

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY APR 13: PASSION SUNDAY

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

MONDAY APR 14:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

TUESDAY APR 15:

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

WEDNESDAY APR 16:

7:00pm Mass (Church) * **NO ADORATION OR CONFESSION** *
8:00pm RCIA Rehearsal (Church)

FRIDAY APR 18: CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY APR 19: RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (VIGIL)

10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)

SUNDAY APR 20: RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)



TRIDUUM MASS SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY

7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY

3pm (Church & School Gym)

7pm Stations of the Cross

EASTER VIGIL

8:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY

8am, 9:30am, 11:15am (Church) 11:25am (Church Basement), 1pm, 3pm (Filipino) 5pm, 7pm

TRIDUUM CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday : 6:45pm – 7:15pm, 8:40pm – 10pm

Good Friday: 10am – 2:30pm, 4:30pm – 10pm

Holy Saturday: 3pm – 6pm

Easter Sunday: No Confessions

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*

KARMA OR LOVE?

Do you think Christ was paying for the "karma" of our sins with His immense suffering? No! It is not the suffering, even Christ's suffering that has a value in itself! That might come from the belief in reincarnation. In this belief, you are not really forgiven, but you pay, by a certain amount of suffering, for the damage you have done.

What does save us in the passion of Christ? Not suffering itself. Suffering is the occasion Christ uses to show us His love without restraint. Fr. Mark Link, S.J., in his book "Mission" on page 106, quotes Anthony Padovano, "We are saved, not by the physical death of Jesus, but by the absoluteness of a love which did not count death (and suffering) too high a price."

In other words, love expresses itself in sacrifice. Accepting the sacrifice required in loving faithfully someone, expresses our love for that person and makes this love stronger, deeper, more real.

In God Himself, things are different. God the Father eternally and joyfully loves the Son without having to renounce Himself. Because He is love. There is no selfishness to overcome in Him. Love is not something He does sometimes, having to force Himself to really love. No, Love is something He is; joyfully, eternally and freely. Of course, this same truth applies to the Son and the Spirit.

But can you understand and live such a Love? No! Because we are a limited creatures, marked by the ingrained selfishness and rebellion of original sin, because of that, we resist the self-giving that Love requests. We need to sacrifice our pride and selfishness to truly love. Sacrifice, suffering accepted, when it is permitted by God, all this lived in union with Christ's passion, leads us to a greater love, ultimately to a joyful and eternal love.

Pastor's Corner Continued...

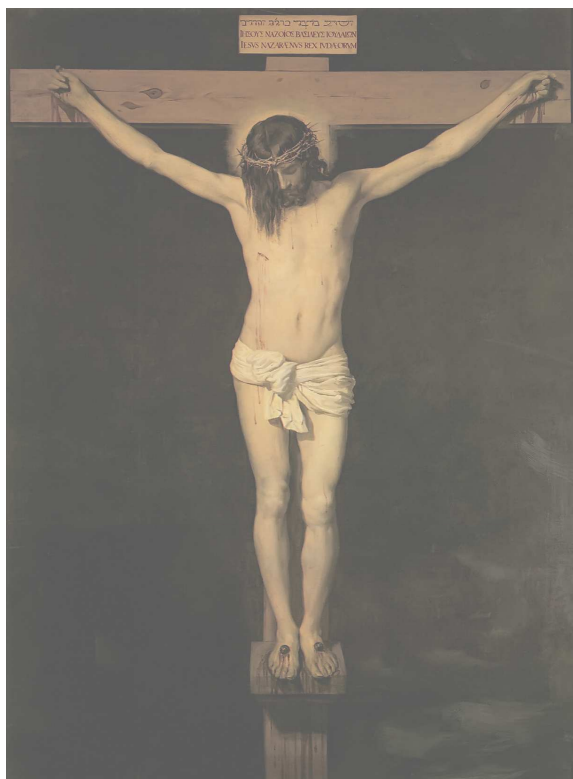
Pastor's Corner Continued...

Make no mistake! This kind of love is beyond our reach. We need three things. First, to know and see that God Himself through Christ has shared in our human, suffering love. God experimented death and the agony of our lives on the Cross. So, we know His love is real!

Secondly, we need to believe by grace, that Christ never leaves us alone even in the worst suffering. "Nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:38)

Thirdly, we need the grace to choose Love, even when it entails great suffering. God will give you the desire and that strength to do so. Little by little, day by day, He will do so. But you have to ask for it humbly, not as something due to you, but as a pure grace, an unmerited gift.

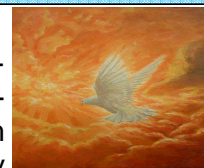
God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Life In The Spirit Seminar organized by Mission Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group starting April 22-June 10, Tuesday nights from 7:30pm-9pm. Come and be empowered by the Holy Spirit. Your life will change! It's free. Please sign up in the foyer. Info: email mmoy_ca@yahoo.com or text 778-885-9611.



WEDNESDAY APRIL 16

Please note there is no adoration or confession following the Wednesday 7pm Mass.

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18

The parish office will be closed on Good Friday afternoon.

FLAME (GR. 8-12) – HOMELESSNESS

No one chooses to be homeless and it can happen to anyone, even to people we may know. Homelessness is an issue that affects us all. Find out what we can do on Sunday, April 13th 6:30-9pm in the Church basement.

SPARK (GR. 6-8) – DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY?

Every young person experience sadness and some degree of suffering. How do we make sense of our suffering on earth? On Monday, April 14th 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement, you will find out that your suffering may be meaningful too and can even cause joy! Do not miss this fun-filled and special event.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

There is no junior or senior youth basketball for the remaining Saturdays in April. The next one will be on May 10.

PROJECT ADVANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Calling for volunteers! We are in need of volunteers to assist with Project Advance. Volunteer cards are available in the foyer; please return all cards by April 13. There will be a training meeting on April 15th at 6pm in the Rectory. Thank you in advance and we look forward to working with you!

PROJECT ADVANCE 2014

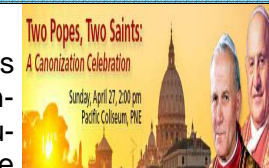
Kudos to all parishioners of St. Mary's and in particular to those who contributed to 2013 campaign. Your generous donations made it possible for us to achieve our parish goal of \$100,000. Our total collected was \$156,974 from which we received a rebate of \$47,369, directed to the Parish Building Fund.



DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

CANONIZATION CELEBRATION

On Divine Mercy Sunday April 27, Popes John XXIII and John Paul II will be canonized, and the Archdiocese of Vancouver will celebrate in a big way! Everyone is invited to our canonization celebration at PNE's Pacific Coliseum, starting at 2pm, Archbishop Miller and Canada's new nuncio Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi presiding. Tickets are free, available at the parish office.



CANONIZATION CELEBRATION- PROCESSION

There will be a Grand Procession at 2pm, and each parish will be represented by a maximum of 12 participants **in ethnic dress**. St. Mary's is looking for volunteers as follows: 4 from Asia, 4 from South America, 2 from Europe, 2 from Africa. If you have a national costume and would like to volunteer, please contact Vesna at parish.smarv@rcav.org.

SUFFERING – THE WAY TO GROW

World renowned Father John Hampsch, CMF will lead the way through suffering by addressing topics such as: Why me Lord? The why of suffering? Why does God ignore my prayers for relief? Trials that test your trust in God? Coping with life's darkest moments? The conference is on Friday May 9 from 7:30-9:30pm and Saturday May 10 from 9am-5pm at Archbishop Carney Secondary School, 1335 Dominion Ave, Port Coquitlam. Tickets \$20 each or \$30 for two, available at the parish office. Last year tickets sold out, so don't wait for the last minute!

THE SHARE LENT STORY

Dr. Peter Baltutis, Asst. Professor of Corpus Christi College, is going to shed light on our understanding of Development & Peace and its works on Wednesday, April 16 at 7pm, St. Patrick's 2881 Main St., Vancouver. Free admission.

YOUTH DAY (GR.8-12)

It's back! Are you ready for one of the most exciting gatherings for high-school youth in the archdiocese? Celebrate Youth Day 2014 on Saturday, May 3 from 9am-9:30pm at Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary School. The theme is "Our Hearts Burning Within" based on Luke 24:32. Our keynote speaker is Chris Padgett, who communicates the truth of Christ's love and forgiveness by interweaving humour, testimony and music. Along with worship leader, Jackie Francois Angel, this event is not to be missed. Please see registration forms at the foyer, website or parish office.