

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY JAN 29: 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00am Youth Ministry YA (Rectory Dining)
1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)

MONDAY JAN 30

5:00pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

TUESDAY JAN 31: ST. JOHN BOSCO

7:00pm Families For Christ (School Gym)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Spanish Rosary (Church)
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY FEB 1

5:00pm Lay Missionaries of Charity (Rectory Dining)
6:45pm Bible Study (Church Basement)
7:00pm Couples for Christ (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY FEB 2: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Catholic Seminaries Presentation (Church Basement)
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church) - Blessing of Candles & Throats
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY FEB 3: ST. BLAISE

6:00pm CFC-FFL (Seminar Room)
6:00pm Street Ministry (Rectory Library)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church) - Blessing of Candles & Throats
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY FEB 4

8:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)
9:30am Padre Pio Prayer Group (Church Basement)
9:30am Mysteria Lucis (Rectory Basement)
10:00am Youth Ministry-BB (School Gym)
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
12:00nn Catholic Street Missionaries (Church Basement)
2:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Seminar Room)
7:00pm Project Cana Rehearsal (Church)
7:00pm Couples For Christ (Church Basement)
7:00pm Catholic Street Missionaries (Rectory Dining)

SUNDAY FEB 5: 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00pm Youth Ministry (School Gym)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
1:30pm Couples for Christ (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 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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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 5pm
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**Pastor's
Corner**

PUZZLED BY THE BEATITUDES?

Do you rebel against the Beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount? Feeling angry at God? Or simply puzzled? One good way of overcoming that is to see how they are lived by Jesus himself, all his life long, but especially on the Cross. There, he is totally poor in spirit and in fact, mourning, meek, thirsty for righteousness, merciful, pure in heart, a peacemaker, persecuted for righteousness' sake. Review the Passion, the seven words of Jesus on the Cross. And see how he is already receiving the blessings attached to each beatitude. See how he is already sharing them with the people around him. See yourself there. Receive those blessings yourself... the Kingdom of God. It is God reigning in you, be comforted by him. Be filled with righteousness (holiness), mercy, purity of heart, inner peace, and like Christ, become givers of these gifts. The "good" thief crucified on the right side of Jesus already received these blessings, even before dying.

If this sounds intimidating and scary, look at one saint you know better. How did Mother Teresa live the Beatitude and find joy? You don't need to understand all the Beatitudes. Start with one you relate to, any one, because they are all an entry to the Kingdom. And when you enter there even in this life because the Kingdom is near – Jesus is the Kingdom himself – then you will have all the other beatitudes; because they are all interconnected in Jesus. Look at Mother Teresa! Her purity of heart is one I like. Purity of heart doesn't imply absence of temptations. You may be very much tempted, yet have a pure heart. When you buy a bag of 100% pure flour, it means that there is nothing else other than flour in it. No preservatives, no other white stuff. Just flour. Your heart is pure when it seeks to do God's will unconditionally. You might not be there fully but that is where you are heading.

Look at Mother Teresa. She was seeing God in everyone, rich and poor. In every event, good or bad, in everything. She saw each one of these as a gift from God, a sign

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of his presence. She saw God in the poorest of the poor, in the Eucharist, in the Scriptures. Notice that this beatitude, "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God" works both ways. Indeed, if you see God in and through all things, events, and people, you will have an undivided heart. You will love God in all things. The reverse is also true. If you have an undivided heart, you will see God in all things.

My favorite beatitude nowadays is "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God". You are spreading peace in every place, event, and people when you have peace deep within you. If you have a pure heart, you will have peace in you and you will give it. The more you give it, the more it comes back to you. "My peace I give you", said Jesus, "not like the world gives it. No one can take it away from you."

Blessed are you!
Fr. Pierre



*See, upon the mountains,
there advances the bearer of good news,
announcing peace!*
Nahum 2:1 (NAB)

PARISH NEWS

CATHOLIC PRESS COLLECTION

February is Catholic Press Month and with it comes the annual Catholic Press Collection. On Feb. 4-5, there will be a second collection at all parishes in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to show their appreciation for receiving The B.C. Catholic. The collection helps defray your parish's costs for mailing the paper. For those who don't receive it, it's also a great chance to help out as all the money collected stays in the parish. Please give generously Feb. 4-5 so we can continue to deliver to parishioners in the Archdiocese of Vancouver this vital, award-winning publication. Please visit www.bccatholic.ca for more info on the Catholic Press Collection and the Catholic Press Association.

SPARK (GR.6-8) - DONUTS WELCOME

Did you miss us? We certainly missed you! And to welcome you this year, we added donut-filled fun and fellowship on Monday Jan 30 from 6:15-8:15pm in the Church basement. Invite your friends and we'll see you there! :)

BIBLE STUDY

Encounter the Word made flesh! Come to Lectio Divina this Wednesday, Feb 1 at 6:45pm in the church basement. The topic will be the Gospel of the following Sunday - Matthew 5:13-16.

BLESSING OF CANDLES AND THROATS

On Feb 2 Thursday (Feast of the Presentation of the Lord or Candlemas Day) and Feb 3 Friday (Feast of St. Blaise), at the 7pm Masses, there will be a blessing of candles and throats on both days.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Intercessory prayer is a path to joy. First of all because of God's grace we know that we can do something for others by praying for them. When we intercede for others, we place the power of God at work in the suffering of others in our lives and those who are recommended to us. At the same time when we do all that we can for others, we have the opportunity to live out the life of God, thus we become more and more like God. Intercession is a path towards joy because it is mainly a path to God. Be a joyful intercessor of PPPG and be part of the Church's mission, let us meet on Saturday, Feb 4 at 9:30am. See you there!

ONE-DAY OUTREACH WITH CATHOLIC STREET MISSIONARIES

Are you between 19-39? Do you want to serve Jesus in the poor? Want to see what it's like to be a street missionary for a day? Join us on Sat Feb 4 from 12:30 - 6:30pm (for men and women) and 10:30pm - 2am (for women only) in the church basement. For details or to register, visit <http://OneDayOutreach.eventbrite.ca>

ESTATE & BURIAL PRESENTATION

These presentations by the Archdiocese of Vancouver Catholic Cemeteries deal with matters you may not have thought about before but will help you gather your thoughts before you write your first Will or prepare to update your Will. Learn about the beauty and reverence of the funeral rite and how to formulate Pre-Need arrangements. Receive FREE guides and loads of practical advice. These workshops will present

facts and information. No investment services or insurance will be promoted or sold. Presentation is on Feb 2 at 7pm in the church basement. For more information, please contact Catholic Cemeteries by email or call 604-531-2141. You can also register online at www.rccav.org/events

CHRISTIAN FICTION IN THE LIBRARY

The library has a collection of fiction for those who like to read novels written by Christians for Christians. This type of fiction is very different from what you will find on the shelves in other Libraries. The book can be written for 4 weeks.

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

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS AND ANOINTING

Come to the World Day of the Sick Celebration of Mass and Anointing on Friday, Feb 10, 10:30am, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, 555 S. Slocan St. Vancouver. Archbishop Miller is the main celebrant.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE/CARITAS CANADA

Dev and Peace's Share Lent Workshop, focusing on the struggles and contributions of women around the world, is on Saturday, Feb 4 at St. Jude's Parish (3078 Renfrew St.) from 10:00am-3:00pm. Contact Pinky Pascual at pinky.devpeace@gmail.com or 604-612-9677 to RSVP or Cora Alcuatas at coralcuitas@shaw.ca. Thank you.

VOCATION LIVE-IN

On the weekend of Feb 17-19, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715.