

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY JAN 11: BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- 12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
- 1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church basement)
- 1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
- 6:15pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

MONDAY JAN 12: STE. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS

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

TUESDAY JAN 13:

- 6:00pm Baptism Prep (Church)
- 7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
- 7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church basement)

WEDNESDAY JAN 14:

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

THURSDAY JAN 15:

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

FRIDAY JAN 16:

- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
- 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying room)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY JAN 17: ST. ANTHONY

- 10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
- 1:30pm CFC Youth (Church basement)
- 3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
- 7:30pm ARC (Church)

SUNDAY JAN 18: 2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

- 1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church basement)
- 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 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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*Pastor's
Corner*

DO YOU HAVE TO BE WORTHY?

Did your parents have you baptized so that you may become a nice person? Well, then what about those who aren't baptized? Are they supposed to be mean? The answer to the above questions is no. We don't become a Christian to become a nice person. "To be a Christian is to be grafted unto Christ, and therefore be drawn into the very dynamics of the inner life of God." (Wordonfire.org/resources/homily/vitaespiritualis-ianua/987/) Good things, like being nice to others, will flow from this grafting unto Christ. Yet being a Christian, a baptized person, is not just about following Jesus and imitating Him. Rather this is a consequence of being a Christian. Being a Christian is becoming a member of Christ's mystical Body, and therefore sharing into Jesus' own relationship with His Father. "Jesus is Son of God by nature. We become by baptism sons and daughters of God by adoption." (Fr. Barron)

That is why Jesus asked the apostles and the Church to baptize everyone, after proper teaching, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. That is why the Catholic Church recognizes only the baptism conferred in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. "Baptism is tied to the Trinity because baptism draws us into the relationship between the Father and the Son. We become sons and daughters in the Son and that means that we are in the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit is the relationship between the Father and the Son."

Baptism is all about Grace, it's about the breakthrough of Divine Life, it's about our incorporation, through the power of God's love into God's own life. Whenever you pray and bless yourself in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, you are praying not so much outside of God, you are praying in God, covering yourself with

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the Father, and the Son, and Holy Spirit. You are sharing in the Holy Spirit because you are grafted in the Son, through His human nature, through His Risen Body.

You see that in baptism, you receive the love and the life of God, not because you made yourself innocent through good deeds. It is a gift that is given even to the guilty. No matter what you have done, when you have received the baptism, you can hear, in faith, what the Father said to Jesus at His own baptism. "You are my Beloved Son. With you, I am well pleased." These words were told by the Father to you, at your baptism. Mother Teresa said, "that because of the hurts of life, and sometimes your own mistakes, you may come to believe that it is impossible that Jesus really loves you, is really cleaving to you... Jesus longs for you. He thirsts for you. He loves you always, even when you don't feel worthy. When not accepted by others, even by yourself sometimes- He is the one who always accepts you. You don't have to be different for Jesus to love you. Only believe- you are precious to Him. Bring all your suffering to His feet- only open your heart to be loved by Him as you are. **He will do the rest.**"

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

CFC-HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD

Handmaids of the Lord, a family ministry of Couples for Christ, invites single mature women, widows, separated or divorced, single parents, wives of overseas workers, and those whose husbands are unavailable to join the community in a Christian Life Program at the St. Mary's Seminar/Music Room, on Saturday, January 17 at 10am. This is a series of teachings about our faith and how we can deepen our relationship with the Lord. The program is free and fellowship follows after each session. For more information please call Nita 778-321-2207 or Rae 604-435-0297.

SPARK (GR. 6-8) - GAMES DAY

Let the fun begin at our first Spark night on Monday, Jan 12 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement. Invite friends to come!

YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT (GR. 6-8) - GAMES DAY

Can learning faith be truly fun?! Find out at our first event on Thursday, Jan 22 from 4:30-6pm in the Church basement. Bring your friends!

FLAME (GR. 8-12) - SOCIAL

Is there an exciting story that you want to share? Do you want to ask prayers or help from your peers or leaders about something you are going through? Let's catch up on Sunday, Jan 18 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement. Food and great company are guaranteed!



2015 ENVELOPES

The 2015 envelopes are ready to be picked up from the Church basement. Please DO NOT use 2014 envelopes going forward, as each year the envelopes numbers change.

HANDS OF VERONICA

Winter meeting for all volunteers will be held on Wednesday, Jan 21 from 9:30am-11:30am in the Rectory Dining Room. Bring your reports, questions and suggestions. As usual, pot luck lunch will follow the meeting. Info: Barry 604-327-5425 or bardes36@gmail.com.

SOW MUCH LOVE

The St. Mary's Development and Peace (D&P) Parish Committee would like to thank everyone who signed the petition to the federal government to ensure that the right of farmers around the world to use their own seeds is respected. We collected close to 600 signatures. The petition will be presented to our local Member of Parliament.

PARISH NEWS

8:00AM SUNDAY CHOIR – MUSICIANS WANTED

We are in need of musicians- pianist, guitarist, violinist or other musical instruments that will complement our music at the 8am Mass. Musicians should have good sight reading skills and be able to commit to this Mass each week. We practice for 1.5 hours, directly after the 8am Mass. Please contact Amalie at 778-836-4187 or amalie.livera@telus.net.

ARC ADORATION AND HEALING SERVICE

Join us on Saturday Jan 17 from 7:30-9:30pm for Praise and Worship, Adoration, Confession and Healing Prayer Ministry. All are welcome.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRISTIAN UNITY: HAVE WE ANSWERED THE CALL?

Archdiocese of Vancouver will mark the 50th anniversary of Vatican II's Decree on Ecumenism. Keynote speakers: Fr. Tom Rosica and Sr. Donna Geernaert. Saturday, Jan. 17, St. Francis Xavier Church. For more info rcav.org/christian-unity-have-we-answered-the-call.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES MASS

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.

RED LIGHT/GREEN LIGHT

You are invited to the free screening of the documentary film Red Light/Green Light at Corpus Christi Parish on Saturday, January 31 from 2-4pm.

STUDENT BURSARIES

The Catholic Health Association of BC will be awarding two bursaries valued at \$250 to two 2015 graduating students. Students are asked to submit a 500 word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of Spirituality in Health Care. Submissions must be received on or before February 28. More details at www.chabc.bc.ca.