

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

John 13:34-35

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

SUNDAY APR 24: 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:00am Young Adults (Rectory Dining)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Dining)
1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

MONDAY APR 25: ST. MARK

TUESDAY APR 26:

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

WEDNESDAY APR 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 APR 28:

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

FRIDAY APR 29: ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

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

SATURDAY APR 30:

10:00am Youth Basketball (School Gym)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
7:00pm CFC (Church basement)

SUNDAY MAY 1: 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Principal: Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff Website: www.stmary.bc.ca
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FIND PEACE AND BRING BACK YOUR LOVED ONE TO GOD

Parents and grandparents, all of you who want to convince your children to return to church, members of lay movements and religious orders and priests who want to assure the continued existence of their religious groups, Christ has given you a new and sufficient commandment meant to make it happen: “Love one another as I have loved you. By this all will know that you are my disciples.” (John 13:34-35) “Radiant love lived by Christians is the proof of all teachings, dogmas, and moral precepts of the Church of Christ.” (Cardinal Hans von Balthasar)

How do we know and practice such a love that is Christ like? By looking at the life of Christ and of His saints, by begging the Holy Spirit to pour out into our heart His Love, and by practicing it with those close to us, at home, at work and everywhere. Here is the story of how Simon Peter did it, as narrated by Dom Lepori, Abbot General of the Order of Cistercian monks. It can become your story too, in your home or at work.

“Do you love me?”

Before encountering Jesus, Simon could keep his entire life under control. Home, family, fishing— it was easy to keep his little world under control. He was obeyed at home, he was a good fisherman— and in spite of everything, the lake was generous— and the hired hands respected him. But now everything had become unmanageable. Hundreds, thousands of people of every race and language came to ask him for the impossible. The community of disciples continued to grow, and he was responsible for it. There was no more day and night, no regular meals, no time to snooze on the shore of the lake. And yet he felt calm, at peace. He felt

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inside himself a strength that did not at all eliminate his weakness, but used it.

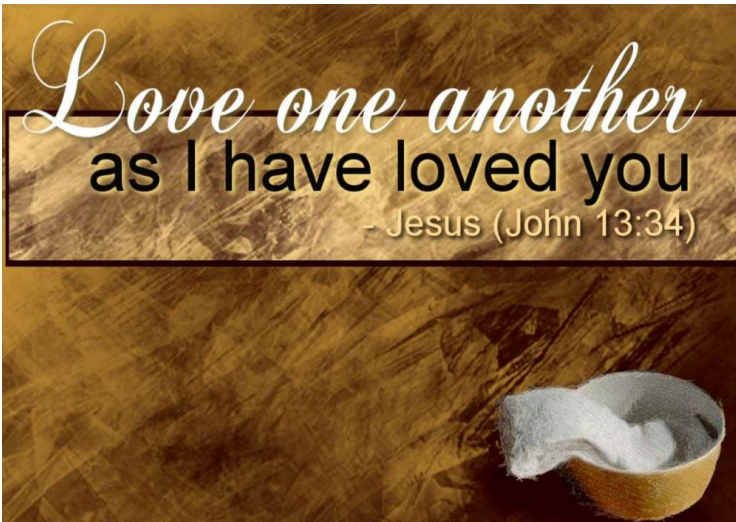
Everyone was asking him for everything, and Peter responded to everything and to everyone. But he also responded by asking for everything from the Lord Jesus, who gave him his Spirit, the Spirit of the Father.

Ever since Jesus had begged for his love- "Do you love me?"- Peter lived by begging for his own, begging for everything for him. For this reason, the immense demands of the mission that Jesus had entrusted to him was not a burden. Everything was embraced in the exchange of love with the Lord, and it was a delight to hear himself called by the Lord in the voice of the poor, the sinners, all of these people in distress. It was a gift to be able to answer the Lord over and over again: "You know that I love you!" in every word he spoke, every action he performed, every step he took.

He no longer said, "I will lay down my life for you!" He simply said, "Take me!"

Dom Mauro Lepori, O. CIST.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

FOOTPRINTS OF GOD BIBLE STUDY

Topic on Wednesday Apr 27: Apostolic Fathers: Handing On The Faith - Chapter 2 "Entrust to Faithful Men" (Ignatius of Antioch and Clement of Rome, who know the Apostles personally, pass on the deposit of faith to the next generation). Ongoing Bible Study every Wednesday from 6:30pm to 8pm in the church basement. Start at any session; prior attendance not required. Free, including study guides!

PROJECT ADVANCE 2016

Project Advance committee members are available to collect pledges and register new donors after all Masses until the end of June. You are also welcome to donate online at www.projectadvance.ca. Participation from all parishioners is a key factor to a successful campaign, and no gift is too small. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

FLAME (GR.8-12) - 3-MO PERMISSION FORMS

In order to make it easier for parents to permit their youth to out-trips, Youth Ministry has adapted a 3-month permission form that describes our planned activities for the next 3 months. More details are found in the forms. They can be picked up from the foyer or parish office. For electronic copies, please go to <https://goo.gl/3oSi4l>.

YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18-39) - FOOD SORTER

Young Adult Ministry invites you to share your time from 9am -12pm on Mondays at the Door Is Open, Downtown Eastside. The Carmelite Sisters need help in sorting food donations. For info, please contact Rocelyn at youth.smarv@rcav.org RE: **DIO Food Sorter**. Permission form is still required for 18-year old volunteers.

ST. MARY'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Do you like to be around children? Have you ever wanted to impact their lives by showing them how awesome Jesus is? For the first time ever, St. Mary's Children's Ministry will be having a one week morning bible camp for children in Kindergarten to Grade 5. If you answered YES to the questions above, active high schoolers (Grade 9 & above) and adults can register today as a volunteer! If interested, please email cvbs.stmaryvan@gmail.com for more information.

PARISH NEWS



Look who's turning 70!!!

Join us for birthday cake in the Church basement after all Masses



CWL MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Come and enjoy Mother's Day Luncheon on Sunday May 8 from 10:30am-2pm in the Church basement. Tickets: Beth 604-431-9945 or Kerr 604-327-6864.

MIGRANT MINISTRY

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry & ISSofBC are holding a workshop on Money Management running for 3 sessions May 1, 15, 29 from 1-3pm in the Seminar Room. Topics are Budgeting, Credit Management, Savings and Investment. Speakers are Noel Magtibay and Catherine Ching. Everyone is welcome to attend. Register at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com or resoquita.arma@issbc.org or 604-684-3599 ext. 1666.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL RAFFLE SALES

Would you like to win a trip for 4 to Puerto Vallarta, or a Caribbean Cruise for 2, or \$500 cash? St. Mary's School is selling raffle tickets after all Masses during April and May. Tickets are \$2/each or \$20/booklet. All proceeds go to the Parish Building Fund.

DRIVE 4UR SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENT

Please support the Drive 4UR School fundraising event on June 18 by taking a free test drive. For each test drive, Ford Canada will donate \$20 toward our Parish Building Fund, to a maximum of \$6,000. Pre-register for a test drive at www.drive4ur.com/en/drive4urschoolstmarysschool/Register; or go to the parish website and click on the link.

STREET MINISTRY CHOCOLATE DONATIONS

St. Mary's Street Ministry is asking for donations of individually wrapped chocolates purchased within the last 3 months. Please deposit donation to the box in the foyer. Thank you!