

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



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

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

### **MONDAY JUN 2:**

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
7:00pm Lay Apostle (Church)  
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)  
7:00pm MVA (Rectory Library)

### **TUESDAY JUN 3: ST. CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS**

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

### **WEDNESDAY JUN 4:**

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

### **THURSDAY JUN 5: ST. BONIFACE**

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)  
7:00pm Mass (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **FRIDAY JUN 6:**

6:00pm Youth for Christ (Rectory Dining)  
7:00pm Mass (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **SATURDAY JUN 7:**

9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)  
9:00am Vocations Committee (Church Basement)  
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)  
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)  
2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)  
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)  
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)  
7:30pm CCO Summit (Church)

### **SUNDAY JUN 8: PENTECOST**

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**

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

Phone: (604) 437-1312 Fax: (604) 437-1193

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

Phone: (604) 435-9611 Fax: (604) 439-9413

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### **PASTORS & STAFF**

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

**Assistant Pastor:** Fr. Gabriel de Chadarévian, 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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**JUNE 1, 2014**

*Pastor's  
Corner*

### **GOD'S GPS**

The first time I ever used a GPS, I was so amazed to see it on my iPhone, a dot marking my exact location and moving on the map each time I would take a few steps. A satellite, up there in the sky could spot my exact location! I could be found anywhere! Like the song "Amazing Grace, I was lost but now am found!" In order to find you anywhere, the GPS satellite has to be very high. From that high viewpoint it can "see" all of us, almost anywhere, anytime, and detect our placements.

Doesn't this comparison help us understand the significance of the Ascension of Jesus Christ? He didn't abandon us but took His place at the right hand of the Father, from "where" He can not only see each one of us, but by His Spirit in us, give us the drive to do His will "on earth as it is in heaven." If only we say a real "yes" to Him! He can inspire, and sanctify not only each of us individually, but coordinate all the Church members together, and even the whole humanity for the fulfillment of His purposes. That is called "Providence" or Divine Shepherding. A GPS satellite cannot do that!

St. John Paul II explained this in his homily for Ascension: "Because of Christ's merits, because of His intercession with the Father, we are able to attain justice and holiness of life, in Him. The Church may indeed experience difficulties, the Gospel may suffer setbacks, but because Jesus is at the right hand of the Father the Church will never know defeat. Christ's victory is ours! **The power of the glorified Christ, the beloved Son of the eternal Father, is superabundant, to sustain each of us and all of us in the fidelity of our dedication to God's kingdom...The efficacy of Christ's Ascension touches all of us in the concrete reality of our daily lives.**"

"Be imbued with the hope that is so much a part of

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The mystery of the Ascension of Jesus. Be deeply conscious of Christ's victory and triumph over sin and death. Realize that the strength of Christ is greater than our weakness, greater than the weakness of the whole world. Try to understand and share the joy that Mary experienced in knowing that her Son had taken His place with His Father, whom He loved infinitely. And renew your faith today in the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has gone to prepare a place for us, so that He can come back again and take us to Himself. This is the mystery of the Ascension of our Head."

(St. John Paul II quoted from Magnificat May 2014)

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



## PARISH NEWS

### **SCHOOL BUS DRIVER**

St. Mary's School requires a School Bus Driver on a casual basis for field trips commencing September 2014. Applicants must have a valid Class 2 BC license, have no driving infractions on record, and give consent to a criminal record check. A school bus driver is an important member of our educational team and we value commitment to the safety and well-being of our students. If interested in applying for this position please email a cover letter, resume and current ICBC driver abstract to Brenda Krivuzoff at bkrivuzoff@cisva.bc.ca.

### **ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OPENINGS**

St. Mary's School has one opening for Gr. 5 and two for Gr. 7 for the 2014-2015 school year. Please visit the office for an application package or visit [www.stmary.bc.ca](http://www.stmary.bc.ca). Tuition subsidy is available.

## PARISH NEWS

### **TRAFFICKING POSTCARD**

Every parishioner at St. Mary's is encouraged to take action on this grave social issue as requested by Archbishop Miller in the letter read by Father Pierre: Catholic Women's League and Street Ministry volunteers will be in the foyer after all Masses to distribute postcards addressed to Federal Justice Minister Peter McKay, asking him to act on the issue of prostitution. Signed postcards can be given to the volunteers or mailed postage free.

### **PROJECT ADVANCE**

As we heard last week, we can build a functional and beautiful place of learning, and a parish center that will match our vibrant community and our beautiful church. Therefore we want to encourage everyone to make their donation so we can reach our parish goal of \$210,000 quickly! Committee members are available after all Masses to collect pledges or register new donors. You may also donate online through [www.rcav.org](http://www.rcav.org). Thank you for your support!

### **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 info: [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).



### **POPE FRANCIS CALL TO ACTION**

St. Mary's MVA Ministry invites you to come and listen to Dr. Austen Ivereigh, a Catholic writer and coordinator of Catholic Voices who will speak about the link between Catholic Social Teaching and community organizing. Tuesday, June 10 at 7pm in the School Gym. Admission is \$5.00 or by donation. For more information contact Richard Lange at [richard\\_lange@hotmail.com](mailto:richard_lange@hotmail.com).

### **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

PLEASE wear RED next Sunday, June 8 to celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit!

### **YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT (Gr.6-10)**

The next event is on Thursday, June 12, 4:30-6pm in the Church basement.



## PARISH NEWS

### **THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (GR. 8-12) - Love Defined**

St. Thomas Aquinas taught us that love is willing the good of another person and pursuing it. We live in a culture that misunderstands love, but it doesn't need to be that way. Join the conversation this Sunday, June 1 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).

### **SPARK (Gr. 6-8) - Actions = Words**

We are faced with choices each day that require us to act with integrity. Do we always use our freedom to choose what is right? Come for games, skit and food on Monday, June 2 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement and be inspired to live a Christ-centred life.

### **YOUTH BASKETBALL**

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

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

### **BIRTHRIGHT WALK/RUN**

Join the 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.

### **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>.