

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



**I am the way, and the truth, and the life;
no one comes to the Father but through Me.
John 14:6**

SUNDAY MAY 18: 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!!!

Cake and coffee following all Masses in the Church basement, and a chance to greet and congratulate Fr. Pierre!



MONDAY MAY 19: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

TUESDAY MAY 20:

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

7:00pm CWL (School Gym)

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

WEDNESDAY MAY 21:

7:00pm Mass (Church)

7:00pm Building Committee (Rectory Dining)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY MAY 22:

7:00pm **CONFIRMATION** (Church)

NO ADORATION or BENEDICTION

7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)

7:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)

FRIDAY MAY 23:

7:00pm Mass (Church)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY MAY 24:

9:00am Vocations Committee (Seminar Room)

9:15am DNA (Rectory Basement)

10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)

2:00pm CFC-SFL (Rectory Basement)

2:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)

7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

SUNDAY MAY 25: 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

2:00pm John Paul II Movie (Church Basement)

5:00pm CFC-SFL (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*

THE JOYS OF MY PRIESTHOOD

During the 30 years as a priest, my greatest joy, besides knowing more and more our beautiful God, has been to see and hear so many people, hundreds of them being touched by His grace...getting closer and closer to God. This has been particularly true during the last eight years at St. Mary's. It is here that I saw, every week, every day, this transformation of persons into Christ and into His Body, the Church. A large community is being revived by God. I don't claim to be a significant cause of it. Rather, I am one of those who have been changed by God's Presence in this community. The secret of St. Mary's? The many people praying for this community and the intercession of our Lady.

Hundreds of times in confession, I have heard people telling me how God was touching them with His grace. Of that divine action in their heart, I was just a grateful witness in the confessional. At most, I have sometimes been a trigger or a catalyst in these transformations. Many times, people shared how they were brought closer to Christ and His Body, the Church, by the many ministries, events, peoples and friends of this large parish community. Baptism with the Holy Spirit, preaching, confessions and spiritual direction have been a blessing for many, day after day, after day.

St. John Paul II said that the main goal of the parish priest is to lead his parishioners to holiness. Seeing God acting so powerfully in so many lives confirmed my faith in Him. How could I not believe in Him! More to it, God was not satisfied by just using me for ministry. He wanted and still wants me to draw much closer to Him. He wants more than my work, He wants me. And He has put in my path many people to remind me of that! People who want to share their thirst for God. Together these ones draw more and more persons to that communion with God. They form a community centered on Christ. They evangelize by being one with God and one

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with the Body of Christ, the Church.

The ministry of confession has been a school of holiness for myself. It has been a major source of my spiritual life and of the pastoral life of St. Mary's. Many ministries and events have been created in response to what I heard over and over in confession. In the confessional, I have no doubt that I am doing the will of God and it gives me a great peace, the kind that the world cannot take away from me.

Celebrating Mass and preaching is another great joy. I see so many people entering into union with God during the Eucharistic prayer. And so many who listen attentively during the homily. I am aware that some are coming strictly by obligation, and that some do their Facebook or their email in the Church, but it doesn't take away the fervor of the community! Also I have learned that we cannot really celebrate Mass without offering ourselves to God. Otherwise our Mass is a lie...

A word of regret. There are so many opportunities for great friendship in a vibrant and devout parish such as this one, but I don't want to belong to just a few friends. And the parish is so large that I need to consecrate all my time for the ministry and for the Lord. In the end, the only fruit that will last will be the one brought about by the Lord. In the Kingdom of the Resurrected, we will have eternity for friendship.

May God give me more years of service at St. Mary's. It would be a great blessing for me.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



"Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever.

Amen!" (Rev. 7:12)

PARISH NEWS

30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This weekend we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Fr. Pierre's ordination!

SATURDAY MAY 17:

5pm Mass celebrated by Archbishop Miller, followed by a reception in the Church basement. Donation of finger foods gratefully accepted. Please drop off to Church basement before Mass.

SUNDAY MAY 18:

Cake and coffee following all Masses in the Church basement, and a chance to greet Fr. Pierre!



PLEASE JOIN IN THIS MOMENTOUS CELEBRATION, ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

PROJECT ADVANCE 2014



You may donate to Project Advance by returning the pledge forms you received in the mail; there are also blank pledge forms available in the pews which you can place into the collection basket or give to Project Advance volunteers after Mass; or you may donate online at rcav.org. Thank you for your generous support!

MIGRANT MINISTRY

Are you a live-in caregiver facing difficulties with your PR application and have questions regarding new requirements regarding your dependants? Get your questions answered on Saturday, May 24 at a free interactive workshop on "Live-in Caregiver Program-Process and Requirements and Other Related Issues" from 1-3pm in the School Seminar room, sponsored by ISS of BC. The speaker Ai Li Lim, is a staff lawyer and executive director at West Coast Domestic Workers Association. Registration is required. Please call Chit Arma 604-684-7498 ext. 1666 or resoচিতা.arma@issbc.org or Lenn Castro at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com.

HEALING AND DELIVERANCE TEACHING & PRAYER

Presentation on Healing and Deliverance from internationally known Erika Gibello, and receive prayer from her as well, on Friday May 30 from 7-9pm and Saturday, May 31 from 10-4pm, in the Church basement. For more information, please contact Roy at 604-523-2769 or visit www.vccrs.ca.

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MOVIE: POPE JOHN PAUL II

All are invited to watch this epic film that follows St. John Paul the Great's journey from his youth through to his last days on the Chair of St. Peter. It explores his life behind the scenes and how he defended the dignity of mankind. See you Sunday, May 25 at 2:15pm in the Church basement.

FLORES DE MAYO

To parents of children joining the "Flores de Mayo" procession Sunday May 25 before the 3pm Filipino Mass, please contact Daisy Descallar at 604-430-0193 for more details.

NO SPARK & YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT

Please note that there is no Spark event on Monday, May 19 and no Youth in the Spirit on Thursday, May 22. Blessings to all youth who will be confirmed this week!

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Whether you're just learning or excellent in basketball, there's a place for you on Saturday, May 24 in the School Gym. Times are 10am-12pm for grades 6-7 and 12-2pm for grades 8-12.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (GR. 8-12)

Many are searching for the meaning of life and love, but don't realize that the answer is actually right in front of them. Uncover this mystery on Sunday, May 25 from 6:30-9pm in the Church basement. Social time and refreshments are included. For more info, contact Rocelyn 604-435-9611 ext.247 or email youth.smarv@rcav.org.

TRAMPOLINE DODGE BALL (GR. 8-12)

Dodge, duck, dive and fly on a 3-D dodge ball court in Extreme Air Park, Richmond on Sunday, June 8. Admission fee is \$17 per jumper and includes 2 hours of full access jump time (extreme air sox included). Meeting time will be at 9:45am in the Church parking lot and we are expected to return at 4pm. Pre-registration and payment is required by May 31. Please pick up permission forms from the foyer.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

JESUS THE TEACHER RETREAT

Deepen your knowledge of the faith, renew your relationship with the Lord, and connect with old and new friends. Led by Fr. Nick Meisl. Friday, May 23, at 7pm to Sunday, May 25 at 1pm, Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, Surrey. Pre-registration required. Cost \$175.00. Registration: <http://rcav.org/oc-jesus-the-teacher-retreat>.