

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



### **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)

### **MONDAY MAY 26: ST. PHILIP NERI**

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

### **TUESDAY MAY 27:**

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

### **WEDNESDAY MAY 28:**

7:00pm Mass (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **THURSDAY MAY 29:**

7:00pm Mass (Church)  
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)  
7:40pm Prayer for Priests (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **FRIDAY MAY 30:**

7:00pm Mass (Church)  
7:00pm Erika Gibello Healing (Church Basement)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **SATURDAY MAY 31: VISITATION OF MARY**

9:00am Erika Gibello Healing (Church Basement)  
10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)  
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)  
2:30pm Baptism (Church)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)  
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)

### **SUNDAY JUN 1: ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

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**

Principal: Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff Website: www.stmary.bc.ca

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 6pm

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### **PASTORS & STAFF**

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

**Assistant Pastor:** Fr. Gabriel de Chadarevian, O.P. (ext. 3)

**Pastoral Assistant:** Vesna Jankovic (ext. 6)

**Finance & Property Manager:** Ossie Fernandes (ext. 7)

**Youth Ministry Coordinator:** Rocelyn Catris (ext. 247)

**RCIA/PREP Coordinator:** Edwin Cruz (ext. 5)

**Reception:** Edwin Cruz/Joseph Mendoza (ext. 0)



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**MAY 25, 2014**

### *Pastor's Corner*

There was a man in France who spent all his free time and all his retirement time planting trees. He was very old when someone asked him, "Why plant these trees?" You will never see them growing up. By the time they will provide shade and nuts, you will be long dead." "I know that," the old man replied, "but I was born into a world with trees, and shade and fruits. I want to beautify what I have received and pass it on to the next generation."

We too were born in a world with trees, churches, schools, parish halls. We want to leave this world in a better state than it was when we were born. We want a better start for the next generation. Leaving our children and grandchildren better equipped than us. With a greater sense of the common good. With a faith that will power them through all that life can throw at us. One rich man said "I will leave a fortune to my children. But if I can't share my faith with them, they will have nothing, really! I wish I could give them my faith because they would have everything."

Faith gives us the drive to build a world that is worth living in. It offers us the divine life that makes human life beautiful. Faith does not only bring us to heaven. It brings heaven into us and into our world. This is the best legacy we can give. One of the ways we can give this is by creating a vibrant and faithful parish community and equip it with a great Catholic school. We already have a very good staff of teachers and very dedicated parents. But our school is at the end of its life span. It doesn't look bad from the outside, but its structure would not resist a major earthquake. The Archbishop has requested that all Catholic schools be examined and retrofitted in order to be classified low or medium risk. To do that, we would need to invest 40% to 70% of the capital needed for a new school, and we would still have the same old school. And within 15 to 30 years we would still need to

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build a new school because the central piece of the school is now 45 years old. Instead of investing so much money for just 15 to 20 years, we can now start saving for a new school that will provide a far better learning space. It is not a luxury. To compete with the public schools, we need a pre-school and an extended after school space. We need to provide space for kids with learning disabilities, especially as these numbers have increased considerably, not only at St. Mary's but everywhere in the country.

Many, many years ago, a very small church community undertook the construction of our actual school and rectory. Our community is now many times larger than it was then, maybe seven times larger! Without huge sacrifices, and with the special financing opportunities offered by the Archdiocese, we can build a functional and beautiful place of learning and a parish centre that will match our vibrant community and our beautiful Church. Let us start planning for it.

*God bless you. Fr. Pierre*



## PARISH NEWS

### **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](http://www.vccrs.ca).

### **GRACE THAT REIGNS: PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS**

St. Jean Marie Vianney wrote "The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." Please join us to pray for the priests of Vancouver West Deanery at 7:40pm at St. Mary's Church on Thursday May 29th. <http://www.gracethatreigns.com/>.

### **A BIG THANK YOU FROM CWL**

The Mother's day luncheon held on May 11 was a huge success. It was a well attended event and the Catholic Women's League would like to extend their appreciation for your support. We hope and pray we can count on your continued support to all our future activities and projects. God bless us all.



### **NO SPARK EVENT**

Please note that there is no Spark event on Monday, May 26. The next one is on June 2.

### **YOUTH BASKETBALL**

Whether you're just learning or excellent in basketball, there's a place for you on Saturday, May 31 in the School Gym. Times are 10am-12pm for grades 6-7 and 12-2pm for grades 8-12.

### **FLAME (GR. 8-12) - CREATED FOR LOVE**

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 through the Theology of the Body for Teens this 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](mailto: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.

## PARISH NEWS

### **FR. PIERRE'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

If anyone has photos from last weekend, we would like to make a photo book. Please forward pics to the parish office at: [parish.smarv@rcav.org](mailto:parish.smarv@rcav.org).

### **CATHOLIC FORUM: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

What is "Environmental Justice?" As Catholics, how are we called to be engaged in the care of God's creation? Come find out and bring a friend! Presentation by John Gabor, who has been involved in international development and social justice for more than 30 years, and is currently regional animator for Development and Peace. Tuesday June 3 at 7pm at St. Mary's Church. Event is free; donations appreciated. For more information [www.dominicanlaity.ca/forum](http://www.dominicanlaity.ca/forum) or contact Cathy Neugebauer at 604-874-8037 or [ve7cld@shaw.ca](mailto:ve7cld@shaw.ca).

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

### **BIRTHRIGHT WALK/RUN**

Join us for an annual fundraising event for Birthright Vancouver, a crisis pregnancy service devoted to providing women with love, care, and support during the challenges of pregnancy. Saturday, June 7, 10am-1pm, Holy Name of Jesus Parish. Participants will collect donations, which are tax-deductible, then walk or run around the Queen Elizabeth Park. Event will have refreshments and live music. If interested in participating or sponsoring, please contact [birthright-vancouver@gmail.com](mailto:birthright-vancouver@gmail.com).

### **CHARISMATIC PENTECOST CELEBRATION**

Annual Catholic charismatic Pentecost celebration, St. Matthew's church, Surrey, Saturday, June 7 from 10am-2pm. Praise and Worship with Jeff Cabralda and his choir, Eucharistic Procession and Benediction, Concelebrated Mass, homily by Father Augustine Obiwumma, individual prayer and blessings from priests, closing reception.

### **ONE-DAY RETREAT FOR MEN - JAKE KHYM**

We welcome all for a full day retreat centred on practical ways to make a difference in the lives of men. The event will inspire you to improve your relationship with God and your family. Jake Khym, registered Clinical Counsellor, is our featured speaker and has a Master's Degree in Counselling Psychology. Jake is also a husband, father of three, counsellor, teacher, and retreat master. Saturday, June 7, from 8:30-6pm, Our Lady of Assumption Parish. Registration available at <http://assumptionofmary.ca/retreat.php>.