

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY MAR 13: 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am Knights Fundraising breakfast (Church basement)
1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory dining)

MONDAY MAR 14:

7:00pm **Mass** (Church)
7:30pm **LENTEN RETREAT** (Church)

TUESDAY MAR 15:

7:00pm **Mass** (Church)
7:30pm **LENTEN RETREAT** (Church)

WEDNESDAY MAR 16:

7:00pm **Mass** (Church)
7:30pm **LENTEN RETREAT** (Church)

THURSDAY MAR 17:

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (Rectory basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY MAR 18:

6:00pm CFC-SFL (School Gym)
6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:00pm CFC-SFC (Church basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY MAR 19: ST. JOSEPH

9:30am Families for Christ (Church basement)
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
10:00am Youth Basketball (School Gym)
10:30am Liturgy Committee (Rectory dining)
1:30pm CFC Youth (School Gym)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
2:30pm Youth Ministry (Church basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
6:30pm Migrant Way of the Cross (Church)
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
7:30pm ARC (Church)

SUNDAY MAR 20: PASSION SUNDAY

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
1:00pm SFC- YFL (Rectory dining)

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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Pastor: Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P. (ext. 6)

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*Pastor's
Corner*

DON'T TRY DRIVING FORWARD BY LOOKING IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR

The vast majority of human beings fear something of their past could be found out and publicly, shamefully exposed. It could be something you did or something that was done to you by another person, or by a group of persons. In the first case, you may have committed a violent action, engaged in an abusive relationship, or bullied someone long ago, or been an accomplice in a crime. You may think your sin so great that even God wouldn't forgive you. In the second case, you have been seriously hurt, physically or emotionally or financially and you cannot let go of the deep resentment. Very often, victims of sexual abuse feel degraded and seem unable to claim back their integrity, their innocence. Victims of bullies often feel the same way; "Why did I let this happen to me, over and over?"

There will always be people willing to bring up something about your past and gang up against you. This is scapegoating. A group of people agree to accuse you and shame you. "They want to nail you to the cross of mistakes you have made." (Bishop Barron) They may even do this in the name of God, or of religion. They use religion, which is meant to be a power of liberation, as a means of imprisonment. They often use the law for this purpose. Why are they, I should say why are we— doing that? We do it in order to create a false solidarity with others based on the fact that we are not like the scapegoat that we persecute. Most families have their "black sheep" and they think that blaming the scapegoat strengthens their identity and family bonding— at the expense of the rejected family member who is the black sheep. But tomorrow, it could be your turn to be the "black sheep."

Jesus did not approve of this scapegoating and accusation; He saw it as the work of Satan whose name means "the accuser." Instead of letting others stone the woman

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caught in adultery, He said "Whoever is without sin throw the first stone," but they all drifted away one by one. Their false community, based on scapegoating, was dissolved. They had tried to nail her to the cross of her mistake, but Jesus took her place on that cross. He was made sin for us, in order to nail our condemnation on His Cross.

In Jesus, and in through the whole of the Bible, we learn that God is not interested in our past but in our future. "See, I am doing something new, I forgot your sins, they are no more. Go forward to the fulfilment of your being. You and I can do it," says the Lord.

One is a polemical letter about the canon of the Bible, St. Jerome accused St. Augustine of having fathered an illegitimate child— before his conversion. It was a cheap way for Jerome to discredit Augustine's opinion. But Augustine replied, "Jerome, the grace that forgave my sin, is the same grace that prevents you from that sin." I understand Augustine's answer this way, "You and I would be in the same bad situation if it was not for the grace of God. More to it, that grace can make us brothers sharing in the same gratitude."

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



"Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." (John 8:7)

PARISH NEWS

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT MARCH 14-16

Everyone is called to receive the mercy of the Father through a personal relationship with Christ. During this Lenten retreat, Andre Regnier will lead us through an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ, drawing us into a personal relationship where we can embrace the mercy that is offered to us. Andre Regnier is the founder of Catholic Christian Outreach which has been established on campuses across Canada and internationally. The retreat will take place in the Church, everyone is welcome!

**Mar 14-16 (Morning/Evening sessions are the same)
8am Mass followed by Retreat Talk
7pm Mass followed by Retreat Talk**

MARCH 14-16

Please note because of our Parish Lenten Retreat, all other meetings and activities are cancelled for these 3 days.

FOOTPRINTS OF GOD BIBLE STUDY

There are no sessions on the next two Wednesdays, Mar 16 & 23. Bible Study will resume on March 30.

CFC-SINGLES FOR CHRIST CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

This is a great opportunity for young adult single men and women to learn more about the faith and to network with other young students and professionals. This is a 12 week integrated course focused on renewing an understanding of God's call for us to be Christians, every Friday until May 27 starting at 7pm in the Church Basement. Light dinner provided. Hope to see you there!

USHERS

All ushers are requested to update their contact information on the forms in the Lector's room. We are also in need of more ushers at all Mass times, if interested please fill out the yellow volunteer form in the foyer.

BC CATHOLIC SUBSCRIPTION

BC Catholic newspaper subscriptions are renewed every year. Those who donate \$20 or more using the 2016 BC Catholic collection envelope are subscribed in 2016. For questions or information contact the Parish Office at ext. 0.

PARISH NEWS

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Experience the power of the Holy Spirit in your life! The Holy Spirit, our Helper and Advocate, leads us to a victorious life in Jesus! Come to the Life in the Spirit Seminar on Tuesday evenings from March 29 to May 17, from 7:30pm-9pm in the Church basement (use Euclid St entrance). To register visit <https://LSS2016.eventbrite.ca> or contact missionablazest-mary@gmail.com, Edna 778-689-7775, Mita 604-435-7561, or Riz 604-782-8094. Childminding is available.

HANDS OF VERONICA

Volunteers are needed to help with monthly Mass at three care homes: Willingdon, St. Michael's and Fair Haven, all located in the Metrotown area of Burnaby. Our most urgent need is for people to help gather the residents for Mass on a Wednesday morning or afternoon once a month, and help return them to their rooms. Most need assistance with walking or are in wheelchairs. If you can help please contact Barry at 604-327-5425 or email bardes36@gmail.com.

MIGRANT WAY OF THE CROSS

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry will hold the "Migrant Workers' Way of the Cross" on Saturday Mar 19 right after the 5pm Mass. This event is an initiative of the Archdiocese of Vancouver and its second year at St. Mary's. Everyone is welcome to join and be part of the caregivers' reflection during this Lenten season.

SPARK (GR.6-8) – NO EVENT

There is no Spark event on Monday Mar 14. The next one is on March 21.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

DEANERY PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Mar 14 @ 7pm Our Lady of Sorrows

Mar 15 @ 7pm Corpus Christi

Mar 17 @ 7pm St. Theresa's

Mar 18 @ 7pm St. Francis of Assisi

Mar 18 @ 7pm St. Jude's

Mar 21 @ 7pm St. Helen's

Mar 21 @ 7pm St. Casimir's

Mar 22 @ 7pm St. Mary's - We will have 8 priests available to hear confessions, please make use of this opportunity!