

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY APR 20: RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

MONDAY APR 21: EASTER OCTAVE

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

TUESDAY APR 22: EASTER OCTAVE

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY APR 23: EASTER OCTAVE

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

7:00pm Building Committee (Rectory Dining)

7:00pm Evangelii Gaudium (Seminar Room)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY APR 24: EASTER OCTAVE

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)

7:30pm Prayer for Priests (Church)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY APR 25: EASTER OCTAVE

6:00pm Fast and Pray (Rectory Basement)

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

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Church)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY APR 26: EASTER OCTAVE

9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory Basement)

10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)

2:30pm Baptism (Church)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)

6:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)

7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)

7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

SUNDAY APR 27: 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

6:30pm Youth Ministry (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

Email: youth.smarv@rcav.org Website: www.marysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Pastor: Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P. (ext. 6)

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*Pastor's
Corner*

DEATH: THE LAST ENEMY

On Palm Sunday and on Good Friday you let Christ help you carry your cross and you accepted His request to help Him carry His cross. Your own sufferings took their meaning by being inserted in the sufferings of the whole humanity and of God Himself. But you can't stop there. You must unite yourself with the Power of His Resurrection. "If Christ has not risen, vain is your faith." (1 Cor. 15,17)

A true story in the Vancouver Sun will help me illustrate my point. It was a reportage about Canadian mothers who lost their sons in the Afghanistan War or after the war, due to a Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Several young soldiers committed suicide, here in Canada, after coming back. It is indeed more difficult to "accept" the death of someone who committed suicide because of the horrors of war than to accept the heroic death that can happen during the war. A group of mothers were encouraged to celebrate the birthdays of their deceased sons, every year. They gather and share their memories and souvenirs related to their sons. By doing this, they make their sons "present" in their minds and their hearts, and maybe some hope that their sons will be spiritually present. That is all that the secular world can offer but it is not enough! Their death remains unacceptable.

Some find consolation in the fact that the cause for which they died still lives on. But it is still not enough to heal their hearts. We hunger for a definitive victory over death itself. We are not satisfied with a celebration of the past lives of the dead, or an affirmation of the good they have done. We need that the whole world be rid of death. As long as death is there, we are prisoners of fear. Because of death, I know that I will be separated from my loved ones, and I fear. Because of death, I know my time and my resources are limited, therefore I cave in on myself, trying to get as much instant gratification and power and popularity as I can.

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Because of death, I see the other as a competitor or an enemy. But Jesus said, "Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body and do nothing else." Fear of death is the ultimate weapon that tyrants use to impose their order. As long as death has the last say, we cannot be really free, and we cannot really be true brothers and sisters. Fear of death instills division, discouragement, diversion and deceit.

Will you join the saints who did great things because they were not afraid of death? John Paul II, Martin Luther King, Gandhi, Mother Teresa and many others. Jesus did not come to promote a "new moral order" or some new commandments. This could not have saved us. He came to free us from the tyranny of death. Do you believe this? This is the heart of the first proclamation of the Gospel. Jesus, the crucified one, is risen! And we will rise with Him on the last day.

Happy and Blessed Easter, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS



***HE IS RISEN!
CHRIST IS RISEN!
HAPPY EASTER!***
*From the Pastors and Staff
of St. Mary's Parish*

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.

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. Register online at www.dominicanlaity.ca or 604-874-8037. Bring a copy of *Evangelii Gaudium*, available online: www.vatican.va.

GRACE THAT REIGNS - PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

Please join us to pray for the priests of Fraser Valley East Deanery at 7:30pm at St. Mary's on Thursday April 24th. <http://www.gracethatreigns.com/>.

STREET OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS

St. Mary's Street Ministry is in need of volunteers for midnight outreach (female only) on Thur/Fri night, and homeless outreach (male/female) on Sat/Sun. Screening and shadowing required. Training provided. Please spread the word. For more info, please call/text Mildred at 778-885-9611 or email mmoy_ca@yahoo.com. Thank you!

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The parish committee would like to thank everyone who gave to Share Lent. The donations to date totalled \$10,286.80, and we collected an additional \$181.85 from the "Hunger Repast." Thank you for joining Pope Francis in his prayer for "a world in which no one must ever again die of hunger."

YOUTH EVENTS

Please note that there is no Flame event on Easter Sunday, April 20 and no Spark event on Easter Monday, April 21.

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.

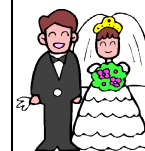


CANONIZATION CELEBRATION- PROCESSION

There will be a Grand Procession at 2pm, and each parish will be represented by a maximum of 12 participants **in ethnic dress**. If you have a national costume and would like to volunteer, please contact Vesna at parish.smarv@rcav.org.

IS YOUR MARRIAGE IN CRISIS?

Repair your marriage, rediscover romance and gain the tools you need for healthy, loving communication! For confidential information or to register for the program beginning the weekend of April 25-27, call 604-530-6710, email vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org or visit www.retrouvaille.organd/orwww.retrouvaillelvancouver.com.



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!

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Post-Abortion Syndrome and psychological problems can occur after an abortion. The symptoms can range from depression and guilt to extreme sadness and even suicide. We are ready to help you find healing and hope again. The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is May 2-4. For confidential information and to register call 604-525-0999.

