

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

\* *This is the last edition of the bulletin until mid August* \*



### SUNDAY JUN 28: 13TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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

### MONDAY JUN 29: ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

### TUESDAY JUN 30:

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

### WEDNESDAY JUL 1: CANADA DAY (Parish Office Closed)

8:30am Canada Day Hike (Church parking)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### THURSDAY JUL 2:

6:00pm Knights of Columbus (Rectory basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm CCO Cornerstone (School Gym)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### FRIDAY JUL 3: ST. THOMAS

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

### SATURDAY JUL 4:

8:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)  
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)  
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)  
2:00pm CFC Youth (School Gym)  
2:30pm Baptism (Church)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory library)  
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

### SUNDAY JUL 5: 14TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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 / 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**

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### **PASTORS & STAFF**

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**JUN 28, 2015**

*Pastor's  
Corner*

## WAKING UP IN THE ARMS OF GOD

What scares us the most when we think about our death? The fear of pain? No, because doctors have powerful anesthetics for us. Or is it the fear of our fate after death: the fear of going to purgatory, or worse, to hell? But we have remedies to that now: conversion and confession. Then, is it the fear of a slow transition from the fullness of life to a "complete" death? Someone told me, "I am 90 years old. In good health, but every season or so, I realize that there is one more thing I can no longer do." The "space" of her physical freedom is shrinking month by month.

Will I be able to still trust God as I will be going through that transition toward death? Will I be able to see it as a transition to a fuller life in God and with God? It seems that as we get older, our five senses are less effective, but also less demanding. We can be focused on the interior realities of spiritual life. We don't need as much exercise, as much food, and as much sleep. We could turn all this into a bonus facilitating our entry into the life of the Spirit. In any case, spiritual men and women tell us that God gives tremendous graces at the moment of death. Graces of conversion, of fidelity. He draws the dying person to Himself. He unites him/her to love like He loves, and to live like He lives. But you don't wait for that moment. If you do, you will have wasted a big part of your life. Chances are also, that you will recoil in horror at the thought of your death, because you would have become alienated from God, the Source of Life. "Cut off from God, or at least ambiguous, divided in regard to Him, we have a tendency to see death as simply the end, as simply something that us utterly mysterious, unknown...and the unknown always terrifies us.(...) At the limit, we see death as just darkness." (Fr. Barron) But it is truly a passage to a mode of living that is more real, more beautiful. Fr. Barron: "Alienated as we are from the sources of life, we find

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ourselves unable to surrender, unable to trust. And this is what leads to this terrible fear of death that we are all acquainted with."

When the author of the Book of Wisdom says in our first reading today that "God didn't make death" this is the kind of death he is speaking about. A death marked by a lack of trust, a fear of death which leads us to slavery in all things. A death which takes its horrific face from sin. That is the death that entered through sin. Can we have an idea of what death would be like for someone who had never sinned? What physical death would mean for someone who has never sinned? Yes! Mary has never sinned, she was spared from original sin by the grace of Jesus Christ. The tradition calls her passage from this world to the next as a "dormition." She fell asleep. A peaceful, effortless passage, untouched by fear, allowing God to do everything for her, in loving trust and total surrender. It was not scary. She trusted that God would wake her up. Just like when we fall asleep. Indeed we are not beset by terror each time we fall asleep. So it was for Mary! She trusted that she would wake up in the arms of her loving Father, who never failed to hold her.

How about us? Can our death be like that? Yes! Many saints had a beautiful and peaceful death. Some died with a smile on their faces, singing for joy. I don't know of any saint who was afraid of dying. Of course, it's a grace. But Jesus commanded us not to be afraid in today's Gospel, "Do not fear, only believe." (Mark 5:36) Whether it's our own death, or the death of our loved ones, Jesus gives us the grace to do what He commands: do not be afraid, only trust. When the time comes, you will have that grace. But start now to trust Him. Trust that after your death you will wake up in the arms of the Father, or of Jesus. Like a baby who is awakened by the loving smile of his mother. You will be called to a gloriously beautiful life.

Set out now to know your God and His promises for you, so that you might live without the fear of death and learn, by practice, to trust Him more and more.

*Enjoy the glorious month of July and  
God bless you, Fr. Pierre*

## PARISH NEWS

### **CANADA DAY HIKE & MASS AT THE CHIEF**

Back by popular demand! Join Fr. Pierre and parishioners to celebrate Canada Day with Mass atop the mountain and a gorgeous view of the Howe Sound and the mountains. The hike is intermediate and transportation by bus will be provided for \$10/person. Meeting time is at 8:30am in the Church parking lot with expected return by 5pm. Bring your own water and lunch. You may also bring your own vehicle. Please register on the signup sheet in the foyer, indicating if you need a bus ride, or if you will go by car and can transport some people in your car as well. You may also register by calling Roman Reyes at 604-721-1158. Minors need permission forms, unless parents/legal guardians are with them.

### **ST. MARY'S SCHOOL RAFFLE DRAW RESULTS**

A big thank you to parishioners and parish ministries for your generous support and participation in the raffle sale fundraising event, it was huge success! Congratulations to the four lucky winners:

Disney Land package for 4: Winnie Marcos (Ticket #14684)

Cruise for 2: Estela Almogela (Ticket #03672)

\$500 cash: Patricia Flett (Ticket #07211)

\$500 cash: Pakia Ganapathi (Ticket #02822)

### **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](mailto:rcia.smarv@rcav.org).

### **YOUTH MINISTRY JULY AND AUGUST**

Please note the following schedule:

SPARK (Gr. 6-8) Mondays: July 6, 13, 20 from 6:30-8:30pm (Church basement)

YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT (Gr.6-12) Thursdays: July 9, 23 from 4:30-6pm (Church basement)

FLAME (Gr.8-12) Sundays: July 5, 19 from 6:30-9pm (Church basement)

NOTE: There are no events in August. For inquiries: Rocelyn 604-355-9611 ext. 247.

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### **HEALING MINISTRY SUMMER SCHEDULE**

Healing Ministry will only be available on Fridays during the months of July and August. The regular schedule of Healing Ministry on Wednesdays and Fridays will commence on September 2. Appointments are available during the summer; please call 778-885-9611 or 604-435-9611 ext. 0.

### **ABLAZE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

Ablaze will be off for a short break on August 4 and 11, then resuming on August 18.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Bible Study is moving to a new time slot! Starting September 2015, we are meeting weekly on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Church basement. Watch for announcements of forthcoming topics of study. Everyone is invited, prior bible knowledge is not required. We also welcome volunteers who can help with facilitating group discussion, audio/video, table/chairs set up, and refreshments. Contact Theresa at [reception.smarv@rcav.org](mailto:reception.smarv@rcav.org) or 604-435-9611 ext.0.

### **SAVE THE DATE! MAN ALIVE 2015**

"We can't do it alone." That's the theme for the men's conference, so bring a friend to Man Alive with Christopher West, who will be speaking about authentic manhood: Desire, Design, and Destiny on Tuesday, Aug. 11, from 7-9:30pm at St. Mary's. Cost is \$15. Coffee and snacks available. Register at [rcav.org/manalive](http://rcav.org/manalive) or contact the Adult Evangelization and Discipleship Office at 604-683-0281.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### **VOCATION LIVE-IN**

On the weekend of July 3-5, 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.

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Join millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive, and to communicate with their spouse in a new way. The next weekend is July 17-19 at the Ramada Inn, Pitt Meadows. To register 604-876-7298 or [wwmevancouverbc@gmail.com](mailto:wwmevancouverbc@gmail.com).