

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



SUNDAY MAR 27: RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

MONDAY MAR 28: EASTER OCTAVE *Parish Office Closed*

TUESDAY MAR 29: EASTER OCTAVE

7:00pm Apologetics (Rectory Library)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory basement)
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church basement)

WEDNESDAY MAR 30: EASTER OCTAVE

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 MAR 31: EASTER OCTAVE

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

FRIDAY APR 1: EASTER OCTAVE

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

SATURDAY APR 2: EASTER OCTAVE

9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory dining)
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
1:00pm Holy Trinity Community (School Gym)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)

SUNDAY APR 3: 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Dining)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
1:30pm CFC (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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**Pastor's
Corner**

YOUR LIFE IS ALREADY UP WITH HIM

Sometimes God uses dreams to speak to us, to increase our faith, hope and love for Him, or to give us a sign that He has answered our prayers with loving care. Such a dream may not be exact in every detail, but it is very meaningful for the one who dreams it, when it produces the fruit God intended for it. It doesn't replace the Bible and the Church teachings but it makes them alive in a very personal way. St. Joseph had such dreams: they are related in the first chapters of the Gospel according to Matthew.

Over the years, people have shared some amazing dreams they had, dreams that changed their lives, renewed the way they see life after death, and filled them with love for God. Here is one of them... Her mother had passed away. She was grieving and feeling constant physical and emotional pain in her heart. The 40th day after death was approaching and she wondered if her mother was out of purgatory and into heaven. She had prayed to God for a sign. Then, on the 40th day of grieving, she received a call from her sister living overseas. That sister had the following dream on the 40th day. In her dream, she saw her mother. There was a Lady in a white dress looking at both of them. Her mother said she didn't know she had died until she saw her family weeping and crying at her passing away. *"I didn't know I had died."* That is a very strong affirmation about the continuation of our life after death. We remain the same person, and we continue to remember our loved ones. We can be given a vision of them, if God wants it. "I saw you crying..." At one point the Lady said it was time for the mother to follow Her. But the daughter begged her mom to ask for more time to talk, the Lady smiled and said yes. So the daughter asked her mom if she was in heaven. The mom bowed her head, and nodded yes. Then they embraced one another tenderly, enjoying this great moment. At one point, the mom said, "I have to go now, She is calling me."

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As the daughter woke up from her dream, she felt overwhelmed with joy and kept calling her sister in Canada, who later shared this story with me. She had received the sign she had asked for from God! The physical and emotional pain in her heart suddenly disappeared completely and never came back.

I have heard many similar stories in my ministry, but also from a famous priest in Quebec, Fr. Monbourquette who is also a renowned specialist in grieving and a doctor in psychology, You don't have to believe me or to believe him. But if you had such dreams while sleeping or other signs while awake, you are treasuring them. They give you a greater hope, a foretaste of the world to come, a sense that this new world is somewhat already here, very close to you.

My twelve days in I.C.U. at Mount St. Joseph Hospital during Holy Week 2013 were such an experience. Not through a dream. I don't recall any dream at all. But the peace and the sense of closeness to Christ was so real and self-evident. From that time and more than ever before, I have been more aware that there is Life after death and that I will continue my mission there. I treasure every moment of this life on earth, not because of fear that it will fade away, but in this amazing awareness that heaven and the world of the saints in heaven is so close! In fact, it has already begun in me- I received the grace of faith. I don't worry about fulfilling all my wish list before death. **The wish list of God for me is being fulfilled day by day**, instant by instant, if only I give Him permission and cooperate with Him.

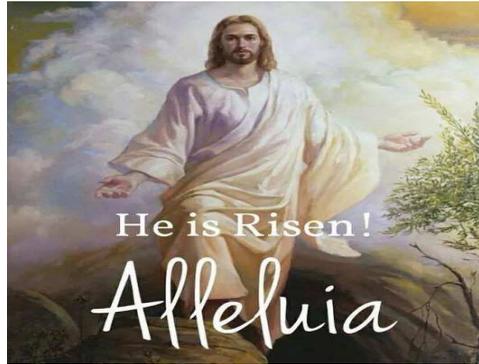
Do I fear death? Well, if a car is heading toward me on the Sea to Sky Highway, I will brake hard, and feel panic! But then I will praise God for saving me. And if He had "let me" die, I would be praising Him in heaven, more likely in purgatory!

On the eve of His death by assassination, Martin Luther King, the one who fought for equality between black and white in the U.S.A., gave a prophetic speech. "I know I am gonna die soon, but I am not afraid, I have been on the mountain top (allusion to the Transfiguration of Jesus) and I have seen..." St. Paul said "I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. (Phil. 3:12)

Dear elects who are baptized this Easter Vigil, your eternal life has begun. Reap the fruits and share them.

Happy Easter, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS



*The Pastors and Staff of St. Mary's
wish you a Happy Easter!*

PROJECT ADVANCE

Our Project Advance committee is calling on volunteers to assist in the 2016 campaign. Volunteer cards are available in the church foyer; please return cards by Mar 28. There will be an information and training meeting on April 6 at 6pm in the Rectory Dining Room.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

The Holy Spirit, our Helper and Advocate, leads us to a victorious life in Jesus! Experience the power of the Holy Spirit in your life! Come to the Life in the Spirit Seminar on Tuesday evenings from March 29 to May 17, 7:30-9pm 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.

FOOTPRINTS OF GOD BIBLE STUDY

Topic on Wednesday Mar 30: Paul: Contending For The Faith - Chapter 2 "Chosen By God" (*Paul, a former persecutor of Christians, is chosen by Jesus and commissioned to preach the gospel*). 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!

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MIGRANT MINISTRY

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry and ISSofBC will hold a free workshop entitled the "Live-in Caregiver Program and Recent Changes" on Apr 3 from 1-3pm in the Seminar room. Natalie Drolet, Executive Director and Staff Lawyer of West-coast Domestic Workers' Association will be the speaker. Everyone welcome, especially caregivers. Register with Lenn Castro at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com or Chit Arma at resochoita.arma@issbc.org or call 604-684-2561 ext. 1666.

SINGERS NEEDED

St. Mary's Street Ministry is seeking singers to sing parts in Taize chants during Adoration to pray for street people and for an end to sex trafficking, every 4th Saturday of the month. Singers must commit to practice every Tuesday from 6:30-7:30pm, audition required. If interested, please email mmoy_ca@yahoo.com.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

SPRING INSTITUTE: SPRING INTO FAITH FORMATION

Archdiocesan Spring Institute offers one-day faith formation and ministry training for adults. Topics include: Understanding the Liturgy; Finding your Catholic Voice on Hot Topic Issues; and Basics of the Faith. Additional courses for ministry training for RCIA, PREP, & LWC Ministries are available. Saturday Apr 9 from 10am-4pm at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, 4885 Saint John Paul II Way, Vancouver. Cost: \$40 (before April 3), includes lunch. For more information and registration visit: www.rcav.org/oc/spring.

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

The New Evangelization Summit, held in Ottawa and streamed to 29 host sites around North America including St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver, will bring together speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization. All Catholics – pastors, missionaries, lay ministers, and lay faithful – will benefit from this opportunity to be further equipped in the mission of the Church. Speakers include Sherry Weddell, Christopher West, Dr. Peter Kreeft, Angèle Regnier, Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, Bishop Christian Riesbeck; on Friday Apr 15 from 7-9:30pm and Saturday Apr 16 from 8:45am-4:30pm. Cost: \$30. Note: Saturday lunch will not be provided. To purchase tickets, visit www.newevangelization.ca.