

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Master is Here & is Calling for You: Eucharistic Event 2006

Mar.30-Apr.2. Everyone in the Archdiocese of Vancouver is invited during this season of Lent to come to this time of adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and to pray for family life and vocations to priesthood and religious life. Our Archdiocese welcomes a monstrance that was blessed by the late Pope John Paul II that began the "Year of Eucharist" in 2004. Apr. 2, 2006 will mark the one-year anniversary of his death. Sun Apr. 2 at St. Patrick's Parish in Vancouver 1.00pm-4.00pm. Contact Vocations Office: 604-443-3254 for details.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT AT ST. HELEN'S

Thu. Apr 6 -- 7:30pm -- Fundraising concert for the SHYNE youth program and St. Helen's Youth Choir featuring the Corpus Christi College Chamber Choir, directed by Tony Araujo. Admission is by donation, so come out and enjoy this wonderful night of music! Please mark your calendars. All proceeds go towards the SHYNE program and St. Helens Youth Choir.

PRISON MINISTRY: CATHOLIC CHARITIES JUSTICE SERVICES (CCJS)

Sat. Apr 8 -- 9:30am - 4:00pm -- at Holy Cross Regional High School. Everyone who is interested in Social Justice is invited to attend. The day will focus on forgiveness and reconciliation, offender and victim issues and, also provide an opportunity to meet people who are currently volunteering in federal ministry. No charge and lunch is provided. To RSVP or for more info: Maureen Donegan at 604-791-1864 (Chilliwack) or 778-241-8164 (Vancouver/Aldergrove) or email curleysvl@yahoo.com.

VANCOUVER ARCHDIOCESAN SPRING INSTITUTE

April 21 & 22 -- at Rosemary Height Retreat Centre. The Spring Institute offers catechetical & adult faith formation courses for all interested adults, including *Basics of the Faith (Section B)* and several courses for catechists and teams in parish ministry for PREP, RCIA, and LWC. Also, Msgr Stephen Jensen will present the theology course *Scriptures I*. For registration and course description, call 604-683-0281 or www.rcav.org/ore/spring/index.htm.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver Archdiocese is seeking a **Benefits Plan Administrator** to administer a provincial plan that encompasses 100+ divisions and 2,000 employees. The successful candidate must have experience in benefits administration, be a team player, and an effective communicator. Excellent computer skills are essential. See www.cisva.bc.ca Salary: commensurate with experience. **Deadline: Fri. Apr 7/06**

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ST. MARK'S COLLEGE -- CORE COURSES 2006

New Testament: April 21-22; May 5-6; June 2-3. Fri. classes: 7:00pm - 9:30pm; Sat. 9:00am - 4:30pm. Instructor: Elaine Park.

Spring Elective: To Be Announced

The Church: May 16 - July 6, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00pm - 9:15pm. Instructor: Fr. Martin Moser

Old Testament: July 10 - 27, 6:30pm - 9:00pm. Instructor: Fr. Walter Vogels.

Contact www.stmarkscollege.ca or 604-822-4463 for more info.

ATTENTION ALL MARRIED COUPLES

You deserve a weekend to enhance your relationship. Spaces are available for the Marriage Encounter weekend for **Jun. 2 - 4**. Info and registration: call Steve & Mary Bohnen 604-876-7298.

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES	Mon - Fri	8:00 am; Saturday 12:00 pm
	Saturday	5:00 pm (Anticipation)
	Sunday	8:15 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm
RECONCILIATION	Saturday	11:15-11:45 am; 4:15-4:45 pm;
	Sunday	11:30-12:00 pm

(An appointment for reconciliation may be made at any time)

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

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Thursday - 7:55 am; Saturday - 11:55 am

FIRST FRIDAY

Mass & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am and 7:30 pm
Benediction 11:45 am and 9:00 pm

BAPTISM To register your child, contact 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.

PREP Religious education program for children attending public schools. Coordinator: Eli Bautista Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30-8:00 pm

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leaders: Jonquil Francis and Eileen Carlson

Contact: smyac_team@yahoo.ca Website: www.stmarys-smyac.com

YOUTH MINISTRY E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

Coordinator: Eli Bautista Website: www.saintmarysyouth.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 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Pastor:	Fr. Guy Rivard, OP
Assistant Pastor	Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP
Parish Office:	Margherita Bordignon/Ossie Fernandes
Custodian:	Zdravko Jankovic



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Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 2nd, 2006

"Whoever serves me, the Father will honour." (John 12:26). Everybody would consider it a great joy to be honoured by the Pope. It is hard to imagine such a privilege happening to you. Can you imagine then, being honoured by God the Father in person. This could happen even in this life and ever after in eternity. Can you 'earn' such a privilege? How will you know it is happening? *"Whoever serves me, the Father will honour."* You have to serve Christ. He said you can do this by following him wherever he might lead you. *"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will be my servant also." (John 12:26)*

To follow Jesus is to walk with him. Sometimes he is walking behind you or by your side, as with the disciples of Emmaus, discretely and patiently guiding you. Sometimes Christ is walking ahead of you, urging you to go where you would not dare go without him. To walk with the Lord is to share the same goal, direction, and purpose. His priorities become your priorities. Walking with the Lord is behaving according to his rules -- obeying his commandments, his Words, his gentle tug, his still voice. To walk with the Lord is to love the same ideals, the same persons, the same activities that he loves. To seek not so much to be understood as to understand, not so much to be loved as to love. Where there is hatred, to put peace. Where there is bitterness to bring mercy. It is to find joy in forgiving enemies, in praying for them. It is to find fulfillment in giving even what you need to the little ones.

If you do walk this path of Jesus, you will be honoured by the Father. How will you know? You will notice your actions will be blessed with countless fruits. *"By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit." (John 16:8).* Your love for others will grow. You will see in others virtues that were hidden before. Your love will bring about these virtues in them. Prostitutes and thieves will be transformed. Your influence will deepen and extend. Of course you will know all this is done by the finger of God, by his Spirit, not by yours alone. *"For you have the mind of Christ." (1 Cor 2:16).* You will rejoice greatly in being a channel of God's presence and actions. You will want to be used more and more for the Kingdom of God. You will feel immensely honoured to be used for such a great task, to be part of a victorious army of salvation. You will be honoured to be a permanent witness of God's actions. You will abide in constant gratitude and praise. ... cont'd next page

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There will be no place for shameful guilt in your life, because you will know God chooses to walk with you. Many things will happen for you at the right time and place, because you will always be where God expects you to be. The puzzles of life will be resolved. You will accept your weaknesses and let God use them. His joy, his peace, will abide in you. Nothing will take them away, not even suffering, persecution and death. God Bless You! Fr Pierre

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Apr 02:	10:00am PREP Special Classes (Church/School)
	2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
	3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
Mon. Apr 03:	6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
	7:00pm Contemplative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
Tue. Apr 04:	12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
	6:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
	6:30pm PREP (School and Rectory Basement)
	7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
	7:30pm Young Adults Bible (Rectory Library)
	7:30pm Charismatic Core Group (Rectory Bsmt)
Wed. Apr 05:	10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex Ave)
	6:30pm PREP (School)
	6:30pm Marriage Prep (Church Basement)
	7:00pm St. Mary's School Info Night for New Families (School Gym)
	7:00pm Sr. YM Leaders (Rectory Library)
	7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Basement)
	7:30pm SMYAC Leaders (Rectory Dining)
Thu. Apr 06:	7:00pm Ballroom Dancing (School Gym)
	7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
Fri. Apr 07:	3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)
FIRST FRIDAY	6:00pm Junior Legion of Mary (Rectory Bsmt)
	6:30pm Youth Ministry Event (Eileen Daly Pool)
	6:45pm Line Dancing (Gym)
	7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
	7:30pm Mass/Exposition (Church)
Sat. Apr 08:	8:00am Tai Chi (Church Basement)
	10:00am Reconciliation - PREP Special Class
	12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
	6-6:45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:30pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)
Sun. Apr 09:	10:00am PREP Special Classes (Church/School)
	3:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Saturday during lent after the 5:00pm mass, 6:00-6:45pm.

2005 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS - for pick-up in the foyer!!

BOOK DONATED TO ST. MARY'S

A beautifully illustrated coffee table book on the life and ministry of Pope Paul II is being donated to the parish office by the St. Mary's Young Adult Community. This is being done in commemoration of this Great Pope and in celebration of his work with the youth and young adults around the world. This book will be on permanent display in the rectory front room.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL -- REGISTRATION FOR NEW FAMILIES

Wed. Apr 5 -- 7:00pm - School Gym -- this meeting is **ONLY** for **new families** wishing to enter St. Mary's School in September 2006. **You must attend this meeting** in order to pick up a New Families Registration Package. **These packages are not available from the school office or the parish office.**

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Fri. Apr 7 -- 6:30pm - 9:00pm -- Swimming Night. This is a joint event for Jr. and Sr. Youth Ministry. All youth in Grades 6 - 12 are welcome to join us at Eileen Daily Pool (250 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby). Cost is only \$5. Please get your permission form from the YM bulletin board.



YOUNG ADULT COFFEE NIGHT

Fri. Apr 7 -- 9:00pm -- in the Rectory Basement. All young adults, aged 18 - 39 are invited to coffee, hot chocolate and other refreshments as we engage in an enlightening discussion regarding our faith! We'd love to see you there!



GOOD FRIDAY -- VENERATION OF THE CROSS

Fri. Apr 14 -- Everyone will have the opportunity to lay a flower at the foot of the cross. To make this a more personal & meaningful gesture, we ask you to bring your own flowers (a single flower will do) for the veneration of the cross.



GOOD FRIDAY -- STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fri. Apr 14 -- Everyone is invited to come and watch SMYAC's dramatization of the Stations of the Cross to take place at 11:00am in the Church. Be a part of the Lenten Celebration -- come and watch the Stations... with a twist! The "traditional" Stations of the Cross will take place at 7:00pm.

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HOLY THURSDAY -- GOOD FRIDAY -- HOLY SATURDAY

Note: No 8:00am Mass on Thursday or Friday. However, the Church will be open from 8:00am each day and remain open until at least 10:00pm (even longer on Easter Vigil Saturday)

HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS

Have your loved ones stopped practicing the faith? Do they no longer believe in God? Then this seminar is for you! From 10:00am - 4:30pm on **Sat. April 22 here at St. Mary's Parish.** It is also offered from 10:00am - 4:15pm at **St. Luke's Parish in Maple Ridge on May 13.** Contact Vernon to pre-register for materials (seminarofhope@hotmail.com or 604-929-4511).

ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE YARD SALE ON APRIL 22

Please help us to help others by donating your unwanted items to our Annual Respect Life yard sale. Books, dishes, toys, small appliances, ornaments etc are appreciated, however, **NO CLOTHING PLEASE.** Need info? Call Gert at 604-433-6497.



2006 SUNDAY ENVELOPES - ARE YOU MISSING YOURS?

Did you have a box of Sunday envelopes last year but not yet for this year? Have you been looking week after week at the information/registration table hoping your box would suddenly show up? If this describes you, please contact Margherita at the Parish Office to find out if your box of envelopes have ended up back in the Parish Office. There are 120 unclaimed boxes of 2006 envelopes that were in the church from December 3 until January 29. After being unclaimed for those nine weeks, they were brought back to the Office to make room for envelopes being requested by new registered parishioners.

HANGING FLOWER BASKETS

Order forms for hanging flower baskets are still available in the foyer. If you would like some beautiful hanging baskets, and would like to support LUKE 15 House at the same time, pick up a form today and then remember to mail it directly to the address on the form. Order deadline is April 12. Thank you.

CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of our dearly departed:

Christina McGlone - Funeral was celebrated on Fri. Mar 31

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her O Lord
Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her
May Her Soul Rest in Peace. Amen*

