

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY MAR 5: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00am CFC-FFL (School Gym)
12:00nn Light of Jesus (Rectory Dining)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
1:30pm CFC (Church Basement)
5:00pm SFL (Rectory Living Room)
6:00pm CSM (Rectory Dining)

MONDAY MAR 6

5:00pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
6:30pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Lay Apostles (Church)
7:30pm Apologetics (Rectory Living Room)

TUESDAY MAR 7: STS. PERPETUA & FELICITY

9:15am Gr 3-7 Reconciliation (Church)
6:45pm PREP 1st Reconciliation (Church)
7:00pm Families For Christ (School Gym)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Spanish Rosary (Church Children's Room)
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY MAR 8: ST. JOHN OF GOD

6:45pm Bible Study (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY MAR 9: ST. FRANCES OF ROME

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

FRIDAY MAR 10

5:00pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
6:00pm SFL (Seminar Room)
6:00pm SFC (School Gym)
6:00pm Street Ministry (Rectory Living Room)
6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
10:00pm CSM (Church Basement)

SATURDAY MAR 11

10:00am PREP 1st Reconciliation (Church)
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
10:00am Youth Ministry BB (School Gym)
12:00nn Light of Jesus (Rectory Dining)
1:00pm Handmaids of the Lord (Church Basement)
1:00pm CFC Youth (School Gym)
3:00pm Street Ministry (Church Basement Library)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)
6:00pm Stations of the Cross - Development & Peace (Church)
6:00pm CSM (Church Basement)
7:00pm CFC (Church Basement)

SUNDAY MAR 12: 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
1:00pm SFC (Seminar Room)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Church Basement)
2:00pm CSM (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

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

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Assistant to the Pastors: Theresa De Ocampo (ext. 6)

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

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

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

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

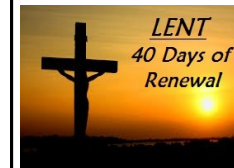
STOP RUNNING AWAY

We would rather not have temptations at all. And when we do have them – quite frequently! – we blame God for having abandoned us. But the temptations are necessary. Without them, we would never learn how to trust in God. We would not even try to trust God.

Let's listen to Pope Benedict XVI "At the heart of all temptations is the act of pushing God aside because we perceive him as secondary, if not actually superfluous or annoying, in comparison with all the apparently far more urgent matters that fill our lives." Indeed, we tend to postpone indefinitely what is truly important but not urgent in favor of those urgent things to do. What is really important but not urgent in your life? They are actions that, in the long run, will make of your life a spiritual mess, if you keep postponing them day after day. Actions such as giving quality time to your children, parents, spouse, taking care of your health, praying every day, facing the ultimate questions about your relationship to God. If you don't face these ultimate questions, God will become to you less and less real, less and less good according to your eyes. You will no longer understand him and reject him more and more. Your family will become a burden in your busy agenda. You will hate the commandments of God...

What make you run away from God and from true life? What are your favorite ways of escaping reality? Food, alcohol, comfort, sex, pornography, social media? The fear of rejection, if you don't conform to the ways of the majority? Being seen in the company of popular people? Enjoying your superiority over others and despising them... "I am so much better than them! Why should I worry?" Or is it the search for control that feeds your life and your goals, in such a way that you don't have time for real important issues? Everybody tries to control somebody else. Just because everybody does it does not mean it is good.

Lent is a time to discover your escapes and learn to seek the truly important things, even when they don't seem urgent. For this, you will need free time, silence, prayer, fasting. These will allow you to unmask your diversions, and let the truly important things to emerge. I pray that you will take the time.



God bless you! Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS



STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY

There will be Stations of the Cross on every Friday of Lent at 6:30pm in the church.

DEV & PEACE WAY OF THE CROSS

Development and Peace / Caritas Canada: Special Way of the Cross: Saturday, Mar 11, after the 5pm Mass. The Way of the Cross offers us the opportunity to accompany Jesus on his way to Calvary. Like Jesus, women are carrying the Cross in our world. Like our Blessed Mother Mary, Veronica and the women of Jerusalem in Jesus' journey of the Cross, women of courage are working hard to denounce the injustices, inequalities and violence that burden them. This Way of the Cross offers us the opportunity to be in solidarity with all the men and women working to build a better world of peace and justice.

SPARK (GR.6-8) - CELEBRATING LENT

For all the baptized, Lent is the time to deepen and renew our own baptismal commitment. Come celebrate with games and learning this Mon, Mar 6 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 Mar 5. Permission forms are required and available in the parish office or on the Youth Ministry bulletin (Church foyer).

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - PARISH SIGN UP

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. This year's vigil is happening from Mar 1-Apr 9 outside BC Women's Health Centre. Our parish will sponsor a day on March 23 from 8am-6pm. Please sign up in the foyer for at least an hour vigil or at <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/vancouver-2/>. Meeting place: West 29th Ave and Heather St. Vancouver

BIBLE STUDY

What does the Transfiguration of Jesus mean to you today? Come to Lectio Divina this Wednesday, Mar 8 at 6:45pm in the church basement. We will study and meditate on the Gospel of the following Sunday, Matthew 17:1-9, where disciples Peter, James and John saw the face of Jesus shine like the sun.

LENTEN RETREAT

St. Mary's Lenten Retreat is coming soon! Come on Mar 13 to 15, Mon to Wed, for Mass followed by Retreat Talk at 8am or 7pm. Morning and afternoons sessions are the same. The theme is **Call to Holiness - To be Jesus Christ in the World Today**. The speaker, **Msgr. John Esseff**, exorcist for the Diocese of Scranton, was guided by Padre Pio in the beginning of his ministry, and later became a spiritual director to Mother Teresa. He is ardently devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

One of the goals of our Archdiocese is to Strengthen Marriages and Families. In response to this goal, adult parishioners of the Vancouver East Deanery, which includes St. Mary's Parish, are encouraged to participate in identifying topics they would like to be considered for the development of educational programs. To participate, please fill out a short survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/AdultMinistry2017. The survey is also available in paper form in the foyer. The survey must be completed by March 10, 2017. Thank you. Your input is important in the planning process.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL RAFFLE

Want to win a trip for two to Paris with all accommodation and tours included? Or an Apple iPad Air 2 or cash of \$500?? St. Mary School raffle is up for sale again, \$2.50 per ticket or \$25 for a booklet, you have till June 25 to purchase the tickets. All proceeds will go to the Building Fund. What better way to support our school and a chance to win some fabulous prizes!! For more information please contact Teresa Lung at 604-802-0890 or email tky.lung@telus.net The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets after each mass this weekend. We accept cash, interact or credit cards. Thank you in advance for your support and participation.

HOLY LAND ITEMS FOR SALE THIS WEEKEND

Beautiful religious articles made from olive wood will be available for sale in the church foyer this weekend. 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.

WORKSHOP ON TAXATION

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry and ISSofBC will hold a free workshop about the Taxation System in Canada on Sunday Mar 12 at 1-3pm in the church basement. Speakers are Lorina Serafico of Scotiabank and Loribel Mercado, CPA & CGA. All are welcome. Please register with Lenn Castro at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com or with Resochita Arma at resochita.arma@issbc.org or 604-684-7498 ext. 1666.

FORUM ON DRUG ADDICTION CRISIS

THE CATHOLIC FORUM invites you to explore the topic "Drug Crisis: Saving Our Children from the Snares of Addiction", with Dr. Tamás Ungar. Bring your questions and a friend! Tuesday Mar 21 at 7pm in the church. By donation. For more information, see <http://dominicanlaity.ca/forum>, or contact Dr. Paul Ungar (604-588-5696) or Cathy Neugebauer (ve7cld@shaw.ca).

SALE OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

Will you be an angel for a 2 year old boy named Zhian? We, from LOVE WORKS CHARITY, humbly ask for your support in our fund-raising effort to help Zhian in the Philippines who was born with Congenital Heart Disease and Anorectal Malformation and is in urgent need of heart surgery. After all Masses of Mar 11 and 12, we will be selling religious articles, the proceeds of which will be used for the surgery. Through the generosity of St. Mary's Parishioners and the guidance of the Holy Spirit we hope to continue to help sick children. We appreciate your support of this good cause. Thank you and God bless!

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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

FILIPINO MINISTRY LEADERSHIP FORMATION PROGRAM - MAMUNO TULAD NI HESUS

Join 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 or email gbarcelon@rcav.org

HELPLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

You can make a difference in the lives of victims of abuse. Join Domestic Abuse Society—Our Lady of Good Counsel Society for the spring training. Fridays: Mar 31, Apr 7 & 21 6:30pm–9:30pm and Saturdays, Apr 1, 9, & 22 8:30am to 3:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Vancouver. Contact 604.585.6688.

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 Marc and Candice 604-530-6710 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

**"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us,
to shake us from our lethargy." - Pope Francis**