

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY MAR 15: 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church basement)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)

MONDAY MAR 16:

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

TUESDAY MAR 17:

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

WEDNESDAY MAR 18: 40 HOUR ADORATION

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

THURSDAY MAR 19: ST. JOSEPH / 40 HOUR ADORATION

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY MAR 20: 40 HOUR ADORATION

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

SATURDAY MAR 21:

8:00am Marriage Enrichment Retreat (Church basement)
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church basement)
7:30pm ARC (Church)

SUNDAY MAR 22: 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am Migrant Ministry (Seminar room)
12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church basement)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)
7:00pm **Lenten Retreat (Church)**
7:00pm **Mass (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
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YOUTH MINISTRY: Coordinator: Rocelyn Catris
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Pastor's Corner

"DOES ANYONE SEE WHAT I SEE?"

Last week, I wrote about the first, third, fourth and fifth commandments. Today, I will write about the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth commandments.

Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery.

We cannot pretend to be liberal about adultery, to make light of it, after we have known personally the pain of being cheated by a spouse. It's one of the greatest sufferings on earth. And it happens a lot. 50% of the first marriages end up in divorce and 70% for the second marriages. The kids suffer too and are more likely to get divorced later in life. In the Unites States, 70% of the children are not growing up with their natural fathers. The lack of affirmation from their father might lead them to a sense of having been abandoned or rejected. Trusting in relationship and in faith becomes more difficult. And we can foresee a huge social problem for America.

Seventh Commandment: You shall not steal.

If your home has been ransacked by thieves, you feel violated. It often leads to depression, anger, resentment and fear. Some might be tempted to steal in order to get back what they lost. They feel entitled to do so. So the disease of stealing becomes contagious.

Eight Commandment: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Each year in North America, billions of dollars are spent on judges, lawyers, investigators, and police to separate the truth from the lies about accusations of people at odds with one another. On a lighter scale, our favourite indoor pastime is criticizing our neighbours, relatives and co-workers. Let us try to monitor how much time each day and how often we engage in tearing down someone's reputation. We have learned from the youngest age not to indulge in overt aggressions with weapons and fists, but we have kept

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the art of hurting others with nasty words, cutting remarks and backstabbing observations.

Ninth and Tenth Commandments: You shall not covet your neighbour's goods. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.

Most human conflicts, at the family level and up to the international level, stem from our tendency to desire what the other possesses. We do tend to desire things not because of their objective value in themselves, but because somebody else desires them. Watch little children playing. That toy has zero interest to a kid until some other kid wants it. Or watch the market of antiques; we want that exclusive, rare piece of furniture because many want it. An antique sofa may not be as comfortable as a modern one but we still pay a lot for it. Watch the culture of advertising: it makes you want that car because that famous star has it. Watch most of our sexual relationships: we want someone because our friend had intimacy with her/him. This competitive coveting leads to most of the conflicts that bedevil human society. Rivalry and tension arise from it.

Where do we go from here? How do we read the moral state of our own country and other countries around the world? It looks pretty bad. We are constantly violating all of the Ten Commandments. Not only at the individual level but most importantly at the national level. If bad personal habits have bad consequences, bad national habits have bad consequences as well, at a much higher level of intensity. No wonder there is so much suffering. Did God abandon us? No, in His love, He has withdrawn His protection from the evil consequences of our sins so that we might repent and turn around. When we will have suffered enough, we will do just that. Let us pray that this time will come soon. Let us speak and act so as to lead the way back to God.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

p.s. see wordonfire.org



PARISH NEWS

40 HOUR ADORATION

Our annual Parish 40 hours of Adoration will be on Mar 18, 19, 20 from 9am-9pm. This is a beautiful way to deepen your Lenten journey, by spending silent time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Volunteers are needed for one hour shifts, please see signup sheet in the foyer.

SPARK (GR. 6-8) – LEVITI-WHAT?

Are you overwhelmed by the thought of reading the Old Testament because the names and places are hard to pronounce and the stories seem confusing? Come and see the different books of the Old Testament in a fun way through a spelling bee on Monday, Mar 16 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement. Invite friends, enjoy good food and grow in friendship with Christ!

YOUNG ADULT (18-39) – MOVIE: THE HOBBIT PART 2

Similar to our own faith journey, we can relate to how Bilbo was invited into a great adventure. As he responds with courage and determination, we are inspired to imitate him while facing our own personal struggles. Watch The Hobbit Part 2 on Friday, Mar 27 from 6:30-10:30pm in the Rectory basement and join the discussion afterward. Please bring snacks to share.

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.

ARC ADORATION AND HEALING NIGHT

Come join us on Saturday Mar 21 and every 3rd Saturday in the Church for Adoration and Praise. Healing prayer teams and confession available.

ASSISTED SUICIDE LAW

All are asked by Archbishop Miller to sign the card found in the pews and mail it (*no postage required*) urging the Canadian government to invoke the Notwithstanding Clause.

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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!”** This will be 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!

Mar 22: 7-9pm

Mar 23: 9-10am & 7-9pm (am/pm same session)

Mar 24: 9-10am & 7-9pm (am/pm same session)

MARCH 22 - 7PM MASS

Because the Lenten Retreat is taking place inside the Church, the **7pm Mass on Mar 22 will be celebrated in the Church basement.**

MVA TRANSIT FORUM

MVA listening campaigns have identified issues related to transit and transportation as one of the 4 top priorities for people living in the Vancouver Lower Mainland. Come and be part of discussing the upcoming transit and transportation referendum and working in groups to build relationships around this issue on Wednesday Mar 18 at 7pm at First Lutheran Church 5745 Wales St., Van. Please RSVP to mvatransit@gmail.com or contact Richard Lange for more information at 778-995-2010 or richard_lange@hotmail.com.

ADORATION WITH TAIZE MUSIC

Come join us to spend an Holy hour praying for all the protection of life, an end to sex trafficking, the street people, and all the volunteers in the archdiocese and our loved ones, on Saturday Mar 28 at 7pm in the Church.

ST. MARY'S LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Our Parish Penitential service will take place on **Tuesday, Mar 31** at 7pm. There will be 8 priests available to hear confessions. Please avail yourselves of this opportunity as we enter Holy Week. For other Penitential services in the Archdiocese, see rcav.org.