

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY DEC 21: 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6:00am Simbang Gabi (Church)
12:00pm Migrant Ministry (School Gym)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

MONDAY DEC 22:

6:00am Simbang Gabi (Church)
6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

TUESDAY DEC 23:

6:00am Simbang Gabi (Church)

WEDNESDAY DEC 24: CHRISTMAS EVE (No Confessions)

6:00am Simbang Gabi (Church)
5:00pm Mass (Church)
7:00pm Mass (Church)
9:30pm Mass (Church)
12:00am Mass (Church)

THURSDAY DEC 25: NATIVITY OF THE LORD (No Confessions)

9:30am Mass (Church)
11:15am Mass (Church)
1:00pm Mass (Church)
3:00pm Tagalog Mass (Church)
5:00pm Mass (Church)

FRIDAY DEC 26: ST. STEPHEN

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY DEC 27: ST. JOHN

2:30pm Baptism (Church)
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
5:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
7:00pm Adoration/Taize (Church)

SUNDAY DEC 28: HOLY FAMILY

1:00pm CFC (School Gym)

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 Sunday 3pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:

Wednesday 6pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:

Thursday: 7:20am & Saturday: 8am

DIVINE MERCY: Friday 3pm & 6:15pm

FIRST FRIDAY: Adoration from 9am-9pm

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. Email the Parish Office: parish.smarv@rcav.org **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 5pm

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PASTORS & STAFF

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

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Pastoral Assistant: Vesna Jankovic (ext. 6)

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DECEMBER 21, 2014

Pastor's
Corner

THE ALL POWERFUL IN YOUR HANDS

Several years ago, a 3 month pregnant mother was told she had a type of cancer that was poisoning her child. She needed to have radiation or chemotherapy right away. But if she did, the child would die. So she chose to postpone the treatment until her unborn could be removed from her womb by a C-section. She had to wait 2 more months. Then they took the child out and put it in an incubator. The mother survived long enough to hold her baby in her hand and have him baptized at the hospital. A few weeks later, she died. She had given her life to save her child. I remember holding her baby in just one hand. He weighed 400 grams. Less than a pound. He fit almost completely the palm of my hand. His head barely reached halfway through my finger! Now when I hold the consecrated host in my hand, I remember this one pound baby (he is now healthy!) and I think, "This is the absolute Creator of the Universe, the Power that spins the stars, and I hold Him in my hand. He has surrendered His life to me totally, in great trust. And He invited me to trust Him."

Do I trust Him? No! I too nailed His hands on the Cross so that He would not be able to embrace me. But it was not the nails that held Him on the Cross, but His love for me, and for you. That is what He said to St. Catherine of Sienna.

On Christmas Day, we will hear the prologue to the Gospel of John. "He came into the world, into what was His own, and the world did not receive Him." And yet after His Resurrection, He did not try to take revenge. He kept offering His friendship. Before His death

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He said, "Peace I give you, my joy I give you." He reminded us, at the Last Supper discourse, that "He will not lose any of those the Father has given Him." "Nobody can snatch them away from My hands..." Unless we choose to jump out of them. And we do, every-day... when we choose power, popularity, possessions, and pleasure against the true power of self-emptying love.

How can we stay in the hands of Christ and how can we keep Christ in our hands? By giving Him away in love. By being Christ's love for others. By receiving those we cannot love, into our loving hands, as if they were the newborn Christ.

For your Christmas gift from the Father, ask Him for the grace to love the most unlovable ones as He loves them.

Merry Christmas! Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE



Dec 24: 5pm, 7pm, 9:30pm, Midnight
Dec 25: 9:30am, 11:15am, 1pm, 3pm (Tagalog), 5pm
(No Confessions on Dec 24 or Dec 25)
Dec 31: 5pm, 11:30pm (Adoration 10pm)
Jan 1: 9:30am, 11:15am, 1pm, 3pm (Tagalog)

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Dec 24: 8:45am-4pm

Dec 25 & Dec 26: Closed

PROJECT ADVANCE- SPECIAL COLLECTION

Our total to date is \$137,200 or 69% of our parish goal. We need a final push to try to reach our goal of \$200,000, so we have a special second collection this weekend. Please give generously! You may also donate online at rcav.org.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

St. Mary's is accepting applications for Kindergarten and Gr. 1-7 for the 2015-2016 school year. Please visit our webpage at stmary.bc.ca to download the application package.

2015 SUNDAY ENVELOPES

The 2015 envelopes are now ready to be picked up from the Church basement.

ADORATION WITH TAIZE CHANTS

Come join us Saturday, Dec 27 from 7-8pm in Adoration to pray for the homeless, the street people, an end to sex trafficking, and for all the parish volunteers and loved ones.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

Did you know we are on Facebook? Check us out at: facebook.com/stmarysvancouver.

KIDNEY DONATION

We have a parishioner who is suffering and in desperate need of a kidney transplant. If you can help, please contact a_aquino32@hotmail.com.

ARCHDIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

DEANERY ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Dec 22 @ 7pm St. Helen's 3860 Triumph St. Bby.

Dec 23 @ 7pm St. Jude's 3078 Renfrew St. Van.

VANCOUVER COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

We invite all applicants and their families to attend the Annual Open House on Tuesday, January 13 from 6:30-8:30pm.

ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGIATE OPEN HOUSE

Open House will be held on Wednesday, January 14 at 6:30pm. More info www.stmc.bc.ca.

POPE JOHN PAUL II'S THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Come and discover God's original design for us, our call to holiness, and our destiny with him in heaven.

Jan 12-March 30, Immaculate Conception Parish, Vancouver

Jan 14-March 25, St. Casimir Parish, Vancouver

For info rcav.org/TOB; 604-683-0281 or e-mail tob@rcav.org.

CHRISTIAN UNITY: HAVE WE ANSWERED THE CALL?

Archdiocese of Vancouver will mark the 50th anniversary of Vatican II's Decree on Ecumenism with an ecumenical prayer service. Keynote speakers: Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB, and Sr. Donna Geernaert, SC. Topics: Canadian and worldwide overview of ecumenism, importance of dialogue, and practical ideas on how to start ecumenical cooperation. Saturday, Jan. 17, St. Francis Xavier Church, Vancouver. For more info rcav.org/christian-unity-have-we-answered-the-call.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES MASS

Pope Francis, in his message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees, urged us to do as Jesus did by proclaiming the good news of hope to all, especially to those in great need. Among these are migrants and refugees who are trying to escape difficult living conditions and dangers of every kind. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Miller on Sunday, Jan. 18 at 3pm, at Our Lady of Sorrows, Vancouver. Everyone is welcome.

ARCHDIOCESAN WINTER INSTITUTE

Offers one-day faith formation and ministry training for adults. Topics include: Spiritual Discernment and Basics of the Faith. Ministry training offered for RCIA, PREP & Youth Ministry. Also available are two workshops for those in music ministry and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Saturday, Jan. 24, from 10am-4pm. St. Patrick Secondary School, Vancouver. Cost \$35 (before Jan.16), includes lunch. To register, visit: www.rcav.org/oc-winter-institute.