

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY MAR 1: 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

9:30am Handmaids (School Gym)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory library)
1:30pm CFC (School Gym)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)

MONDAY MAR 2:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)
7:30pm Lay Apostle (Church)

TUESDAY MAR 3:

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

WEDNESDAY MAR 4:

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

THURSDAY MAR 5:

6:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY MAR 6:

6:00pm CFC-SFL (Seminar Room)
6:00pm CFC Youth (Rectory basement)
6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:00pm Sleep Out (Church basement / Parking lot)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY MAR 7:

8:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
1:30pm CFC Youth (Church basement)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
3:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
6:30pm Migrant Way of the Cross (Church)

SUNDAY MAR 8: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
6:30pm Bible Study (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

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*Pastor's
Corner*

TRANSFIGURATIVE GRACE

Most Christians had at least one moment of "transfiguration" in their life. By this, I simply mean that you experience somewhat indirectly the spiritual dimension of life, and the invisible dimension of this world created by God. "It is a moment when the border between heaven and earth appears to fade for a brief second. It's a moment when, for a split second of time, God's presence touches our lives deeply. It is a moment when, for a split second of time, we are blessed with a faint glimpse of eternity and God's glory." (Fr. Mark Link, S.J.) Such a moment graced Peter, James and John in today's reading. They were never the same after it. Can you recall a "moment of grace" or something akin to it—in your life? What triggered it? Love? Prayer? Beauty?

Here is one of these "moments of grace" that I experienced, twenty years ago, when my father passed away. We were in an old hospital room, very ordinary. I was lifting up the head and shoulders of my Dad so that my mother could put another pillow underneath his head. At that precise moment he breathed his last, while still laying his head on my chest. My mother panicked for a second, then became calm. I had an inner vision so strong that the drab reality of the room was supplanted by something so much more beautiful and more real. The soul of my Dad seemed to go from his body, so close to me, through the gates of heaven. It was like the door of the room's closet was slightly opened, and I could see a beautiful light filtering through it. Not an external light, but a light coming from within! Like the light flowing from Jesus' face and clothes, at the Transfiguration. As the invisible soul of my Dad went through the door, I felt his peace, and my joy. It seemed that I belonged to that other world called heaven, to that spiritual dimension of our ordinary life and experience. I knew I would one day join that

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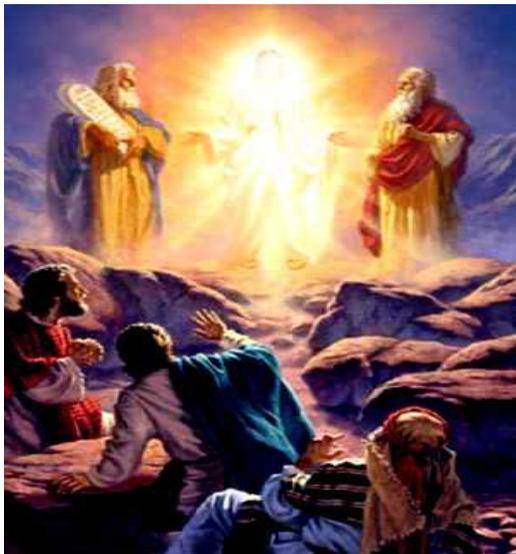
world, with God's grace. This was a felt insight into something far more real and far more beautiful, than this world. And an everlasting world, even though, I could only intuit it only for a few seconds.

Martin Luther King, in his famous speech on the eve of his death, had a premonition about his assassination the next day. He said "I would rather have a long life, but I am not afraid to die. I have been to the mountain top and have seen..." He was alluding to the disciples Peter, James and John who had witnessed the Transfiguration of Jesus, and were made ready to face death with Him.

At the Transfiguration, Jesus was still the same Jesus, but He let His Divinity shine through His flesh. That vision showed the real Jesus, the Divinity shining through His Humanity. Then when they saw the disfigured Jesus at the Passion, they remembered the Divinity shining through His tortured flesh. And then on Easter, they saw His Glory again. And they knew at the Pentecost, that they would be divinized in His own Image, forever, after the Second Coming.

I stayed with my Dad for one hour after his death. It was a very sacred and peaceful moment. I knew he was not there in his body anymore. Yet his body was still a sacred temple. I now could call death my sister, it is no longer my enemy.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

SPARK (GR. 6-8) – FAKE OUT!

Some youth desire to be popular and some desperately desire it and go to any length to get it. Others don't care about popularity. How important is it really? Let's see what youth have to say about this on Monday, March 2 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement.

FLAME (GR. 8-12) – MARCH 2015

In this Lenten Season, we are reminded how much we are worth– we are worth dying for! In a noisy world, we can experience God in solemn silence and there He can fill the void in our hearts. Come every 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month to join your peers in growing to be the best version of yourself on Mar 1 & 15 from 6:30-9pm in the Church basement.

HELP NEEDED FOR REFRESHMENTS

Youth Ministry needs help to provide healthier refreshment options for youth during events. Times are very flexible. Please consider sharing your efforts and talents with us. For more info, please call Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext.247.

SLEEP OUT

To stand in solidarity with the homeless, St. Mary's Street Ministry is hosting a SLEEP OUT to experience what it is like to sleep outside, and to raise funds for the homeless, on Friday Mar 6 - Saturday Mar 7. To find out more or support us, email stmarysstreetmin@gmail.com or call 778-885-9611.

MIGRANT WAY OF THE CROSS

We would like to invite parishioners, especially temporary foreign workers, to take part and experience the presence of God in their lives through the "Migrant Way of the Cross." Please join us Saturday, Mar 7 after the 5pm Mass. Please extend this invitation with your friends and families.

MIGRANT MINISTRY WORKSHOP

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry is hosting a workshop on "Taxation in Canada" in partnership with ISSof BC on Sunday, Mar 8 from 1-3pm in the School Seminar room. Our speaker Lorina Serafico, is a financial advisor at Scotiabank and board member of Committee on Domestic Workers and Caregiver's Rights. Register: stmarysmigrant@gmail.com or resochoita.arma@issbc.org or 604-684-7498 x1666.

PARISH NEWS

SPRING FORWARD!

Next Sunday, Mar 8 is Daylight Savings Time. Remember to **move your clocks forward one hour** before you go to sleep Saturday night.

CATHOLIC FORUM

We invite you to learn about the local preparation for the 2015 Synod on the Family with Pavel Reid from the Archdiocesan Office of Life, Marriage and Family. His talk, "Between the Synods: What have the local consultations uncovered and where are we going?" will be on Monday, Mar 9 at 7pm in the Church. More info dominicanlaity.ca/forum, Dr. Paul Ungar 604-588-5696 or Cathy at ve7cld@shaw.ca.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

We invite all married couples, singles, single parents, divorced, separated, widowed to a Christian Life Program (CLP) sponsored by Couples for Christ. The program starts Saturday, Mar 14 at 7:30pm in the School Gym. Refreshments served, no fee. Bring your children along to join Kids for Christ Christian Life Program. For more info contact: Romer/Romenin 778-875-2327, Ricky/Rocky 778-855-0398 or Dannie/Eden 604-710-6211 or email rno28@yahoo.com.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT

Married couples are invited to a Marriage Enrichment Retreat on Saturday, Mar 21 from 8am-4:30pm in the Church basement followed by Mass and renewal of vows. No fee, lunch/snacks will be served. To register contact Andy/Cheng 778-988-3835 or andy_palanca@hotmail.com; Rick/Rocky 604-209-9460 or rick_ysonza@yahoo.com or Dannie/Eden 604-710-6211 or danden.cfc1997@gmail.com.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Save the dates, Mar 22, 23, 24 for our Parish Lenten Retreat with speaker Keith Strohm of the Catherine of Siena Institute. Many of you heard Keith speak recently at the Archdiocesan ONE Conference, so get ready for "**ENCOUNTER**", an opportunity to encounter the Lord in a deeply personal way through praise and worship, inspired teaching, small group process, and personal witness to help open our hearts to God and experience newfound freedom, peace, healing, and love! Stay tuned for more details!