

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

THE TRINITY



SUNDAY JUN 15: TRINITY SUNDAY

- 10:00pm CFC-YFL (School Gym)
- 2:00pm Bible Study (Church Basement)
- 6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

MONDAY JUN 16:

- 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

TUESDAY JUN 17:

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

WEDNESDAY JUN 18:

- 5:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
- 7:00pm Mass (Church)
- 7:00pm Building Committee (Rectory Dining)
- 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY JUN 19:

- 7:00pm Mass (Church)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY JUN 20:

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

SATURDAY JUN 21: ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

- 10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
- 10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
- 10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
- 1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
- 3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
- 6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
- 7:30pm ARC (Church)

SUNDAY JUN 22: BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

- 12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
- 1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church Basement)
- 2:30pm Hands of Veronica (Rectory Library)
- 5:00pm Bible Study (Seminar Room)
- 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
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Pastor's Corner

FIND YOURSELF OR LOSE YOURSELF?

“There is only one God, but the different religions of the world use different words to name it. Therefore we all worship the same God. It does not matter how we name it.” True or false? Yes there can be only one God that really exists. But no, we don't worship the same “god.” What separates us from Buddhism, and New Age, is that we believe in a God who is as infinite Person, distinct from the Creation. It makes a real difference if we worship a god who is an impersonal force or a God who is a Person. We can try to harness an energy, but we should not “harness” or use a person for our purpose, especially a Divine Person. We can only enter into a personal relationship with God, with great respect and humility.

What about the God of the Muslims and of the Jews? They believe in a personal God like us, but not in the Trinity. We, Christians, are the only ones who believe in three persons in one God. Does it make a difference? You bet! If God is not a trinity of Persons, He cannot be Love. And since we become what we worship, that makes a big difference in the criteria we use in our daily life choices.

Let us unpack these statements. First, to say that God is love is the same as saying that God is Three Persons in One. Indeed if we say God is love, we affirm that love is not just something He does, or have, once in a while, not just one of His attributes. We are saying that God is Love, through and through. Not just something, He has for us, if we are deserving it, or if He feels in a good mood! Therefore we are implying that God in His very being, is structured according to love. In His deepest nature, God is not a self-sufficient being, but a relationship! God is, in His very Substance, a Lover, a Beloved, and the Love shared between them. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! God could not BE love, and alone, before the foundation of the world. Who would He love? God

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is not a thing but a communion of three persons, not The Supreme Thing, but the Supreme Relationship, the Supreme Family or Community.

Ok! But what difference does it make in my life? Here it is! We are all created in the image and likeness of God, who is Love. If we make true love our way of life, we will become our true self, we will find purpose, fulfillment, joy. But since original sin, we have become more and more unlike God. We have been using everything, everyone, for our own ego, for the aggrandizement of our own ego! Thus making the world and our lives a big mess. Thus being out of touch with who we are. And fighting against one another to be the top gun.

The motto of our culture is not "Become Love," but fulfill YOUR dreams, follow YOUR desires, do it YOUR way. The problem with this is that it leads to spiritual boredom, to a deadening self preoccupation. Then we feel askew with our true nature. We feel empty. The point is that we cannot find ourselves by filling ourselves with all that is not our self. On the contrary, we need to lose our self for God and for God's purpose for us. Then we are like God, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Then we are one with God.

We become what we worship! What you want to be is what you really worship. **Choose to be love.** God will give you the grace to fulfill His dream for you.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

p.s. God is a community of Persons where each one loses itself for the sake of the Other, This is our true pattern.

PARISH NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Sunday June 22 is Corpus Christi Sunday. We will have our annual Eucharistic Procession right after the 1pm Mass. For those who would like to join in the procession, please come to the Church basement at 1:15pm. Refreshments will be served after the procession.



PROJECT ADVANCE

Total pledges to date: \$34,818, or 17% of our parish goal of \$210,000. Please return pledge forms to volunteers in the foyer, or donate online at rcav.org. Participation is the key to make this a success. Thank you for your support!

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MIGRANT MINISTRY

"Earning while Caring": a free workshop by Migrant Ministry and ISSofBC on June 21st from 1-3pm in the School Seminar Room. The workshop will provide information on childcare resources, childcare subsidy, and how to become a registered childcare provider.

ARC ADORATION

ARC Adoration Night Sat Jun 21 7:30-9:30pm. Praise & worship, adoration, confession, prayer ministry. All are invited.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (GR. 8-12)

Join us in a fun ice breaker, joyful songs, and interactive learning this Sunday, June 15 from 6:30-9pm in the Church basement.

SPARK (Gr. 6-8) – BODY LANGUAGE

We are created body and soul – a visible body and an invisible soul. The language of our body helps to reveal the invisible part of ourselves – our souls. Learn about the beauty of God's created beings on Monday, June 16 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement and join us for a fun and faith-filled night!

SPARK (Gr. 6-8) – DAY AT THE PARK

On July 21, Youth Ministry is hosting an outdoor activity in Collingwood Park. If you are interested to have your youth participate, please submit a permission form to the office. Forms are available in the Church foyer, YM bulletin or parish office.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Whether you're just learning or excellent in basketball, there's a place for you on Saturday, June 21 in the School Gym. Times are 10am-12pm for Grades 6-7 and 12-2pm for Grades 8-12.

PRIVATE TUTORING CHINESE & ENGLISH LANGUAGES

Dr. Rachel Lu, a native Chinese from mainland China, who obtained her PhD in Educational Sciences in one of the most prominent universities in Europe, is an expert in Chinese and English Language studies and teaching. She has had over 20 years of teaching experience and has been one of the most popular teachers among her Chinese and European students. A tailored private tutoring program will be made for each student. If you need private tutoring for Chinese Mandarin, ESL for students and adults, IELTS and SAT, please contact Dr. Rachel at 778-927-5833 (preferably between 17h and 20h) or email xiaohuapinl@hotmail.com.

PARISH NEWS

LOVE WORKS CHARITY

Will you be an angel for baby Heny? Love Works Charity humbly asks for your support in our fundraising effort to provide the surgery and milk supply needed for 3 year old Heny Hidalgo, who was born with a congenital heart condition. After all Masses on the weekend of June 21/22, we will be selling religious articles, the proceeds of which will be used for her surgery and milk. Through the generosity of St. Mary's parishioners, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we hope to continue to help those least fortunate. Thank you for your support and God bless!

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

PRO-LIFE SUNDAY

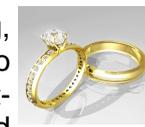
The annual collection for Pro-Life will take place on the weekend of June 28/29. The Pro-life collection helps all Lower Mainland pro-life organizations to fund various initiatives such as aiding crisis pregnancy centres to assisting anti-euthanasia groups and university groups that bring about a Culture of Life in our world. Please give generously.

VOCATION LIVE-IN FOR MEN

On the weekend of July 4-6, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission. For more information call 604-826-8715.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Are you exercising, dieting, jogging, swimming, and biking to stay fit? What are you doing to keep your marriage in good shape? Why not attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on July 18-20? For more information call Steve and Mary at 604-876-7298.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The annual Marian Pilgrimage to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Mission will be Saturday, August 16 from 9:30am to 4pm. Come to Mission Heritage Park, 7494 Mary Street, Mission to pray and celebrate in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes. Confessions begin at 10am, celebration of the Eucharist at 1pm. After Mass, procession to the Grotto where the Rosary is prayed followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please bring table and chairs. Hot lunches can be purchased on site or you can bring your own food. <http://rcav.org/missionpilgrimage/>.