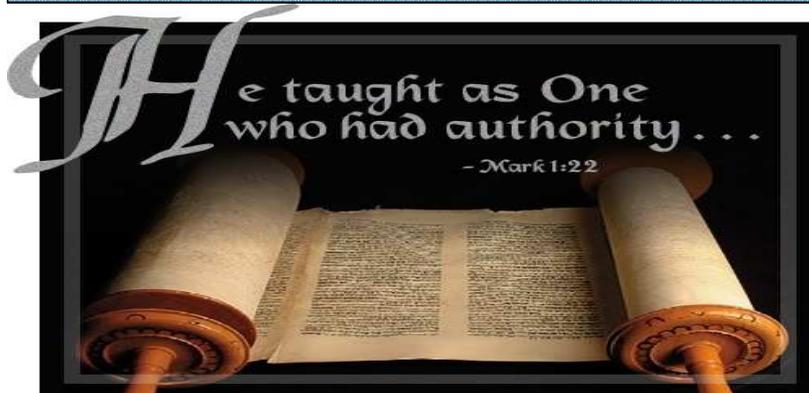


THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY JAN 25: 3RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

- 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 26: ST. TIMOTHY & ST. TITUS

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

TUESDAY JAN 27:

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

WEDNESDAY JAN 28: ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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

THURSDAY JAN 29:

- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
- 7:40pm Prayer for Priests (Church)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY JAN 30

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

SATURDAY JAN 31: ST. JOHN BOSCO

- 10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
- 10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
- 12:00pm CFC (Church basement)
- 2:30pm Baptism (Church)
- 3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
- 7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

SUNDAY FEB 1: 4TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

- 1:00pm CFC (School Gym)
- 1:00pm CFC-YFL (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 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

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JANUARY 25, 2015

*Pastor's
Corner*

RISE UP, JONAH!

I have reprinted the last Pastor's Corner as an insert in today's bulletin. Since the first and third readings today speak again about hearing God's call, I will complete last week's topic and relate to it. You may want to reread last week's message first.

We do believe that God is interested in every minute detail of our lives. Jesus said that our Father in heaven has counted all our hairs and knows when one of them falls! Psalm 139 says that He surrounds us with His guidance wherever we go, even to the furthest ends of the world.

Why would God talk to me? Because He cares. Maybe you don't know what career to choose, which person to marry, which friend you can trust. Or whether or not to have chemotherapy or surgery, whether or not to take pills for your depression. God, who attends to every little detail of your life certainly can help you. How do you receive guidance from Him?

First, be in communion with Him, as my dog Terry was "in communion" with me. If you never long for Him, never hope for His call, you will become deaf to His voice. But how do you grow in communion with God? You will grow in communion with God if you learn His "coded" language, His Morse code, like those used by telegraph. I mentioned 5 languages or 5 codes, there are many more, probably!

The first one for me is "your present situation." If you have been saying no to God, by resisting His commandments, by sinning, you will eventually experience spiritual turbulence, desolation, struggle. Don't see these as arbitrary punishment from God. He allows these things to happen, so as to redirect you and free you from wrong attachments. Read the Book of Jonah; it takes only five minutes to read those three pages of the Bible. You will find it in the list of the small prophets of the Old Testament. Jonah refused to go

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where God wanted him to go. He was supposed to go by land towards Nineveh. He chose to go west by sea to the "end of the earth," Tarshish. It was not smooth sailing. Just like your life when you refuse to do His will! The storm threw Jonah into the sea and a big fish brought him back to his starting point. Then he obeyed and went to Nineveh. The three days in the belly of the fish symbolizes the purification of our attachments so that we may become free to do God's will. What are your attachments? In which fish belly are you being purified and carried back to God's purpose for you?

Then, once purified by trials, you will be able to connect with your recurring and deepest desires. This is another language that God uses with you. Once the substitutes for God, the idols have been taken away, the **real God** and the **real You** can emerge. You will discover your Nineveh. "God has created you for some definite purpose that only you can fulfill." (Blessed John H. Newman) So look at two codes God uses of "your talents" and "the needs of others around you." Jonah realized that his life was about fulfilling God's plan for him. A tall order, "Go and preach repentance so that Nineveh, the great city be saved." It did happen. Jonah became the most successful preacher of all time. If you let go of your attachments and surrender to God, your life will become very fruitful.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

God's Providence

God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission - I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connexion between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work; I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep His commandments and serve Him in my calling. Therefore I will trust Him. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain; He may prolong my life, He may shorten it; He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends, He may throw me among strangers, He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide the future from me - still He knows what He is about. (From Newman's 'Meditations & Devotions')

PARISH NEWS

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

St. Mary's School is now accepting applications for 2015-2016 Kindergarten and Gr. 1. Application packages are available online at stmary.bc.ca and from the school office.



2014 PROJECT ADVANCE

Our final total for the 2014 campaign year is \$162,952. Thank you to all who contributed!



GRACE THAT REIGNS: PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS



Please join us to pray for the priests of Fraser Valley East Deanery following the 7pm Mass on Wednesday Jan 28, in the Church. More info: <http://www.gracethatreigns.com>.

OLIVE WOOD SALES

These articles are hand crafted by the Christians of the Holy Land who are seeking your support to assist them in staying rooted in the land of Christ. It is also a way of preserving a local cultural heritage which is in danger of being lost as a more Christians feel pressured to leave their homeland for economic and political reasons. These religious articles can be used as gifts for sacramental celebrations, Christmas and other occasions. In addition, some of these articles can be used as a means of praying and providing comfort, strength, and even hope for people who are suffering. Items will be on sale next weekend, January 31/Feb 1.



FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

All boys and girls aged 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level competition for the 2015 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held on Saturday, February 7 at 8am in the School Gym. Entry forms are available in the foyer. For information contact: Lebie Curate at lebiecurate@yahoo.com.



DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

"PRIESTHOOD - THE MYSTERY OF MY CALLING"

With Abbott Fr. John Braganza and Jacqueline Loh of Grace that Reigns Society on Saturday, Jan 31 at St. Matthew's Church, 16079 - 88th Ave, Surrey, 9am Mass to 12pm. Register: vson@shaw.ca or call 604-868-4424, cost \$10.

SOW MUCH LOVE TO GIVE

Development and Peace annual Share Lent Workshop on Saturday, Jan 31 from 4pm-9pm at Holy Name 4925 Cambie St. Vancouver. Katrina Laquian, interim BC/Yukon Animator will lead the event. Dinner provided. Free admission.

MASS FOR THE WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

On Monday, Feb. 2, please join the Archdiocese of Vancouver in celebrating the World Day for Consecrated Life with Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Church (Cambie and 33rd). Mass will begin at 7pm with a light reception to follow. During this Year of Consecrated Life, we invite everyone to participate at the Mass and show their support for the consecrated men and women of our Archdiocese.

LIVE-IN RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Silent live-in retreat for women interested in discerning a call to religious life, from Feb 13-Feb 15. For further info and to register, please contact Sr, Denece 604-985-4872 or dbillesberger@shaw.ca or Sr. Linda 604-936-2875 or bechardlinda@gmail.com. Space is limited so register early.

LIVE-IN RETREAT FOR MEN

On the weekend of February 20-22, 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.

ONE CONFERENCE

Ignite your faith life and start joy in your world by listening to world-class speakers Dr. Robert Wicks, Martha Fernandez-Sardina, and Keith Strohm; celebrating Mass with Archbishop Miller; and worshipping with more than 1000 Catholics from all over Vancouver. This is the "can't miss" event for everyone involved in the life and mission of our Church. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online at www.rcav.org/one or through the Parish Office.