

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### SUNDAY FEB 26: 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Knights of Columbus Brunch Fundraising (Church Basement)  
2:00pm CFC (Church Basement)  
2:00pm CSM (Rectory Library)  
10:00am Youth Ministry YA (Rectory Dining)  
1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
12:00pm SFL (Seminar Room)

### MONDAY FEB 27

6:00pm Light of Jesus (Seminar Room)  
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

### TUESDAY FEB 28

7:00pm Families For Christ (School Gym)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)  
7:00pm CSM (Rectory Dining)  
7:00pm Spanish Rosary (Church Children's Room)  
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Basement)

### WEDNESDAY MAR 1: ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00am Mass (Church)  
9:45am Mass - School (Church)  
5:00pm Mass (Church)  
6:40pm Mass - PREP (Church Basement)  
7:30pm Mass (Church)

### THURSDAY MAR 2

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

### FRIDAY MAR 3: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

6:00pm SFL (Seminar Room)  
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)  
6:00pm Street Ministry (Rectory Living Room)  
6:30pm CFC Youth (Rectory Dining)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### SATURDAY MAR 4: ST. CASIMIR

8:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)  
9:00am Lay Dominicans (Rectory Basement)  
9:30am Padre Pio Prayer Group (Church Basement)  
9:30am Lay Dominicans (Rectory Living Room)  
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)  
10:00am Youth Ministry BB (School Gym)  
1:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)  
2:30pm Baptism (Church)  
3:00pm Street Ministry (Church Basement Library)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)  
7:00pm CFC (Church Basement)

### SUNDAY MAR 5: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00am CFC-FFL (School Gym)  
1:30pm CFC (Church Basement)  
12:00nn Light of Jesus (Rectory Dining)  
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)  
5:00pm SFL (Rectory Living 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**

Principal: Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff Website: www.stmary.bc.ca

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### PASTORS & STAFF

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

**Assistant Pastor:** Fr. Gabriel de Chadarévian, O.P. (ext. 3)

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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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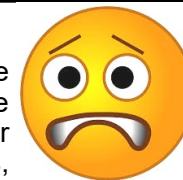
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**FEB 26, 2017**

**Pastor's  
Corner**

**ARE YOU A WORRY MACHINE?**

Jesus said, "In the world, you will have troubles. But take courage, for I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) In other words, Jesus tells us that we will have worries, even if we are his chosen disciples, but have faith, place your worries into his heart, for he knows them – he knows when a single hair falls from our heads – and he cares for us; and he has the power to save us. Seek first the Kingdom of God and everything you need will be given you. "Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7 NAB).



Now he didn't say "Seek God ALONE and nothing else" but seek FIRST the Kingdom of God. We do need to work and care for the means of our living. But they are MEANS, not ENDS. If the means of living like food, drink, pleasure, possessions, popularity or prestige, power cease to be a means for life and become an end, they will enter into conflict with one another, and paralyze you, or fill you with worries. We can only have ONE ultimate concern, or goal, or end – God's purpose for you. If your goal is approval from others, in other words, prestige of popularity, you will have to sacrifice in a damaging way, the other means, like pleasure, possessions, power. You will care more about being approved than about your family, or about God's purpose for you. If you don't care about God's purpose for you, you will not know what to do with power, wealth, health, prestige, when you get them. And you will not know when you have enough of them.

Notice also that it is not only God that you have to put first, so that everything else falls into its right place. Rather, it is God's purpose for you that you must seek first. And remember, that purpose God has for you, take into account your own happiness and true joy into the world and in the next.

**God bless you! Fr. Pierre**

"Every evening I turn my worries over to God. He's going to be up all night anyway." - Mary C. Crowley

"A day of worry is more exhausting than a day of work."  
- John Lubbock

“God has created me to do Him some definite service.  
He has committed some work to me which  
He has not committed to another. I have my mission.  
I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next...

Therefore, I will trust Him,  
whatever I am, I can never be thrown away.  
If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him,  
in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him.  
If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.  
He does nothing in vain.  
He knows what He is about.  
He may take away my friends.  
He may throw me among strangers.  
He may make me feel desolate,  
make my spirits sink, hide my future from me.  
Still, He knows what He is about.”  
- Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman



## PARISH NEWS

### ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE OF MASSES

8:00am - Church  
9:45am - Church (School Mass)  
5:00pm - Church  
6:40pm - Church Basement (PREP Mass)  
7:30pm - Church

### ASH WEDNESDAY – DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting (for ages 18 to 59) and abstinence (for age 14 onwards). In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. These practices help eliminate our attachments to material things and open us up spiritually to God.

### LENTEN MEDITATION BOOKLETS

This weekend Feb 25/26 after all Masses, Lenten meditation booklets are in the foyer at the special price of \$2. The booklets will accompany you in the prayerful observance of Lent.

### LENTEN RETREAT

Mark your calendar! St. Mary's Lenten Retreat will be on Mar 13 to 15, Mon to Wed. Choice of 8am or 7pm sessions. Mass followed by Retreat Talk. Theme: **Call to Holiness - To be Jesus Christ in the World Today**. Speaker: **Msgr. John Esseff**, exorcist for the Diocese of Scranton, guided by Padre Pio in the beginning of his ministry, and later became a spiritual director to Mother Teresa.

### ST MARY'S KNIGHTS BRUNCH

Please join St Mary's Knights Brunch this Sunday, Feb 26 from 9 am to 2pm in the Church basement. Menu is Wonton Soup with Toast Bread for \$5. Proceeds will go to St. Mary's Building Fund.

### PURDY'S CHOCOLATES

St. Mary's School will be selling Purdy's Chocolates as a fundraiser for the school after all Masses this weekend while quantities last. Family size milk crisp or almond bar \$5, and original milk and dark bars for \$2. Thank you for your support.

### PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP - A PERSONALIZED FAITH CALLED TRUST

*“Many of us do not grasp the close connection between the life of faith and the prayer of faith; hence, our prayer power is very limited... Seeking the face of God more earnestly than we seek answers to our prayers from God is to have faith. A personalized faith called trust.”* (Fr. John H. Hampsch, CMF) We will look at this faith which seeks intercession for others as it cares for God's Glory. In addition, we will also be introduced to one of Padre Pio's friends, Msgr. John Esseff, who encountered the Saint in 1959; a detour from Rome to San Giovanni Rotondo that turned into an unforgettable pilgrimage. Hope to see you all on Sat, Mar 4 at 9:30am in the church basement.

### SPARK (GR.6-8) - GIVE ME, GIVE ME, GIVE ME

Do you hear yourself often say, 'Me, myself, or I'? The issue of entitlement affects nearly every youth at some point. In fact, even adults can fall into the trap of relying on their "right" to something, instead of adhering to the reality that everything we have is from God. Come check out what this means for you this Mon, Feb 27 from 6:15-8:15pm in the Church basement. Bring your friends too! :)

### FLAME (GR.8-12) - FREEDOM

Freedom, the free annual reconciliation event for youth sponsored by the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office, will take place on Friday, Mar 10 at St. Patrick Parish, Vancouver from 7pm-10:30pm. Participants will experience the healing power of Christ through music, prayer, testimonies and teachings, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Adoration. You won't want to miss this special event! To register, please contact youth.smarv@rcav.org (RE: Freedom) by March 5. Permission forms are required and available in the parish office or on the Youth Ministry bulletin (Church foyer).

### APOLOGETICS BOOK STUDY

Come and join us as we examine the evidence for Jesus using former atheist Lee Strobel's book Case for Christ. What Strobel found not only changed his life but it has empowered Christians around the world to defend their beliefs. We will be meeting Mondays starting Mar 6 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact chandrallye@yahoo.ca

### BIBLE STUDY

There will be no session of Bible Study/Lectio Divina on Mar 1 Ash Wednesday and Mar 15 Lenten Retreat.

### CFC YOUTH – CAMP LEGATUM

Do you want a wholesome environment where Christian values are talked about and actively being practiced? CFC-Youth, is inviting Youth ages 13 to 21 to CAMP LEGATUM to be held at Camp Capilano Mar 24-26. The program consists of talks and sharing given by inspiring youth leaders as well as fun-filled activities utilizing the talents and skills of the participants. For inquiries/registration, contact John 778-893-7803 and EJ 604-376-5018 or Albert/ Zharisma 778-822-0218

### HOLY LAND ITEMS FOR SALE ON MAR 4 & 5

Beautiful religious articles made from olive wood will be available for sale in the church foyer next weekend Mar 4 & 5. They are hand crafted by Christians of the Holy land who are seeking your support to assist them in staying rooted in the land of Christ. 70 years ago, the Christian population was 20 % of the whole population, now they are only 1%, due to the pressure to leave their homeland for economic and political reasons. Please note that that ONLY CASH are accepted as payment at this time.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### SAVE YOUR FAMILY

The next Retrouvaille Program for troubled marriages will be held on the weekend of April, 21-23, 2017 in a hotel in the Lower Mainland. For more details, phone 604-530-6710 or visit [www.retrouvaillevancouver.com](http://www.retrouvaillevancouver.com).

### HOW TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR ASSISTED SUICIDE

Many in the medical field are worried about the potential conflict between requests for assisted suicide and being faithful to their conscience. The Catholic Physicians' Guild will host a workshop on how to deal with these requests. Mar 29, 7-9:30pm, JPPI Pastoral Centre. Contact 604-450-2712 or [drtoniparsons@telus.net](mailto:drtoniparsons@telus.net)

### MAMUNO TULAD NI HESUS – FILIPINO MINISTRY LEADERSHIP FORMATION PROGRAM

Join us for Level I of the Leadership Formation Program for Filipinos for three Saturdays, March 11, 18 & 25, from 9:30am to 4pm at Immaculate Conception Parish, Delta. Cost: \$60. Visit [www.rcav.org/filipino-ministry](http://www.rcav.org/filipino-ministry) or email [gbarcelon@rcav.org](mailto:gbarcelon@rcav.org)

“You must believe in truth that whatever God gives or permits  
is for your salvation.”  
- St. Catherine of Siena