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Dear Parishioners,

God is for us - that is good!

God is with us - that is better!

God is in us - that is best!

-- Author Unknown



Jesus said, "I will not leave you orphaned... you will know that I am in my Father and you in me, and me in you." (John 14:18&20). How do we know that Jesus abides in us and we in Him? We know it when we accept everything that life throws at us, with a big inner smile, because we know it is given or permitted by God. For example, we obey our superiors, not because of fear, but because of God, because it is our God-given duty. We accept trials, sufferings and diseases because God gave permission for these to happen and because we know that God will give us the strength to deal with them and may even heal us in due time.

We know that God is in us and we in God when we adhere with all our will and strength to all circumstances in our lives as if we were adhering to God himself and embracing Him through them. Then we find ourselves resting in the embrace of God's love.

It is not always easy! Fr. Henri Nouwen, one of the most famous spiritual writers shares his struggles, even at the end of his life, "The anxiety that has plagued me during this last week shows that a great part of me is not yet 'abiding' in Jesus. My mind and heart keep running away from my true dwelling place, and they explore strange lands where I end up in anger, resentment, lust, fear and anguish. I know that living in a spiritual life means bringing every part of myself home to where it belongs..."

Jesus keeps saying, "Come back to me, give me all your burdens, all your worries, fears and anxieties. Trust that with me you will find rest." I am struggling to listen to that voice of love and to trust in its healing power. I deeply know that I have a home in Jesus, just as Jesus has a home in God."

Henri Nouwen
Jesus - A Gospel, page 93

God bless you, *Fr. Pierre*



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Apr. 27:** 10:15am Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange St)
 3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
 5:00pm **Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)**
- Mon. Apr. 28:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
 7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
- Tue. Apr. 29:** 6:30pm Teen PREP (School Seminar Room)
 6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)
 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
- Wed. Apr. 30:** 6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:00pm RCIA (Rectory Basement)
 7:30pm Marriage Prep. Class (Church Basement)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. May 1:** 7:00pm Mass (Church)
Note: No Adoration & Benediction this evening
 7:30pm Life in the Spirit Seminar (Church Basement)
- Fri. May 2:** **FIRST FRIDAY**
 8:00am Mass followed by Adoration all day (Church)
 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:00pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
 8:00pm SMYAC Coffee Night (Rectory Basement)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. May 3:** **9:30am Ministry Coordinators (Church Basement)**
 9:30am Legion of Mary (Church Basement, LWC Area)
 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
 7:30pm CFC - Christian Life Program (Church Basement)
 7:30pm CFC-FFL Seminar (School Gym)
- Sun. May 4:** 2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
 3:00pm Baptisms (Church)



PARISH NEWS

PREP EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FOR 2008-2009

PREP early registration for Catechetical Year 2008-2009 will start in May. Fees will be reduced only for the whole month of May. Regular registration will be in August. Register early and save. Registration forms are available in the Church foyer and in the Parish Office.

CWL's ANNUAL MOTHERS' DAY LUNCHEON - May 11th, 2008

CWL is again hosting the Mother's Day Luncheon on May 11th, 2008. A great opportunity to treat your lovely mother or a special lady (ladies) to a fabulous lunch and show them your appreciation. We have a great menu at a very low cost so buy your tickets now before it's sold out!!! Ticket price is \$20 per adult, \$10 for children 7-10 yrs. old & FREE for children under 6yrs old. Committee members will be selling tickets at the foyer after each mass for the next few weeks, so come buy your tickets and enjoy a great Mother's day lunch with your family.

GREG MAGIRESCU & ST. MARY'S CHOIRS



Greg Magirescu and St. Mary's combined choir will be singing Greg Magirescu's Mass compositions from his latest CD here at St. Mary's Parish at the 9.30 a.m., 11.15 a.m. and 1 p.m. Masses on Sunday, May 18, 2008. Greg is

a noted musician and has sung in past World Youth Day events. 50% of proceeds from the CD sales will go in aid of St. Mary's young adult pilgrims to the International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City this June, 2008, and World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia this July, 2008.

YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18+) COFFEE NIGHT FAITH DISCUSSION

Fri. May 2, 8 p.m., Rectory Basement. Since May is the month of Mary, we will be basing our discussion on the Blessed Virgin Mary. Have you ever wondered how different religions or cultures view Mary? Have you every heard of common controversies surrounding Mary or how Mary ties into feminism? Come to our Coffee Night. Light refreshments will be served.



PENNIES FOR HEAVEN

The Knights of Columbus are accepting Pennies and other Canadian currency in order to support vocations to the Priesthood. Please bring in all your pennies to the foyer before and after all Sunday masses in **April** and put them in the big bottle. Your donations will be used for the education and personal needs of our seminarians. God Bless You.

PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

DOMINICAN "COME AND SEE" WEEKEND: THE WAY OF THE PREACHER: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT DOMINIC.

For men interested in exploring a vocation with the Dominicans of Vancouver, you are invited to a Dominican "Come and See" Weekend to be held from 5:30 pm Fri. May 16 to 1:30 pm Sun. May 18, 2008. Presenters are: Dominican Master of Novices, Fr. Yves Bériault, OP and the Dominican Novices.



The event will be held at the Rectory of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Deadline for registration will be Wednesday, May 14, 2008. Cost will be \$25/person. For more information, please contact Fr. Mark Hoo, OP at frmarkhoo@yahoo.com or at (604) 435-9611 ext. 5.

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Attention: 2 more spots made available with St. Mary's International Eucharistic Congress Pilgrims: They have been made available in light of the larger tour bus and the extra plane tickets that we have been able to arrange for. This brings the total to more than 32 St. Mary's pilgrims who will be heading for the International Eucharistic Congress as a body. **Once again, preference will be given to young adults.** If there is still an availability after May 4, spots will be made available on a first come first serve basis until May 10. The total package will be close to \$1250/person. Please refer to St. Mary's IEC itinerary on the bulletin board for more information.

REGAINING YOUR SENSE OF WONDER: TO YOUNG ADULTS

There are now 6.5 billion people in this world. Among those people, God created you. You are UNIQUE. There's only one YOU in this world. God created you because HE LOVES YOU. Through a discussion on the ways that God's presence is made known through a Ministry of healing, Jacqueline Loh, a young adult will speak about the believable and powerful ways through which God's graces are made known to you. This will be on **Friday, May 9th, 7pm here in St. Mary's.** Fr. Pierre will celebrate Mass first for the young adults. Topics will include: Grace, Discernment, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist. The testimonies are empowering. You will leave with the realization that the Holy Spirit is truly 'alive' and 'walking' with you. Please bring a food item for the food bank as a donation. *"I could sense that there is something special about her: There is holiness in her."* Most Reverend Raymond Roussin, Vancouver, BC

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PSALM 98 CONCERT AT ST. MARY'S

On Saturday, May 10 at 7 p.m. there will be an exceptional "FREE" (BY DONATION ONLY) CONCERT at St. Mary's Parish. It will be by PSALM 98 - a dynamic group of youths who have sung in World Youth Day events in the past. The benefit concert is in support of St. Mary's Pilgrims who will be going to the International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City, in June and World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia in July. **Don't miss this great opportunity to support St. Mary's young adults and their adventurous pilgrims!**

PROJECT ADVANCE

Please take a moment to read the 2008's Project Advance's brochures that are inserted in this week's bulletin. It outlines in detail the causes that will be supported by the campaign and a sample of a monthly gift plan. There will be a video presentation at all masses this weekend to inform you more in depth the details of this year's goals.

For parishioners who have contributed in the past, pledge cards were mailed to you again this year. Committee members will be available to collect returned pledges or register new donors AFTER each mass from now till end of June. Thank you in advance for your generous support and participation in this important event.

LEGION OF MARY CELEBRATION

The Legion of Mary will be celebrating the 100th Birth and Death Anniversary of Venerable Edel Quinn, here in St. Mary's Parish on **Fri. May 9** from 5:00pm - 9:30pm in the Church Basement. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm, followed by Potluck Supper. Active and Auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary are invited.

ST. MARY'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPRING DINNER/DANCE

Buy your tickets now to avoid disappointment! This annual fundraiser for Charitable distribution will be held on **Sat. May 3 in the School Gym.** Doors open at 6:30pm, Dinner at 7:00pm followed by Super DJ dancing music and prizes galore. No alcoholic beverages will be served. Tickets at \$20 per adult, \$10 per child (ages 7 to 10), FREE for children 6 years old and below. Call Rene 604-454-9679, Adel 604-433-9772, Manny 604-430-3647 or Ossie 604-433-7548. Bring your family & friends!

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

Annual General Meeting on Wed, May 7th. St. Patrick's Parish from 5pm to 6pm. RSVP: Teresa Rigg (604) 443-3297

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. MARY'S MINISTRY COORDINATORS' MEETING

By now, Ministry Leaders & Coordinators must have received a letter about this very important meeting. Your attendance is highly anticipated. If you can't make it, please send a representative. For questions, please contact **Emily Li at 604-434-8434 or via email: emilyli@shaw.ca**

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

May 9 - 11. Helping engaged couples understand the Sacrament of Marriage and their vocation Register at www.ceewest.com or 604-451-3300.

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES Mon. - Fri. 8:00am; Sat. 12:00pm
Wed., Thu., Fri. 7:00pm followed by Adoration
& Benediction at 9:15pm

Saturday - 5:00pm (**Anticipation**)

Sunday - 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS Sunday & Weekdays - Before and after all Masses.
Saturday - 11:15-11:45am; 4:15-4:45pm;

(An appointment for confession may be made by phone)

HOLY COMMUNION Available to shut-ins. Contact Parish Office.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Thursday - 8:00am; Saturday - 12:00pm

FIRST FRIDAY Adoration Throughout the day after Masses

Masses: 8:00am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Benediction: 9:15pm

BAPTISM To register your child, contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGES One of the couple must be a registered Catholic parishioner of St. Mary's. Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to your wedding date and prior to registering for the required diocesan Marriage Preparation Course.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Contact the Parish Office.

PREP Religious Education Program for children attending public schools.

Coordinator: Eli Bautista Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leader: Jonquil Francis and Joseph D'Silva

Contact: smyac_team@yahoo.ca Website: www.smyac.ca

YOUTH MINISTRY E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

Coordinator: Eli Bautista Website: www.saintmarysyoung.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Kevin Smith (Principal)

K-Grade 7 (604) 437-1312 Fax (604) 437-1193 Website: <http://www.stmary.bc.ca>

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm

Pastor : Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP

Assistant Pastor : Fr. Mark Hoo, OP

Youth and PREP Coordinator : Eli Bautista

Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon / Ossie Fernandes