

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

*“Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” (Luke 5:4)*

### **SUNDAY FEB 7: 5TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

9:00am Fundraiser Breakfast (Church basement)  
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory dining)  
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)  
1:30pm CFC (Church basement)

### **MONDAY FEB 8: \* Parish Office Closed**

### **TUESDAY FEB 9:**

6:00pm Baptism Prep (Church)  
7:00pm MVA (Rectory dining)  
7:00pm Apologetics (Rectory Library)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)  
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church basement)

### **WEDNESDAY FEB 10: ASH WEDNESDAY**

**8:00am Mass** (Church)  
**10:00am School Mass** (Church)  
1:00pm Fr. Tony Ricard Lenten Talk (Church)  
**5:00pm Mass** (Church)  
**6:40pm PREP Mass** (Church basement)  
**7:00pm Mass** (Church)

### **THURSDAY FEB 11:**

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

### **FRIDAY FEB 12:**

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

### **SATURDAY FEB 13:**

8:00am CFC Marriage Enrichment Retreat (School Gym)  
9:15am DNA Men's Discipleship Group  
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)  
6:00pm CFC-FFL Workshop (School Gym)

### **SUNDAY FEB 14: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

1:00pm Light of Jesus (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**  
Principal: Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff Website: www.stmary.bc.ca  
Phone: (604) 437-1312 Fax: (604) 437-1193  
**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 5pm  
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### **PASTORS & STAFF**

**Pastor:** Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P. (ext. 6)  
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### **Pastor's Corner**

### **GOD IN THE CHAIR LIFT**

I was riding the long Harmony chair lift in Whistler last Monday. Two middle class men about forty years old were talking to one another and I was listening to their conversation. They were talking about a very popular TV series (soap) that is available through a Whistler app. One of the guys said, "I have stopped following that series." The other asked, "You don't like it anymore?" The other replied, "It's good, but I want more than entertainment." "So, the other replied, in a low voice- you want meaning." "Well I want to become a better person." And I thought to myself "What a great evangelizing moment! If only I could step into their conversation and share what gives purpose and meaning to my life. But then we were entering the alpine zone, above the tree-line and the wind started to blow. They covered their mouths with their scarves, and I could no longer hear their conversation. God was doing it Himself!"

I believe Jesus was about to step into the lives of these men, stepping into their boats, like He stepped into Peter's boat in today's Gospel. And inviting them to go into the deep waters...to leave the shallows. Of course we need entertainment, but entertainment cannot feed us! It's like trying to live only on ice cream. There comes a time when we are bored of just being entertained.

Are you at this stage in your life? Then Christ is inviting you to go deeper in order to become nourished and to become yourself, the true self that God is calling you to be. You may be embarking on an exciting journey of deep transformation if you let Christ in and direct your boat. There are two dimensions in this journey, and you will go back and forth through those two dimensions throughout your transforming journey, going deeper, and deeper.

The first dimension is this: you will begin to be aware of Someone greater than you. You will be drawn to that Person. As you know Him more personally, it will change the

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way you see your purpose in life. Many things will become secondary. You will now see God, with your mind and heart. You will relate to Him even with your emotions!

The second dimension is this: you will desire to draw other people to that deep, nourishing Center of your life that we call God. "Do not be afraid, said Jesus to Peter as he was hauling in the miraculous catch of fish. From now on, you will become fishers of men." These two dimensions of our journey with God can become yours. They are not just for Apostles or Saints, or priests. As you share your joy with others it will increase, and in turn, you will see Jesus more deeply— in you, in others, in human activities, in nature! Seeing Him more clearly, you love Him more dearly and you will want to follow Him more closely. There is no limit to that extraordinary journey. In fact it will continue in purgatory and in heaven, from eternity to eternity.

Let's start the journey now. Now is the time.

*God bless you, Fr. Pierre*

## PARISH NEWS

### PSALM 98/FR. ROB GALEA—PHOTO SHOOT

The concert fundraiser for Fr. Rob Galea will be held on Saturday Mar 5 in the Church from 7-9pm. We are creating a souvenir program that will include photos of parishioners and organizations. Your contribution of \$60 will buy a half page, or \$120 for a full page cover. All donations will receive a tax receipt, and photo shoots are complimentary. Photo shoots are in the Church basement after all weekend Masses throughout the month of February.

### FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a fundraising breakfast today after the 8am, 9:30am, and 11:15am Masses. Cost is \$5 with all proceeds to the Parish Building Fund.

### APOLOGETICS

Do you worry someone will ask you a question about your faith that you can't answer? Have you tried to defend your faith but gotten lost in confusing language and theology? Learn how to stand your ground and defend your faith. Join us on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Rectory Library.

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### FOOTPRINTS OF GOD BIBLE STUDY

There is no session on Ash Wednesday, Feb 10. Bible Study resumes on Feb 17.

### FR. TONY RICARD TALK

Fr. Tony Ricard will give a talk this Wednesday Feb 10 from 1-3pm in the Church. The talk is designed for the students, faculty and parents of St. Mary's School. If you would like to listen to him speak with reflections catered to a more mature audience, please come to St. Monica's, Richmond on Feb 10 from 7-9pm; Holy Trinity, North Vancouver on Feb 11-12 from 7-9pm; St. Matthews, Surrey on Feb 13 from 2pm-8pm.

### SPARK (GR.6-8) - NEXT EVENT

There is no Spark event on Feb 8 Family Day. The next event is on Monday, Feb 15.

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

Don't miss this night of adventure 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, and 2 hours of snow tubing. There are only 10 spaces available, please register by Feb 10 at youth.smarv@rcav.org SUBJECT: SNOW TUBING.

### 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.

### STREET MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Mary's Street Ministry is looking for volunteers for outreach teams and to enter an outreach journal using MS Word. If you're interested, please contact Mildred at mmoy\_ca@yahoo.com or call 778-885-9611.

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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.

### HOUSING AFFORDABILITY ASSEMBLY

Unhappy with the affordable housing crisis? St. Mary's Metro Vancouver Alliance (MVA) invites you to a Housing Affordability Assembly on Monday Feb 8 from 1-2:30pm at St. Catherine's Church, 1058 Ridgewood Drive, North Vancouver. MVA will engage with municipal politicians in North and West Vancouver to include affordability of housing as a design principle in upcoming community plans. Families are especially welcome, childcare on site. Contact Richard Lange at 778-995-2010 or richard\_lange@hotmail.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

### ONE CONFERENCE 2016

Only one month until ONE Conference 2016! With the Jubilee Year of Mercy upon us, this year's ONE Conference submerges us *In the Father's Mercy*. Hear inspirational messages from world class speakers: Angèle Regnier, Ken Yasinski and Gwendoline Allison, with an opportunity to visit local ministries and exhibits. Saturday Mar 5, from 9am-5:30pm at the Vancouver Convention Centre. This event has sold out the past three years, so be sure to register early! Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased online at rcav.org/one or at the Parish Office.