

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY JUN 7: BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

12:00pm Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)

MONDAY JUN 8:

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

TUESDAY JUN 9:

6:00pm Baptism Prep (Church)
7:00pm CCO Impact (Seminar Room)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church basement)

WEDNESDAY JUN 10:

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

THURSDAY JUN 11: ST. BARNABAS

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm CCO Cornerstone (School Gym)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY JUN 12: SACRED HEART OF JESUS

6:00pm CFC-FFL (Seminar Room)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Ministry (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY JUN 13: IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory basement)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
1:30pm CFC Youth (Church basement)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory library)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church basement)

SUNDAY JUN 14: 11TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)

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 / 3pm (**Tagalog**) / 5pm / 7pm

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 & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: Coordinator: Rocelyn Catris
Email: youth.smarv@rcav.org

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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*Pastor's
Corner*

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS AND THE MASS

Last week, I told you how well the Sign of the Cross is a beautiful summary of our faith, through the words we say and the movement of our hand. As we say, "In the name of the Father," we evoke God the Creator who is the Source of everything, even within the Trinity. Then our hand goes down from our forehead to the waistline as we say, "and in the name of the Son." Yes, the Father so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son down to us. The Son took flesh in Mary, and went down into our sinfulness, our dysfunctions, our hatred and violence, and let Himself be a victim of it. He shed His blood, through the wounds we inflicted on Him. His blood was spilled during the flogging and the crowning of thorns, and was sprinkled over the soldiers who killed Him and crucified Him. Yes His blood was on us! But not crying for vengeance, but crying for reconciliation, justification, sanctification. So after going down as low as can be, in the horror of sin and murder, into what is most repulsive to God, He sanctified us in His Spirit, and brought us up into God the Father, into the Sanctuary, not man-made, into the Holy Himself, God the Father. So our hand goes up from our waistline to the left shoulder and then the right one, as we say "and of the Holy Spirit." In the Sign of the Cross, we have the juxtaposition of the mystery of the Passion, of the Resurrection, Ascension, Pentecost and Holy Trinity. We cover ourselves with the Trinity and the Cross.

Now, looking at today's readings of Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, can you see that the Sign of the Cross evokes the Sacrifice of the Calvary and the Mass, with the communion to the Blood of Christ, that you will be able to receive at this Mass.

First Reading shows us a blood sacrifice sealing a covenant (a sacred covenant) between God and His people. This happened 3,200 years ago on Mount Sinai. It was pre-

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ceded by the deliverance of God's people from the slavery of Egypt (slavery of sin) when Moses led the people out through signs and wonders across the Red Sea (baptism.) On Mount Sinai, God gave the Ten Commandments. The people committed to practice them, and God promised to be their God, their Saviour. Moses offered a sacrifice, took the blood of the animal and splashed it on the altar, which represents God and/or the people. Both were united and committed to one another, through this ritual! The blood is for the Bible, is the seat of life. A covenant, or sacred contract, sealed by blood means this: "May what happens to that slaughtered animal happen to me if I am unfaithful," All this was symbolic, because the blood of an animal cannot save! But when the blood is the blood of Christ, true God, true man, it's no longer just a symbolic image. It becomes real and it effects our Salvation.

The second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, refers to the Day of Atonement when, the High Priest of the Old Testament would enter into the Holy of Holy, the innermost Sanctuary of the Temple, where only he could enter and only once a year on that day. There he brought a goat, and a sheep. He symbolically loaded the goat with the sins of the people and sent it to die in the desert. This is what Christ did on Good Friday. He was loaded with our sins and sent to die outside the city on the Cross. In Christ, God chose to become our scapegoat! The One who offers Himself as a victim, taking our guilt on Himself! The High Priest took the sheep, cut his throat, collected the blood in a bowl and splashed the altar and went out of the Sanctuary through the Veil and then sprinkled the people. Now, Christ, "the Lamb once slain, who lives forever," (Revelation 4:8) shed His own blood and went through the Veil, descended from the Father to us, and gave us His Blood to ingest, not just to be sprinkled on us. Now His Life-Blood is in us. We live by Him and for Him, We have full Communion and Reconciliation in Him, We become blood brothers with God.

The difference between the old blood sacrifice and the new one, is that it is God who offers Himself for us, in Christ. Before, we could only offer ourselves through a symbolic animal sacrifice. We were unable to fulfill our part of the sacred covenant, the Ten Commandments.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

R.C.I.A. ACCEPTING INQUIRERS

Are you an adult who would like to join the Catholic Church? Perhaps you are a baptized Catholic, but lack the Sacrament of First Communion or Confirmation. Maybe you just would like to learn more about the Catholic faith and what the Church teaches. Welcome to RCIA! We start in early September and are taking registrations now. Please contact rcia.smarv@rcav.org.

SPARK (GR.6-8) - LEVITI WHAT?

It's easy to get discouraged reading the Old Testament. After all, it happened more than 2,000 years ago! However, if we fail to see God's wonderful works in the beginning, we may not see how wonderfully He is working in the present. Come explore the beauty of the Old Testament and be gifted with wonder on Monday, June 8 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement.

NO SPARK EVENT

There will be no Spark event on June 15. Leaders will attend the memorial of Sr. Marie Bouchard.

HANDS OF VERONICA

Our spring meeting is on Wednesday June 17 at 7pm in the Rectory Dining Room. We encourage all volunteers to attend this biannual meeting.

ST. MARY'S FAMILY FAIR AND RAFFLE DRAW

St. Mary's Family Fair is Saturday June 20 in the School Gym, from 11am-2pm. Come and enjoy a fun day with family and friends. There will be entertainment, hot dogs, popcorn, face painting, a bake sale, and most importantly we will draw the winning St. Mary's School Raffle ticket! If you have purchased tickets, come for the draw- you may be the lucky winner! Admission is free, come and enjoy a fun day!

FR. VINCENT TRAVERS - NEW BOOK

There are just a few copies left of Fr. Vincent's new book "Seeing an Infinite Horizon." If you would like one, please pick up from reception at the parish office. He is not charging for the book, but welcomes a donation to his Haiti fund.

ARCHDIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

AID FOR NEPAL

As of May 28, in response to the Nepal earthquakes, \$3,492,580.41 has been raised across Canada for the Development and Peace appeal. The Vancouver Archdiocese has contributed \$458,448.49 to those funds. Your contributions are helping to meet the greatest needs of victims for shelter, non-food items, water and sanitation, hygiene kits, and will support the long-term priorities of the post-emergency and reconstruction phase. Please pray for the people of Nepal. rcav.org/prayer-and-humanitarian-appeals/.

FREE ESTATE & BURIAL PLANNING WORKSHOP

Receive free guides and loads of practical advice, Thursday June 11 at 5:30pm at JPPI Pastoral Centre. The workshop will present facts and information, no investment services or insurance will be promoted or sold. For more information, visit rcav.org/free-estate-planning-workshop/. Please register at 604-683-0281.

THE SURPRISING SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Archdiocese of Vancouver and Worldwide Marriage Encounter invite married and engaged couples, singles, clergy, and youth (16+) to hear Fr. Tom Vandenberg from the Archdiocese of Seattle, on Saturday, June 20, 8:30am-3:30pm, St. Joseph the Worker, Richmond. To register: 604-882-1698 or joseyteresa.zamora_emmvancouver@yahoo.ca.

SAINT MARK'S COLLEGE SUMMER INSTITUTE

Come and join noted scholars and instructors Dr. Sam Rocha, Dr. Lynda Robitaille and Fr. Walter Vogela for day courses on the upcoming synod, solidarity with the poor, Scripture and philosophy. Also two week-long half-day courses. Monday, June 29 to Friday, July 10, from 9-4pm at Saint Mark's College. Register: www.stmarkscollege.ca or email continuing@stmarkscollege.ca.

51ST INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS - 2016

From Jan. 24-31, 2016, thousands of Catholic clergy and lay people will gather in Cebu, Philippines, for the 51st Congress. Early registration deadline is June 30, 2015. Visit rcav.org/eucharist and register today or check out other ways to participate!