

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### **SUNDAY DEC 6: 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9:00am CFC-SFL (Seminar Room)  
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Dining)  
1:30pm CFC (School Gym)

### **MONDAY DEC 7: ST. AMBROSE**

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

### **TUESDAY DEC 8: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY**

**7:00pm Mass & Living Rosary (Church)**  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)  
7:00pm CCO Faith Study (Rectory Library)

### **WEDNESDAY DEC 9:**

6:30pm Bible Study (Church basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### **THURSDAY DEC 10:**

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

### **FRIDAY DEC 11:**

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

### **SATURDAY DEC 12: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

9:15am DNA Men's Discipleship Group (Rectory basement)  
11:00am Senior's Mass of Anointing (Church)  
1:00pm Senior's Lunch (School Gym)  
1:30pm CFC Youth (Church basement)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)  
5:00pm Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)  
5:30pm CFC-SFC (Seminar Room)  
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)

### **SUNDAY DEC 13: 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Dining)  
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**

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 5pm

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### **PASTORS & STAFF**

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**DEC 6, 2015**

**Pastor's  
Corner**

### **THE BOWELS OF CHRIST JESUS**

Does Christmas and the birth of Jesus change something in your day to day life? How could that be? You see, at Christmas, we invite Jesus to be born anew in each one of us, in each of our families, parishes, work places, sports clubs, circles of friends. Let's try to better grasp the meaning of that birth of Christ in you at Christmas and everyday after. When we say that Christ dwells in us through baptism, Eucharist, state of grace, we should understand it as a transforming Presence. It's not like the water in a glass: the water doesn't transform the glass by being poured into it. But when you receive Jesus in you and surrender to Him by wanting what He wants and doing what He does, you are changed, because you allow Jesus' life to transform your life.

You still doubt it? Listen to today's second reading. From Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11, "How I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus." Now the word compassion here is used to translate the Greek word "bowels" so the literal translation is, "How I long (ardent desire) for all of you with the bowels of Christ Jesus." Yes, when you long very intensely for someone you are missing a lot, you feel a twisting of your bowels. Don't we say we feel a "gut wrenching" emotion? The mother who sees her baby in great suffering feels that. So Paul is saying that Christ loved us and longed for us with His guts, that He felt a gut wrenching desire for us, and compassion for us; and that this very emotion and love that is in Jesus, was given to Paul, so that Paul loved the Philippians with the "bowels" of Christ Jesus. That is what the Presence of Christ did in him and can do in us.

So we can love with His Love, forgive with His forgiveness, give with His generosity and out of His very Being. St. Paul said that we are called to live by Him. This is not perfect in us yet. But for some, the saints, it will become perfect in this life, and for most of us, it will become perfect in

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Heaven, after purgatory, or at the second coming by the day of Jesus Christ. Again St. Paul said, "I am confident of this, that the One who began a good work among you (and in you) will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

Then we will be able to say with Paul, "It's no longer I who lives, but Christ who lives in me." (Galatians 2:20) May this Advent Season bring you closer to this day!

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



## PARISH NEWS

### LIVING ROSARY- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Celebrate and pray a special kind of rosary on Tuesday, Dec 8, beginning with Mass at 7pm on this Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Bring flowers or special candles to this evening of prayer.

### FOOTPRINTS OF GOD BIBLE STUDY

Topic on Wednesday, Dec 9: Mary: The Mother of God-Chapter 2 "The Doorway" (*The intercessory role of Mary*). Ongoing Bible Study every Wednesday from 6:30- 8pm in the church basement. Start at any session; prior attendance not required. Free, including study guides!

### ST MARY'S SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

St Mary's Seniors aged 60 and over are invited to attend the annual Seniors Christmas Lunch on Saturday Dec 12. Mass at 11am with lunch at 12:30pm in the School gym. St Mary's School choir will be singing and there may be a visit from the 'man in red.' To register please call Nancy 604-434-7246 or Eileen 604 436-3655 or email nanbec@telus.net.

### THE ANNUAL GIVING CHRISTMAS TREE

St. Vincent de Paul Society is coordinating a Giving Tree this Christmas. The branches are covered with angelic gift tags and you may select one or more. This will indicate your commitment to purchase a gift(s) for a child aged 5-16 years old. No baby or toddler items please. Please bring the unwrapped gift(s) and place it under the tree up to Dec 20. We will then distribute them to children who would otherwise be without gifts at Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

### KEEP THE HOMELESS WARM

St. Mary's Street Ministry and St. Vincent de Paul Society are collecting donations of new winter gloves, hats, scarves, thermal pants/socks and slightly used winter jackets for the homeless. Since 9 out of 10 homeless are men, we are asking for donations more for men than women. Donations can be dropped off in the big box in the foyer. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

### A SPECIAL INVITATION

If you are a civilly-married couple or in a common law arrangement, we extend a special invitation to solemnize your union in a multiple Catholic church wedding on October 15, 2016. There will be an information session on January 14, 2016 at 7pm in the church basement. Pre-registration is required; forms are available in the church foyer or at the Parish Office. Please deposit completed forms in the Project Cana box in the foyer. For more info, please call 604-435-9611 ext. 5 or email ec.projectcana@gmail.com.

## PARISH NEWS

### FEED THE POOR

Filipino foods such as pancit, puto, cuchinta, bibingka, turon, ensaymada, empanada and mixed nuts will be sold for \$5 per package after all Masses Dec 12/13. Proceeds go to feed 1,000 poor during the Int'l Eucharistic Congress in January in the Philippines; with part proceeds to our Parish.

### 2016 ENVELOPES

The 2016 envelopes are ready for pick up in the Church basement. Envelopes are filed by last name. If any of the information on the envelopes is incorrect, please fill out the forms found in the Church basement with any corrections.

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

### SPARK (GR. 6-8) – ADVENT

Isn't Christmas all about the gifts?! Why bother to prepare for it? Think again! Sometimes we get caught up with the excitement of shopping and parties, but are we really prepared for Christmas? On Monday Dec 7 from 6:30-8:15pm in the Church basement, receive a gift that no one could ever take away from you.

### SPARK (GR. 6-8) – POTLUCK CHRISTMAS PARTY

Youth and their family members are invited Monday Dec 14 from 6:30-8:15pm for a potluck Christmas Party in the Church basement. Youth are encouraged to attend even without their family members. Bring friends for added fun!

### FLAME (GR. 8-12) – SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE

Come for free entertainment on Saturday, Dec 12 from 7-8:30pm at Broadway Church. This year's theme is 'Toy Factory.' Enjoy this story creatively told through music and drama as the message of Christmas is brought into "not-so-festive" circumstances. Meeting time is at 5:45pm at St. Mary's Parish office. Permission forms required and available at the Parish Office, Church foyer or online <https://goo.gl/r0cimo>.

### FLAME (GR. 8-12) – RECOLLECTION & POTLUCK PARTY

You and your high school friends are invited to remember the real reason for the season, to better understand Advent as a time of waiting, and to begin discovering more about Jesus. After the recollection, we will have a blast and a memorable Christmas celebration, Saturday Dec 19 from 1-6pm in the Church basement.

### MALE ROLE MODELS NEEDED (18 & UP)

Youth Ministry is growing and needs male role models to guide, inspire and positively affect our youth. For more info, contact Rocelyn at 604-435-9611 ext.247 or email youth.smarv@rcav.org.