

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



### **SUNDAY FEB 8: 5TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

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

### **MONDAY FEB 9:**

- 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

### **TUESDAY FEB 10: ST. SCHOLASTICA**

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

### **WEDNESDAY FEB 11:**

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

### **THURSDAY FEB 12:**

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

### **FRIDAY FEB 13:**

- 6:00pm CFC-SFL (Seminar Room)
- 6:30pm Dev & Peace (Rectory Dining)
- 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
- 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying room)
- 9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **SATURDAY FEB 14: ST. CYRIL & METHODIUS**

- 9:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
- 10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
- 2:00pm CFC Youth (School Gym)
- 3:00pm Handmaids of the Lord (Rectory basement)
- 3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
- 7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church basement)

### **SUNDAY FEB 15: 6TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

- 12:00pm CFC (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 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.marisyouth.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 5pm

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### **PASTORS & STAFF**

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

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**Finance & Property Manager:** Ossie Fernandes (ext. 7)

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**RCIA/PREP Coordinator:** Edwin Cruz (ext. 5)

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**FEBRUARY 8, 2015**

*Pastor's  
Corner*

### **ONE IN MIND AND HEART WITH THE FATHER**

This is the fourth part of a series on How to Receive Guidance from God, which started on Jan. 18, 2015. In that Pastor's Corner, I spoke of my dog Terry, the faithful friend of my teenage years. Terry would never miss an opportunity for an outing with me. He felt good in my company. Sometimes, to leave home without him, I would use the front door while he was watching the back door. But he soon found out my trick. He would pay attention to my words and my moves. He was in "communion" with me just as I should be in communion with God the Father, just as Jesus was in communion with His Father. This is how I should be if I am to receive clear and frequent guidance from Him. If I seek His guidance only for my own selfish interests, or to know how far I can go away from His will without committing a sin, or if I have no real intentions of doing what He will say, then why would He direct me? He knows very well when I want to use His guidance for wrong motives. He knows my thoughts even before I formulate them on my lips (see Psalm 139.) He will not give me a knowledge that would become an occasion of sin. Let's see how Jesus sought and found God's will. We know that, in His human awareness or human consciousness, He needed to seek the Father's guidance, even though, He was equal to God in His divine person and nature, He didn't cling to the privileges due to His divine state, and emptied Himself of all advantages for our sake, and to show us a path that we can understand and follow with His Grace (see Philippians 2:6-8.)

1) There were times in Jesus' life, that His human will seemed to struggle with the Father's will. At the agony, He claimed "Abba, if possible may this cup (of suffering) pass away from me, but your will be done, not mine." We too may have moments like that.

2) There were also many, many times when His human will

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was spontaneously one with the Father's will. At age 12, He spent three days teaching and questioning the doctors of the Law in the Temple, so entirely immersed in it that He forgot about His anxious parents. "Do you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?" We too may have moments like that, when we know we are doing exactly what God has created us to do. During Holy Week, I sometimes hear confessions for up to six hours non-stop, and I feel great peace and great zeal all together. Those six hours feel like one hour. That combination of restfulness and passionate zeal, and awareness of His Presence, is a sign from God that we are aligned with Him. But it's not always that easy!

3) In Jesus' life, there were many occasions when He received the Father's guidance on the fly, in the middle of His apostolic activity. This is what happened in John Chapter 11 when he raised Lazarus from the dead. "Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I know indeed that you always hear me." (John 11:41-42) This is an instance where we know that Jesus is almost constantly in dialogue with His Father, even while talking to others. His relationship with His Father is the background of His activity, the horizon from which guidance is available. We have moments like that if we live in communion of minds, desires, and actions with God. When we are with God as my dog Terry was with me, the guidance flows like a river.

4) There are also times when Jesus needed to stop and take substantial time one on one with God. Today's Gospel speaks about one of these moments. It is at the very beginning of His ministry (Mark 1:29-39.) The people, seeing the healing power of Jesus, brought to Him all who were sick and possessed. The whole city is at His door. When the day ends, He has cured many but not all. Everybody goes to bed. Then Jesus, before dawn, while it is still dark, gets up and goes to a deserted place and there He prayed. Why? He knows the people and even the Apostles, will soon be hunting for Him, and all the city will be there asking that He cures everyone. In His quiet solitude, Jesus has begged God for guidance. In His compassion, it is hard for Him to leave the sick behind and go somewhere else to preach the Gospel. But, renewed by the divine intimacy and guided by the Father, He rises up to the task. Later on, He will say, "My food is to do the will of God." (John 4) We too need these longer moments of quiet where we beg God to embrace and

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strengthen us so that His will becomes our food for eternal Life. Then we become available for any mission. Richer or poorer, long life or short life, honour or dishonour, whatever is on our paths. These good things can no longer have the ultimate importance. "Your grace is enough for me."



*God bless you, Fr. Pierre*

### **ST. MARY'S CWL 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

St Mary's CWL will celebrate our 10th year as a council! We are very excited to invite all current and past members, along with all ladies in our parish community to join us on Feb 17. The celebration begins with Mass at 6pm, followed by a reception of finger foods and games in the School Gym. Please RSVP by Feb 9 to Lenn Castro at 604-434-5397 or email [lenn.castro.yvr@gmail.com](mailto:lenn.castro.yvr@gmail.com). Please join us in celebrating this special event!

### **MIGRANT MINISTRY WORKSHOP**

Recent changes to the Live-in Caregiver Program (LCP) has raised many questions. To respond, the Migrant Ministry will hold a workshop on Immigration & LCP on Sunday, Feb 8 from 1-3pm in the School Seminar room. Speaker: Natalie Drolet, Staff Lawyer & Executive Director of West Coast Domestic Workers Assn. Register: [stmarysmigrant@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmigrant@gmail.com) or [resochoita.arma@issbc.org](mailto:resochoita.arma@issbc.org) or call 604-684-7498 ext. 1666.

### **PAULINE BOOK & MEDIA FAIR**

You are warmly invited to come to the Pauline Book & Media Fair that will be held next weekend Feb 14-15. There will be an extensive selection of Catholic Bibles, books, CDs and DVD's for all ages. You are certain to find something inspiring for yourself or others. Information at [www.pauline.org](http://www.pauline.org).

### **CHARISMATIC LEADERS WORKSHOP**

A workshop for charismatic worship leaders will be held for all musicians, singers and prayer group leaders who would like to improve their skills in leading worship. The workshop will be on Feb 21 in the Church basement from 1:30pm-4pm and is free of charge, but all participants must register at <http://worship.shawwebpace.ca>.

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### **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](http://stmary.bc.ca) and from the school office.

### **2015 ENVELOPES**

For those who haven't already done so, please pick up your 2015 envelopes from the church basement.

### **ADORATION, PRAISE, WORSHIP & HEALING NIGHT**

Come join us for a night of Praise, Adoration, Confession and Healing on Feb 21 from 7:30-9:30pm in the Church.

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

### **ONE CONFERENCE**

Come listen to world-class speakers Dr. Robert Wicks, Martha Fernandez-Sardina, and Keith Strohm; celebrate Mass with Archbishop Miller; and worship 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 \$40 online at [rcav.org/one](http://rcav.org/one) or through the Parish Office. First time attendees registering online will be entered into a draw to win dinner with the Archbishop! Tickets will NOT be sold the day of the conference.

### **CATHOLIC PHILOSOPHY**

Join Dr. Sam Rocha (Asst. Prof. Philosophy of Education, UBC) for 3 sessions exploring and introducing philosophy and education in the Catholic intellectual tradition on Feb 17, 24 and Mar 3, from 7-9pm, at Immaculate Conception Parish. Cost is \$65 and includes a copy of Dr. Rocha's book, *A Primer for Philosophy and Education*. Register at [continued@stmarkscollege.ca](mailto:continued@stmarkscollege.ca) or visit [stmarkscollege.ca](http://stmarkscollege.ca).

### **TWILIGHT RETREAT WITH FR. ELTON FERNANDES, SJ**

*"Turning and Returning - Drawing Closer to Jesus this Lent"*  
Amidst the busyness of life, how can we draw closer to Christ? Fr. Elton Fernandes, SJ, offers a 2-hour twilight retreat, with Scripture and Ignatian prayer as a way to respond to Jesus' invitation. Thursday, Feb. 19, 6-8:30pm at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre. For more information, visit [www.rosemaryheights.com/events/](http://www.rosemaryheights.com/events/) or contact 604-576-8802.