

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY JAN 8: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

MONDAY JAN 9: BAPTISM OF THE LORD

6:00pm RCIA (Church)

6:30pm CWL Executive Meeting (Rectory Dining)

TUESDAY JAN 10

6:00pm Baptism Prep (Church)

6:30pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

6:45pm PREP Parents (Seminar Room)

7:00pm MVA (Rectory Living Room)

7:00pm Spanish Rosary (Church)

7:00pm Families For Christ (School Gym)

7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY JAN 11

9:30am School Mass (Church)

6:45pm PREP Parents (Seminar Room)

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY JAN 12: ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (Rectory Basement)

7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY JAN 13: ST. HILARY

6:00pm CFC-SFL (Seminar Room)

6:00pm SFC (School Gym)

7:00pm Holy Trinity Community (Rectory Basement)

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY JAN 14

9:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Church Basement)

10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)

10:00am Liturgy Committee (Rectory Dining)

1:00pm CFC-Youth (School Gym)

2:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)

5:00pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

5:00pm PREP Staff (Seminar Room)

6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

SUNDAY JAN 15: WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)

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 of the Blessed Sacrament 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 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 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

Coordinator: Edwin Cruz

E-mail: prep.smarv@rcav.org

Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6:30-8pm / Teen Prep Wednesdays only

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Coordinator: Rocelyn Catris

Email: youth.smarv@rcav.org

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Finance & Property Manager: Ossie Fernandes (ext. 7)

Youth & Young Adult Ministry: Rocelyn Catris (ext. 247)

RCIA/PREP Coordinator: Edwin Cruz (ext. 5)

Reception: Marianne Peraro (ext. 0)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 5pm
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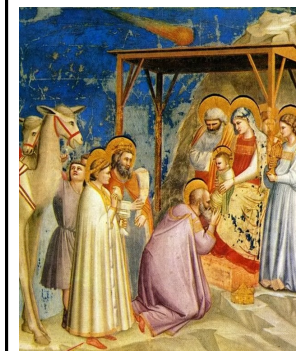
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Pastor's Corner

WE BELONG TO THE LIGHT

Several years ago, north of Squamish, I saw a young Chinese woman with her five-year-old daughter hitch-hiking a ride to Whistler. I took them in my car and offered to take them back home and at the end of the day, because it was very dangerous for a young woman to hitch a ride in this country. She didn't know about that because she had just arrived here from Mainland China. After knowing that I was a priest, she kept asking me questions about my Catholic faith. She told me I was so lucky to believe in God. It was her first encounter with a Catholic. We arranged for another meeting to speak more about it.

Last Tuesday, January 3rd, we had a young woman, Tricia Bølle from L.A., who shared her experience in evangelizing in Beijing, China. She met tremendous thirst for the faith there. And God multiplied the opportunities for her. A Jesuit told her that she did more in a few trips than a host of Jesuits for decades.



I am sharing this because it's all about Epiphany. The magi went out of their country, far away, following the star that would lead them to God. They had a driving thirst for the true God, even though they didn't know Him. This is happening again today right under our nose!

How can it be? It's because our God Jesus, true God, true man, is the one who created us in His own image. He is, in this divine nature, the Word, who created everything in his own image. That's why, we have been marked, formed in his own image, even when not knowing it, we thirst for Him, our origin! The Beijing people who met Tricia Bølle were first attracted to her because she really looked like a blond American woman and they were seeking an occasion to practice their English, being students at the University of Beijing. But then, she would tell them why she went to

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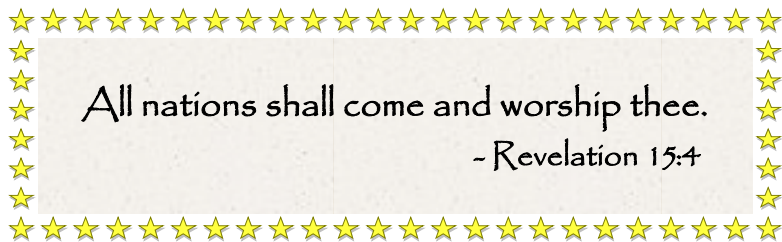
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China, and they became fascinated with the God of the Christians, more specifically the God of the Catholic Christians.

And then something else happened. These Chinese discovered that they also belonged to a much greater community than China... that they had something in common with Tricia that was more important than all the narrower national belongings; that their true home was greater than China. That the common ground – God – enabled them to connect with any person from the entire world, even Americans... That in the international community of the Church, anyone could find a share in the Divine Life offered by Christ, and through him, a communion with all human beings, and even with the entire Universe, created in the likeness of him. And that is why we all thirst for the true God, no matter what is our country of origin.

And this is happening here at St. Mary's, a community of maybe 80 different nationalities, all united in the same faith, in the sharing of the One God. I know now that what defines me at the deepest level is not belonging to Canada, not even my roots in the french Quebec, but my belonging to Christ. In His Body, there is no longer Greek or Jews, slave or free citizens. We all belong!

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will resume on Jan 18, Wednesday, 6:45pm in the church basement. More details will be announced next weekend.

2017 ENVELOPES

2017 envelopes are ready for pick up in the Church basement. To prevent inaccuracy in recording your donations, please use the right envelopes for the right year, e.g. use 2016 envelopes for 2016, and 2017 envelopes for 2017.

DOMINICAN 800TH JUBILEE

The Dominican Family invites you to celebrate the closing of the 800th Jubilee Year on Saturday January 21. Mass with Archbishop Michael Miller and the Dominican friars will be at 10 am, followed by a reception and presentations by members of the Dominican Family.

ADVERTISE IN BC CATHOLIC

Build your business & your parish. Advertise in BC Catholic and reach 61,000 readers weekly to grow your business and 15% will go to St. Mary's Parish building fund. Quantity discounts available. For info on the Parish Incentive Program or a free strategic plan consultation, contact Raymond Loretan at ads@rcav.org or call 604 683 0281.

REDESIGNING THE PARISH BULLETIN

St. Mary's Parish is collecting ideas for redesigning our bulletin. No restriction on forms, colors, concepts, and design. Ideas about additional content are also welcome. The only requirement is the information on the current bulletin must appear on the new bulletin. Samples are most welcome. Please email parish.smarv@rcav.org with the subject REDESIGN BULLETIN. We want to hear from you!

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

MARRIED COUPLES CONNECT: A DEEPER BOND

Through teaching moments, demonstration, and practice, this 6-week workshop provides couples with a unique opportunity to practise skills learned and receive feedback from counsellors. Couples will learn how to manage and work through conflict, increase sexual intimacy, fondness and admiration, feel more connection with their partner, and build a long-lasting relationship of love. Couples will also receive a workbook containing handouts and reference tools to take home. Join us on Wednesdays, Feb 1, 8, 15, 22 and March 1, 8, from 7-9 p.m., at John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver. Cost: \$130 per couple. To register, visit rcav.org/event/couples-connect-deeper-bond

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Start off the New Year by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend! February 24-26, 2016 at the Carmel Hill Retreat Centre. Call Steve and Mary Bohnen to register 604-876-7298 or e-mail wwwmevancouverbc@gmail.com, or visit www.wwme.org

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2017

Pope Francis urges us to do as Jesus did by proclaiming the good news of hope to all, especially to those in great need. He wants to "focus attention on the smallest of the small." Children who often arrive unaccompanied in their destination countries "are unable to make their own voices heard" and "easily become victims of grave violations of human rights." Join us on Sunday, Jan 15 at 2:30 pm at St. Matthew's Parish, Surrey, for the 6th annual World Day of Migrants and Refugees Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Miller, CSB. Visit rcav.org/world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees

ARCHDIOCESAN WINTER INSTITUTE

One day courses for ministry training, faith formation and general interest open to all. Date: Saturday, Jan 21, 2017. Time: 10am to 4pm, unless otherwise noted. Location: St. Patrick Secondary, 115 East 11th Avenue, Vancouver. Cost: \$40 on or before Jan 13 (\$20 for half-day course); \$45 after Jan 13 (\$25.00 for half-day course)

NOTRE DAME REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

On Thursday Jan 19, Notre Dame is hosting their Annual Open House for the 2017-18 School year. It begins at 6pm in the Alumni Hall followed by tours and an opportunity to meet staff and preview all that Notre Dame has to offer. The Placement Exam will be on Friday Jan 20 at 11:30am. Applications to write the placement exam must be returned to the school no later than Jan 13 with a non-refundable \$25 Application Fee. For questions, contact Mrs. Cirillo at scirillo@ndrs.org, or the school office at 604.255.5454 ext. 2202.

DISCERNMENT NIGHT FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Do you have questions about discerning God's call for your life? Join Vocations in Progress for an informal evening including prayer, dinner, and discussion. It is an opportunity to meet priests and religious, ask questions, and learn about their life and spirituality.

For WOMEN: Friday, Jan 13, 7pm-10pm at the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist Convent, 691 West 33rd Avenue, Vancouver. For single women, aged 18-35. RSVP to Sr. Mary Sabina at vancouver@op-tn.org or 604-443-3254

For MEN: Wednesday, Jan 18, 7pm-10 pm at St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver with Fr. Rodney Nootebos