

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

He has anointed me
to bring good news...
Luke 4:14-21

SUNDAY JAN 24: 3RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory dining)
1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)

MONDAY JAN 25: CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

TUESDAY JAN 26: STS. TIMOTHY & TITUS

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)
7:30pm Ablaze Intergenerational Healing Mass (Church)

WEDNESDAY JAN 27:

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

THURSDAY JAN 28: ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
7:00pm Mass (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY JAN 29:

6:00pm CFC-SFC (School Gym)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY JAN 30:

8:30am Christian Meditation (Church basement)
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
10:00am Lector Training (Church)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
2:30pm Youth Ministry (Rectory basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)

SUNDAY JAN 31: 4TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

10:00am Young Adults (Rectory dining)
12:00pm CFC-YFL (School Gym)

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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*Pastor's
Corner*

MY FAMILY TREE

Do you really know yourself? Who are you? What are the values, traditions, beliefs that unconsciously (and sometimes consciously!) guide your choices, your intermediate goals, and your ultimate goal for your life? I am asking this question to myself and to you, because 95% of St. Mary's parishioners coming to Mass were not born in Vancouver, not even in B.C. Indeed, we are coming from very different cultures, countries. Our native tongue may very well be other than English. Among the 10% of us who come from another part of Canada, many are the first or second generation born in this country.

Why am I bringing this subject up? Because to understand ourselves, we need to know, love and understand the culture of our native country or the native country of our parents. As a child, I loved to hear about the stories of my grandmother born in 1880, who would tell me about her great-grandfather born around 1790. I felt and still feel that I have their blood running through my body, the same stories and images in my mind. But I now live in a very different world, and I need to understand and evaluate the ways in which the new Canadian culture has reshaped me. At the same time, like most of you, I need to reconnect with my native culture, or my native "country." Not only with the language, but with the lifestyle.

But that is not enough. I need to go back to the time of my ancestors in Christ, to the people and stories of the Bible, and mostly to Jesus Christ, true man and true God! Why so? Because what shaped most powerfully my identity, is that I came from God, was created and am constantly re-created by Him. And He created me in His own image and likeness. Therefore I cannot understand myself fully and deeply without "understanding," knowing, and loving God, and especially Jesus, the perfect image of God.

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That is precisely why I need to know about the stories of the Bible, especially the stories about Jesus and the first Christian communities. This will allow me to understand the other cultures in our parish. There are probably 80 different nationalities in our parish! But we all share our origin in God, in Jesus Christ, in the Church. We can therefore evangelize one another since we share a common story, that of Jesus and His disciples.

Thus we can make sense of the culture we are going through. Guided by our roots in Christ, we can understand ourselves and others better. The first reading of this third Sunday of Ordinary Time, year C, from the Book of Nehemiah, shows us a similar process of self-understanding, before the time of Christ. It was at the return of the exile of the Jewish people that had been forced out of their country for 70 years. Most of them were born in Babylon during the exile. They had to relearn their culture, traditions, and common roots in God, in order to rebuild their country and make sense of the tragedies that had fallen on them. That is why they were so hopeful and wanted to celebrate and wipe away 70 years of tears.

This is what we do when we celebrate Mass. We listen to the stories of our origin and of our re-creation in Christ. We reenact the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord, on the altar. We try to understand Him with the homily and the grace of the Holy Spirit.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

SPARK (GR.6-8) - NEXT EVENT

There is no Spark event on Jan 25. Please join our next event on Feb 1. More info will be posted next week.

FLAME (GR.8-12) - MOVIE: BELLA

With the upcoming 40 Days for Life Campaign, we invite you to join us to watch a film that values the sanctity of life and fights for it against all odds. Saturday Jan 30 from 2:30-5:30pm in the Rectory basement.

FLAME (GR.8-12) - SNOW TUBING AT MT. SEYMOUR

We may have an early summer, but we can still squeeze in some time for snow! You are invited for a night of snow tubing on Saturday Feb 13. Meeting time will be at 5pm in the Church parking lot and expected return time is 10pm. Cost is \$25/person, which covers transportation, food, 2 hours of snow tubing, and venue rental. Only 10 spaces are available, so please register early at youth.smarv@rcav.org SUBJECT: SNOW TUBING.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-39) - MONTHLY ROSARY

Come join us for a monthly prayer and social every last Sunday of the month, from 10:30am-12:30pm in the rectory dining room. The next one is on Jan 31.

FOOTPRINTS OF GOD BIBLE STUDY

Topic on Wednesday Jan 27: Jesus: The Word Became Flesh - Chapter 4 "And We Beheld His Glory" (*Jesus rises from the dead, the Holy Spirits descends on Pentecost, and the Church is born*). Ongoing Bible Study every Wednesday from 6:30pm-8pm in the Church basement. Start at any session; prior attendance not required. Free, including study guides!

LAUDATO SI

Study Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si on the care of the environment with the Dominican Laity (Mysteria Lucis Chapter) on the 3rd Saturday of each month from Feb 20-Jun 18 in the Rectory basement. We begin with morning prayer at 9:15am followed by a presentation and group discussion, ending at 12:15pm. All are welcome to stay for potluck lunch. Registration is required due to limited space, no charge. Info and register at <http://www.dominicanlaity.ca/events>.

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MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT

All married couples are invited to St. Mary's Parish Marriage Enrichment Retreat on Feb 13 from 9am-4:30pm in the School Gym followed by Holy Mass and renewal of vows at 5pm. Strengthen and enhance your marriage relationship and have a better understanding of God's plan for your marriage and family life. This event is free and lunch/snacks will be served. To register please contact Albert/Anna 604-522-2259 or albert_angeles@hotmail.com; Rick/Rocky 778-855-0398 or rick_ysonza@yahoo.com.

HELP US PRAISE & WORSHIP

St. Mary's Street Ministry is looking for singers and instrumentalists to lead contemporary Praise & Worship songs at Talitha Koum transition house (for women) every 2nd Saturday of the month. If you would like to serve the marginalized in this Year of Mercy, and can commit, please contact Mildred at 778-885-9611 or email mmoy_ca@yahoo.com.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We are looking for a person or couple to start up a children's ministry. This ministry will provide Children's Liturgy during some of the Sunday Masses (which don't already have it) and/or childminding for major parish events such as retreats, conferences and seminars. If interested, please email Mildred at mmoy_ca@yahoo.com or call 778-885-9611.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES FOR MEN

Join us for a silent retreat for men 16 and older on Ignatian Exercises Friday Jan 29 to Sunday Jan 31 at Westminster Abbey, Mission. Register adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca.

SHARELENT WORKSHOP

Development and Peace invites you to "Create a climate of Change" Sat Jan 30, 9am-1pm, St. Patrick's, Vancouver. Light lunch provided. RSVP pinky.devpeace@gmail.com.

VOCATION LIVE-IN

On the weekend of Feb 12-14, 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, please call 604-826-8715.