

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



No one has greater love than this,  
to lay down one's life  
for one's friends.  
- John 15:13

### **PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY APR 9**

11:00 AM RCIA (School Seminar Room)  
01:00 PM SFC (School Seminar Room)  
01:00 PM Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
02:00 PM CSM (Rectory Living Room)

### **HOLY MONDAY APR 10**

04:30 PM Alter Servers (Church)  
05:00 PM Youth Ministry (School Gym)  
07:30 PM Apologetics (Rectory Living Room)  
07:30 PM Easter Vigil Rehearsal (Church)

### **HOLY TUESDAY APR 11**

**07:00 PM Lenten Penitential Service (Church)**  
07:00 PM Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)  
07:00 PM MVA (Rectory Living Room)  
07:00 PM Families For Christ (School Gym)  
07:00 PM Lenten Penitential Service (Church)

### **HOLY WEDNESDAY APR 12**

08:00 PM RCIA Easter Vigil Rehearsal (Church)

### **HOLY THURSDAY APR 13**

**05:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church)**  
**07:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper with Washing of Feet (Church)**  
**08:45 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)**

### **GOOD FRIDAY APR 14**

**03:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Church & Church Basement)**  
**06:30 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)**  
**07:30 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Church)**

### **HOLY SATURDAY APR 15**

10:00 AM Mission Ablaze (Church Hall)  
12:00 PM Light of Jesus (Rectory Dining Room)  
03:00 PM Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)  
06:30 PM RCIA (School Seminar Room)  
**08:30 PM Easter Vigil (Church)**

### **EASTER SUNDAY APR 16: RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

01:00 PM Migrant Ministry (School Seminar Room)  
01:00 PM Light of Jesus (Rectory Dining Room)  
02:00 PM 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

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### **PASTORS & STAFF**

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

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

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

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

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 5pm  
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### **STAYING WITH JESUS IN YOUR AGONY**

What do you do when facing a big trial that makes you feel your life will never be the same again? How can you receive help from God? The trial could be: the loss of a job that was very fulfilling for you, a life-threatening sickness, the loss of a loved one, separation, divorce, discouragement, bad things happening to your sons and daughters, to your parents, or to your spouse.

These things could lead you to lose your trust in God, and your faith in him. But this is when you need to trust God the most.

First, become aware that Jesus went through very big trials, greater than yours. At Gethsemane, Jesus "began to be

grieved and agitated". (Mark 14:33) He said to Peter and the two sons of Zebedee "I am deeply grieved, even unto death, remain here, and stay awake with me." (Matthew 26:38) Throwing himself on the ground, and praying, he said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet not what I want, but what you want." (Mark 14:36)

Therefore, remember Jesus went through an even greater trial than yours. So that you may know that he can pull you out of it. The Father can do everything. If he doesn't give you what you want, he will give you something better, in this life or in the next, as he did for Jesus.

Secondly, know that even Jesus needed the support of Peter, James and John. He said to them, "Stay awake with me" (v.38) So you too, need help. There is no shame in asking for someone to help us. Jesus did it himself.

Thirdly, know that even in his deepest sorrow, Jesus cared for others. He consoled the women of Jerusalem, his mother Mary, his disciple. He forgave those who were killing him, those who betrayed them. You too, in the midst of your trial, can help someone carry his burden, and God will help you carry yours. Forgive even those who could be partly responsible for your trial. Forgive just



with your mind, now, if it is not possible with your whole heart.

Fourthly, remember you are never alone; Jesus is your strength. **He is in you** like a "spring of living water, gushing up into eternal life" (John 4) You may still feel like dry bones, but the Risen Jesus is already pulling you out of the grave. Open your hand so that he might take it. You are in the hands of Jesus who told you: "Those the Father has given me, nobody can snatch them out of my hands." (John 10:28)

Finally, ask Jesus or the Father, to show you the big picture. Certainly, God allowed this trial so that you may be strengthened and transformed into his likeness.

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

**God bless you! Fr. Pierre**

## PARISH NEWS

### HOLY WEEK MASSES

#### PALM SUNDAY

Same as regular Sundays except for the additional Mass at 11:15 am in the church basement

#### HOLY THURSDAY

5pm, 7:30pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 8:45pm-10pm

#### GOOD FRIDAY

Passion Liturgy 3pm (Church & Ch Basement), 7:30pm

Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

#### HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

8:30pm

#### EASTER SUNDAY

Same as regular Sundays except for the additional Mass at 11:15 am in the church basement

### HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS

Penitential Service: Tuesday Apr 11 7pm-9pm

Holy Thursday: 4:15-5pm, 6:45pm-7:15pm, 8:40pm-10pm

Good Friday: 10am-2:30pm, 4:30pm-10pm

Holy Saturday: 3pm-6pm

Easter Sunday: No Confessions

**The schedules are available as handouts in the church foyer.**

### LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

There will be a Penitential Service at St. Mary's on April 11 starting at 7pm, where 11 priests will be available to hear confessions. To find a Lenten Penitential Service near you, visit <http://rcav.org/lent-2017-penitential-services/>. During Lent, we are all encouraged to go to confession to encounter Christ's love and mercy and as a way to prepare for Easter. Through confession, we can gain strength in our spiritual weakness.

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

Join us for the Life in the Spirit Seminar for eight Tuesday evenings, from Apr 25 to Jun 13, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Mary's 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.



### BIBLE STUDY

There is no session on April 12, Holy Wednesday. The next session is on the following Wednesday, April 19.

### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND CHAPLETS

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing Divine Mercy novena and chaplets this weekend. Along with Confession and Communion, you gain a plenary indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday.

### SAINT MARY'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS): REGISTRATIONS START

Saint Mary's VBS will once again be having a one week morning bible camp (July 31-August 4) for children aged 6 to 11 years old. We will learn bible verses, bible stories, and play games to experience God's word and how it relates to our lives. Registration will be available in the church foyer after masses on April 29 & 30th (except the 7pm mass) Registration cost is \$60. First come, first served! Please email Dana & Christina at [cvbs.stmaryvan@gmail.com](mailto:cvbs.stmaryvan@gmail.com) for more information.

### MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

St. Mary's CWL cordially invites everyone to our Mother's Day Luncheon Celebration at the Parish Church Basement on May 7, 2014 from 10AM to 2PM. Caterer is 'Kumare Express', with tickets for Adults at \$20. and Kids 7-12 at \$10. (6yrs and under Free). There will be entertainment and door prices. Please contact Beth H. at 6042300827 or Cynthia Y. at 6045617258. Thank you for your support and God Bless!!



### SPARK (GR.6-8) - THREE-DAY CELEBRATION

Lent is almost coming to an end and there's a grand finale coming up shortly. Don't lose sight of this and let us support you in your journey this Mon, April 10th 6:15-8:15pm in the Church basement. See you there! :)

### FLAME (GR.8-12) - NO EVENT

There is no youth event on Good Friday, April 14. The next one is on Fri, April 21st 6:30-8:30pm - Open Gym in the school gym.

*~~ Remember St. Mary's Parish in your will. ~~*

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

St. Mary's School has limited spaces available for Gr. 1 and 3 for the 2017-2018 school year. Parents are welcome to apply to be on the waitlist for all other grades. Please contact the office at 604-437-1312 for more information or our website [www.stmary.bc.ca](http://www.stmary.bc.ca) for the application package.



### 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. The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets after each mass this weekend. We accept cash, interac or credit cards. Thank you in advance for your support and participation.

### A DAY OF PRAYER AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY - SAT. APR 29

Catholic Street Missionaries invites you to a Day of Prayer at Westminster Abbey on Saturday April 29. The day will include mass, confession, a talk by Fr. Larry Lynn and private prayer time. \$25 per person (includes transportation). All are welcome! Register at the parish office Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. Limited spaces. Register early! Inquiries: call Mildred 778-885-9611 or email [mmoy\\_ca@yahoo.com](mailto:mmoy_ca@yahoo.com)

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### CHRISM MASS

One of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our Church is the Chrism Mass. Join Archbishop Miller and all our priests on Wednesday, April 12, at 5 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral for the blessing of the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick, and the oil of chrism.

### GARDENS OF GETHSEMANI OPEN HOUSE

Gardens of Gethsemani will have an open house on Friday, Apr 21 and Saturday, Apr 22. Come to the event and save 10%. Information cards are available in the church foyer.

### JOURNEY 101

Journey Canada exists to help people find hope and live life through experiencing Jesus in their relationships, sexuality and identity. Join Journey 101, an introductory six-session discipleship program to help individuals understand the issues they will have to walk through in their journey. This program is available to anyone interested in beginning a process of healing. Apr 13-May 18, 7-9 p.m. at New Life Chinese Lutheran Church, 6215 Main St, Vancouver. Cost: \$60. Apply by contacting Journey Canada at [bc@journeycanada.org](mailto:bc@journeycanada.org).