

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

NOTRE DAME PRESENTS -- "GUYS AND DOLLS"

This spectacular Broadway musical hit will be presented by ND High School. The stories in this musical comedy are based on the colourful life of the New York City streets in the 1930's. Memorable songs and dazzling production numbers will be featured in the Fr. Joe Cuddy Auditorium at 2855 Parker Street. **Free matinees for seniors on April 25 and 26 at 12:00noon.** Beverages and goodies included!. Evening performances are at **7:30pm on April 25, 26, 27 & 28.** Tickets are \$10 each. Questions? Call Sandra Patrick at 604-255-5454. Hope to see you.

HELP FOR MAKODA SUEN -- (See Vancouver Sun, Mar 31)

Dear friends in Christ,

My name is David Santos and I am a teacher at Archbishop Carney Regional High School in Port Coquitlam. I am writing you this letter to ask for your help. Friends of mine, David and Joyce Suen, adopted a baby girl from China three years ago and now their daughter Makoda is fighting for her life battling leukemia. This brave little girl needs to find a bone marrow donor as soon as possible to save her life. Anyone between the ages of 17-50 who would like to take a blood test to see if he/she is a potential donor can register online at www.blood.ca and answer the short questionnaire or phone 604-707-3531 for more details. Miracles do happen! Thank you very much for your assistance. God bless, *David Santos*

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE SPRING COURSES

Registration is now underway for Spring 2006 (May 8 - June 21). The following university transfer credit courses are open to CCC students, other post-secondary students, graduating high school students, and qualifying members of the public. Limited enrolment. Sign up today!

ENGL 224 (3) Creative Writing I: Mon & Wed 9am-12 noon:

prerequisite: 6 credits of first year English.

POLI 201 (3) International Politics & Human Rights: Mon & Wed 6-9pm

CPSC 101 (3) Elements of Computer Science: Tue & Thu 6pm - 9pm.

For further information, please contact the Corpus Christi registrar at budnikas@corpuschristi.ca or 604-822-6862.

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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.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

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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Passion Sunday

April 9th, 2006



Dear Parishioners:

"A woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it on Jesus' head. There were some who were indignant." (Mark 14:3-4) The perfume was worth a full year of wages -- twelve hours of work per day for three hundred days. At today's minimum wage that would total twenty-five thousand dollars. She poured out this money, this love, on the head of a man who was now powerless, rejected and betrayed. A man who was about to be sentenced to a death penalty. In doing this extravagant gesture of love, she prefigured what Jesus was about to do. He poured out his most precious blood, in an extravagant offering of love for us.

Judas on the other hand, who was indignant about the waste of money, was about to sell Jesus Christ for a few pieces of silver -- the price of a slave. He gave up the blood of God, his infinite love, for the price of a slave!

Whom do you choose to be? The woman who gave all she had and all she was -- her reputation, her respectability -- or, the man who lost God for a little bit of money? The woman who received God or the man who lost himself? How are you going to express your choice to God? What will you do to prove your good intentions? Where will you find the strength to do these deeds?

God bless you, *Father Pierre*



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Apr 09: PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

 10:00am PREP Special Classes (Church/School)
 2:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)
 6:00pm Good Friday Rehearsal (Church Bsmt)

Mon. Apr 10:
 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
 7:00pm Contemplative Prayer (Rectory Basement)

Tue. Apr 11:
 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)

Wed. Apr 12:
 10:45am Willingdon Park Mass (4435 Grange St)
 6:00pm Girl Guides (School Gym)
 6:30pm Baptism Prep (Rectory Basement)
 6:30pm PREP (School)
 7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)
 8:00pm Rehearsal for Good Friday (Church)

Thu. Apr 13: HOLY THURSDAY

 6:30pm *Confessions* (Church)
 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 9:00pm *Confessions* (Church)
 10:00pm Benediction

Fri. Apr 14: GOOD FRIDAY (Parish Office Closed)

 3:00pm Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion
 Followed by *Confessions*
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
 8:30pm Vigil Rehearsal (Church)

Sat. Apr 15:
 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
 9:00pm Easter Vigil (Church)
 Followed by Reception (Church Basement)

Sun. Apr 16: EASTER SUNDAY

 8:15am Mass (Church)
 10:00am Mass (Church & Church Basement)
 12:00pm Mass (Church & Church Basement)
 1:00pm Easter Egg Hunt (School Gym)
 7:00pm Mass (Church)

Mon. Apr 17: EASTER MONDAY (Parish Office Closed)

Extra Confession Times during Holy Week
Sat. April 8: After 5:00pm Mass, during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 6:45pm
Sun. April 9: Between morning masses and after 12:00noon Mass From 6:45- 7:00pm and then after the 7:00pm Mass

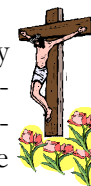
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2005 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS - available for pick-up in the foyer!!

SENIOR YOUTH MINISTRY -- HOMEWORK DROP-IN
Wed. Apr 12 -- 6:30pm in the Rectory Library. Licensed teachers are ready to help you with your assignments while other youth are eager to meet you and talk about High School life. Come and join us.

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)

GOOD FRIDAY -- VENERATION OF THE CROSS
Fri. Apr 14 -- Everyone will have the opportunity to lay a flower at the foot of the cross during the 3:00pm service.. To make this a more personal and 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 10:00am 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.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA
This novena is intended to start on Good Friday and end on the Saturday after Easter. Knights of Columbus will be distributing Divine Mercy Novena pamphlets after all Masses today. They will be available at a nominal cost of 25 cents each.

4th ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EASTER EGG HUNT
Sun. Apr 16 -- after the 12:00 noon Mass, in the school gym. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting an Easter Egg hunt for all children between the ages of 5 - 9. They will also be giving Easter Eggs to all children aged 4 and under. Bring your children and have fun watching them have fun.



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. This is the final notice as the order deadline is April 12.

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HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR SONS, DAUGHTERS AND LOVED ONES
 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
 By donating your unwanted items for the home (books, toys, dishes etc) and any garden items, you will help our Respect Life Group to assist others. You may bring your items and place them in the boxes marked "GARAGE SALE" in the foyer. NO CLOTHING PLEASE. If you need more information, call Gert at 604-433-6497.




KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPRING DINNER DANCE
Sat. May 13 -- Tickets are now available to parishioners at \$20.00 per ticket. For tickets, call Richard at 604-439-9229 or Manny at 604-430-3647.



DO YOU LIKE TO PLAY SOFTBALL?
 If you are a young adult (aged 18-39) and are interested in being on a team that encourages Christian fellowship and fun, then you are invited to play for St. Mary's. For more information, please e-mail smyac_team@yahoo.ca.



CONGRATULATIONS!! -- BAPTIZED AT ST. MARY'S

Sunday March 26, 2006

Achilles Constantino Ongcoy Elizabeth Diaz Elwood
Aedan Angelo Valenzuela Hernandez
Jacob Daryl S Lara Jaenah Marie Castro Leonardo

Sunday April 2, 2006
Patrick Adan Bayato Meagan Baltazar
Oonah Scarlett Barret Gamboa Rachel Lana Manacs
Francesca Isabel Tinseco



CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of our dearly departed:
Luigi Carusi - Funeral was celebrated on Thursday April 6.
Bibiana Tayo - Funeral to be celebrated Wed. Apr 12 @ 10am

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

