hymns! Feel God's loving embrace on Thursday, March 27th 4:30-6pm in the Church basement. Doors along Euclid Street open 3:30pm. Refreshments provided.

FLAME (GR. 8-12) – SOCIAL

Can 'Lent' and 'Fun' go together? YES, they can! Be surprised on Friday, March 28th 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement. Don't miss the fun, faith & fellowship this free event offers!

YOUTH BASKETBALL

 The next youth basketball is Saturday, Mar 29 in the School Gym. Gr 6&7 from 10am-12pm and Gr 8-12 from 12-2pm.

ASSISTANT BASKETBALL COACH

Youth Ministry is looking for an assistant basketball coach for its Saturday youth basketball from 12-2pm. Please contact Youth Ministry for details.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH MUSIC

Everyone is invited to join Youth & Young Adult Ministry and PS 98 Music Ministry in Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday, March 29th from 7-8:30pm in the Church. Come and be transformed by God's presence. Lay down your troubles to Him and offer songs of praise and worship.



PARISH NEWS

MASS & LIVING ROSARY-ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

We will celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on Tuesday, March 25 with Mass at 7pm followed by Living Rosary. Everyone is welcome.

SHARE THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

Discover Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium, over three Wednesdays, April 23, April 30 and May 7, from 7-9pm in the School Seminar Room. Workshop stimulates reflection on personal call and involvement in sharing the Gospel in accordance to the vision of Pope Francis. Register online at www.dominicanlaity.ca or phone Cathy Neugebauer, 604-874-8037. Bring a copy of Evangelii Gaudium, available online: www.vatican.va.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE

Student Ambassadors will be available to answer questions on March 29 after the 5pm Mass and March 30 after 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 1 pm and 5 pm Masses about Arts, Sciences, Business, and our Education Track. Find out how we can help you experience success as you begin your post-secondary studies! Visit: www.corpuschristi.ca

VOCATION LIVE IN FOR MEN

On the weekend of April 4-6, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission. For more information call 604-826-8715.

ARCHDIOCESAN SPRING INSTITUTE

Archdiocesan Spring Institute offers one-day faith formation and ministry training for adults. Topics include: Basics of the Faith, Core Catholic Life, Adolescent Development and more. Ministry training offered for RCIA, PREP, LWC & Youth Ministry. April 26, St. Patrick School, Vancouver, 10am-4pm. Cost \$35 (before April 14), includes lunch. Everyone welcome. More info and registration www.rcav.org/oc-spring.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

In a survey of post-abortive women, 92% of those surveyed reported feelings of anger related to their abortions, and most of them expressed surprise at the intensity of those feelings. With our heavenly Father's help and through our ministry, one can find peace and hope again. The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is May 2-4. For confidential information and to register call 604-525-0999.