

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### 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)  
2:00pm Handmaids of the Lord (Rectory Dining)

### MONDAY MAR 13

8:00am Parish Lenten Retreat - Mass & Talk (Church)  
7:00pm Parish Lenten Retreat - Mass & Talk (Church)

### TUESDAY MAR 14

8:00am Parish Lenten Retreat - Mass & Talk (Church)  
6:00pm Baptism Preparation (Church)  
7:00pm Parish Lenten Retreat - Mass & Talk (Church)

### WEDNESDAY MAR 15

8:00am Parish Lenten Retreat - Mass & Talk (Church)  
7:00pm Parish Lenten Retreat - Mass & Talk (Church)

### THURSDAY MAR 16

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

### FRIDAY MAR 17: ST. PATRICK

5:30pm Youth Ministry (School Gym)  
6:30pm Dev & Peace (Rectory Dining)  
6:00pm SFL (Seminar Room)  
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)

### SATURDAY MAR 18: ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

10:00am Padre Pio Prayer Group (Church Basement)  
9:00am Lay Dominicans (Rectory Basement)  
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)  
10:00am Youth Ministry BB (School Gym)  
12:00nn KFL (School Gym)  
12:00nn Light of Jesus (Rectory Dining)  
2:00pm ARC (Church Basement)  
2:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)  
3:00pm Street Ministry (Church Basement Library)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)  
5:00pm KOC (School Gym)  
6:00pm Cancer Support Group (Rectory Living Room)  
7:00pm CFC (Church Basement)  
7:30pm ARC (Church)

### SUNDAY MAR 19: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am Dev & Peace Hunger Meal (Church Basement)  
1:00pm Handmaids of the Lord (Church Basement)  
11:00am Light of Jesus (Rectory Dining)  
11:00am RCIA (Seminar Room)  
1:00pm SFC (School Gym)  
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)  
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**

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)

**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)

**Reception:** Marianne Peraro (ext. 0)

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 5pm  
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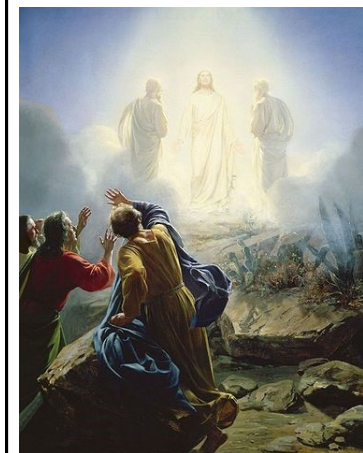
### BREAKTHROUGH!

What are we celebrating in remembering the Transfiguration of our Lord in the midst of Lent? Are we called to share these moments of transfiguration with the Lord in our daily lives? Are we not being transformed now, going from glory to glory as St. Paul wrote? In the eternal world of the Kingdom of God, are we not going to be transfigured even in our risen bodies? Jesus said that in heaven, the just will shine like the sun. (Matthew 13:43)

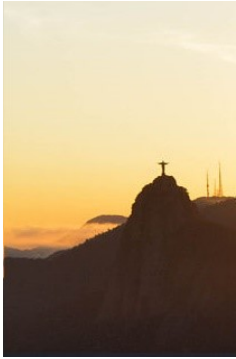
To find answers to these questions, we can start by the following statement based on a good understanding of the Bible, especially the New Testament. Here it is: heaven, and all it contains, is not far away from the earth. It is "separated" from us by a really thin boundary, that is, in fact, like a breathing membrane, which allows communication between the visible and the invisible worlds.

The transfiguration of Jesus is a breakthrough of the divine world into our finite human world. At his baptism in the Jordan, Jesus saw the sky parted in two (a breakthrough!), and he could hear the voice of the Father saying, "You are my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Today, at the Transfiguration, there is a similar breakthrough. Even better this time, because Peter, John and James can hear the voice of the Father. "This is my beloved Son; Listen to Him." Moreover, Jesus himself in his transfigured humanity shows them his deepest identity as true God and true man. From that time on, we are called to seek God's face in and through the face of Christ.

Pope Benedict XVI wrote that the Transfiguration of Jesus is a prayer event. "It displays visibly what happens when Jesus talks with his Father, the profound interpretation of his being with God, which then becomes pure light." St. Paul tells us that we are in the process of being transfigured in Christ, until we are like him



in heaven. This process is largely invisible except through the fruits of holiness. But sometimes God allows us to see his glory and the glory with which we will be covered in heaven.



Can we hint what the transfigured moments are? They are moments when heaven and earth merge into one reality for us. The beauty of a sunset by the sea; a hike to the mountain top; a walk amidst huge trees. But also a moment of deep communion through prayer. Or an experience of being forgiven or forgiving another human being. Or an insight into the Scripture and the joy of knowing that the full communion with one another and with God is indeed very near.

**God bless you! Fr. Pierre**

## PARISH NEWS

### **SPARK (GR.6-8) - CANCELLED**

There is no Spark night this Monday, March 13. The next one is on March 20. You are encouraged to attend the Parish Lenten Retreat in the Church on March 13 at 7pm.

### **FLAME (GR.8-12) - YOUTH OPEN GYM**

Come invite your high school friends and enjoy indoor sports and games this Fri, Mar 17 from 6:30-8:30pm in St. Mary's School gym. Refreshments provided. Please bring water, towel, and extra shirt, if needed. No pre-registration required. :)

### **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**

There will be no Bible Study/Lectio Divina on Mar 15 Lenten Retreat. The next session is on Mar 22.

### **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.

### **LENTEN RETREAT**

St. Mary's Lenten Retreat is here! 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.

### **LENTEN SPIRITUAL READING**

The Library will be open on Mon, Tue and Wed of this week before and after the morning and evening sessions of the Retreat. This is a good time to get a book for Lenten spiritual reading during Lent.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **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](mailto:ve7cld@shaw.ca)).

### **COME AND EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

Join us for the Life in the Spirit Seminar for eight Tuesday evenings, from April 25 to June 13, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver in the Church basement. Childminding available and light refreshments provided. To register, contact Mita at 604-435-7561 or Edna at 778-689-7775 or email [missionablazestmary@gmail.com](mailto:missionablazestmary@gmail.com). Sponsored by St. Mary's Mission Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group.

### **HUNGER MEAL - DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

Hunger Meal: In Solidarity with those who suffer from Hunger, please join us on Sunday, March 19 after the morning masses of 8:00, 9:30 and 11:15 in the church basement for a meal of rice soup and toast. Your generous donations will help our partners in the poorest nations in working for this basic human right - freedom from hunger.

### **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 this weekend, 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

### **MONASTIC LIFE FOR LADIES**

On the weekend of April 7 - 9, there will be a Monastic Life Workshop for ladies interested in the consecrated life, at Westminster Abbey, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8975.

### **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)

### **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**

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. The program shows couples how to show mercy to each other and with God's help, their marriages can be healed and restored. The next Retrouvaille 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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

