



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Guest's Corner

Sunday August 5th, 2007

Dear Parishioners,

What causes disputes and what's the best means for settling them? In Jesus' time it was customary for people to take their disputes to the rabbis for settlement. Jesus refuses such a case and instead gives the disputant a parable to "mull over". How would you react if Jesus refused to settle your dispute, but gave you a parable instead?



What is the point of Jesus' story about a wealthy landowner and why does he call him a fool? Jesus does not fault him for his industriousness, but for his egoism and selfishness. Like the rich man and Lazarus, he had lost the capacity to be concerned for others. His life was consumed with his possessions and his only interests were in himself. His death was the final loss of his soul! In the parable of the rich fool, Jesus gives a lesson on using material possessions. His lesson contains a warning to beware of all covetousness. To covet is to wish to get wrongfully what another possesses or to begrudge what God gave him. Jesus restates the commandment "do not covet", but he also states that a person's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. In this little parable Jesus probes the heart: where is your treasure? Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of will and focus. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. What do you treasure most?

"Lord, free me from all covetousness and from attachment to possessions. May I wholly desire you as my treasure and portion. Help me to make good use of the material blessings you give me that I may use them generously for your glory and for the good of others."

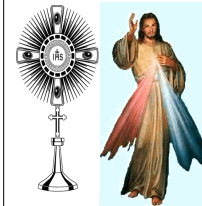
God Bless.

Father Gabriel OP



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Aug. 05:** 2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
- Mon. Aug. 06:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
- Tue. Aug. 07:** 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:30pm IMPACT - Faith Studies (Church Basement)
- Wed. Aug. 08:** 2:00pm Willingdon Park Mass (4435 Grange St)
6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:00pm IMPACT - Cornerstone (Church Basement)
9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Aug. 09:** 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. Aug. 10:** 10:00am St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex Ave)
3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion (Church)
6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:30pm K of C Executive (Rectory Basement)
9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Aug. 11:** 10:00am Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
12:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
- Sun. Aug. 12:** 3:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS !!

Jul. 29: *Juliana Ysabelle Aludino Anoyo, Kade Owen Fernandez, Emma Faith Franco, Matthew Rodney Gottschling, Connor Ryland Klos, Frederick Anthony Arevalo Hernandez, Memphis Camille Moran, Michael Angelo Raquel, Alona Gabriela Reyes, Francis Noah Tremblay-Mitchell, Anthony James Tucker, Martin Carmello Panlilio Yangco.*



Aug. 5: *Gavin Ninalga Constantino, Sarah Kate Reynaldo Dela Cruz, Edriselle Mansubre Dicritan, Elijah William Ferrer, Ryzel Mariela Gutierrez, Bennett Alfred Gamino Lazarro, Nicole May Lining, Christophe Gabriel C Manapat, Alhyna Rose Manuel Quinto, Antonio Humberto Siu, Braulio Jose Siu, Chantelle Chloe Yoro.*

PARISH NEWS

MISSION APPEAL 2007 NEXT SAT./SUN. AUG. 11/12

Next weekend St. Mary's welcomes Rev. Stephen Okumu, a priest from the diocese of Eldoret, Kenya, East Africa. Fr. Stephen will make an appeal at all masses, for support of orphans and vulnerable children whose parents have died of HIV / AIDS. The money raised will assist in subsidizing tuition fees and living expenses for 350 children in his home diocese in Africa. An envelope for your donation has been inserted in this week's bulletin and may be put in the 2nd collection for next weekend. Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$10.00 and more - please write your full name, address & envelope number on the envelope. God Bless you for your generosity.

A BIG THANK YOU TO CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH'S IMPACT TEAM!

On behalf of St. Mary's Parishioners, Fr. Pierre and Fr. Mark, convey their heartfelt thanks to the Impact! Team at St. Mary's, and to the other 60 students from all over Canada who spent their summer vacation in Evangelization of our Faith, through "The Cornerstone" and "Faith Studies" programs. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to keep the "fire burning" for Our Lord, in your hearts and in all the hearts that you have touched during this summer of 2007. God Bless you and your families.

RCIA/FAITH INSTRUCTION

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is designed for:

1. Adult inquirers, that is, for the non-baptized/baptized in other faiths (if you wish to find out more about Christianity or becoming a Catholic).
2. For adult Catholics, who are baptized, but not catechized and/or did not complete the other Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion and/or Confirmation).
3. All are welcome, so if you are interested in the Catholic Faith or know someone who is, the RCIA program is the answer! You may register for RCIA classes which begin this coming September. For further info. please contact: Arda Akoglu or Carolina Prada at 604-733-3457 or aakog@yahoo.com

PILGRIMAGE TO THE GROTTA IN MISSION SAT. AUG. 18

ST. MARY'S BUS: Departure: 9:30am Return: 6:00pm

St. Mary's bus will be available to parishioners on a first come first serve basis by pre - registration only, at the registration table in the church foyer this weekend, or at the parish office during working hours. A non-refundable fee of \$5:00 per person is applicable and payable in advance. Seats are limited.



COMMUNITY NEWS

DOMINICAN "COME AND SEE" WEEKEND:

THE WAY OF THE PREACHER: FOLLOWING 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 **5pm Fri. Aug. 17 – 2 pm Sun. Aug. 19.** Presenters are: **Br. David Bellusci, OP** and **Fr. Mark Hoo, OP.** The event will be held in Bowen Island. **Deadline for registration will be Wed. Aug. 15.** Cost will be \$25/person. For more information, please contact Fr. Mark Hoo, OP at frmark-hoo@yahoo.com or refer to the advertisement on your church bulletin board.



SUMMER TRAINING

Register now for the Youth Ministry Office's popular Summer Training events: **Youth Leader (Aug 13-17)** and **Searching in the Spirit (Aug 20-24)** Both will be held at beautiful Camp Jubilee at the base of Mt. Seymour. Check out www.youthmin.com for more info... don't miss out!

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE ARCHDIOCESAN SUMMER INSTITUTE

In our fast changing society, parents are often caught unprepared for the numerous "Teachable Moments" that have the potential to turn every parent into the "primary educator of their child." Sign up now for a special series, "Focus on Parenting" offered by Chuck Luttrell on **Aug. 17.** Further details and registration: Office of Religious Education (604-683-0281 or ore@rcav.bc.ca) or register on-line at www.rcav.bc.ca/ore.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE GROTTA OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sat. Aug. 18, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm at Heritage Park, Mission. (East end of 5th Ave., off Stave Lake Road.) Confessions at 11:00 am and Mass at 1:00 pm with Archbishop Raymond Roussin, SM, as the principal celebrant. Mass will be followed by a procession to the Grotto where we pray the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Then there will be time for a Picnic Social. Bring your picnic lunch and chairs. For free bus reservations for the handicapped and elderly, call 604-264-1790. Details on Church notice board. For more information regarding the pilgrimage contact Jack Ethier (jkethier@telus.net or 604-826-1205) or www.stjosephofmission.com/dept/events/grotto_2007.



COMMUNITY NEWS

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE

Registration has begun for September 2007. Please phone the College at 604-822-6862 or visit www.corpuschristi.ca for more information.

ST. MARK'S COLLEGE

Registration is open for September 2007. Courses offered include "Theory & Methods of Religious Education" (RLED 400/500), "Introduction to Pastoral Counselling" (PAST 400 / 500), "Foundations of Theology" (THEO 401/501), and "Jesus in Film" (MFST 410/510). Please contact the Registrar for more information at registrar@stmarkscollege.ca or 604-822-4463.

36TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RENEWAL COMMUNITIES CATHOLIC RENEWAL CONVENTION

5 DAY RETREAT, **Aug. 30 – Sep. 3.** Enjoy a spirit-filled 5 days of prayer, praise and worship amidst the incredible sights and sounds of Anaheim! Guest speakers include Linda Schubert, Linda Koontz, Fr. John Hampsch, Francis & Judith MacNutt and more! For details please take a flyer from the registration desk in the foyer. For further info. on the tour contact Lennie David 604-597-8227 / 604-594-7296.



RETRouvaille : A PROGRAM OF HOPE DESIGNED TO HELP COUPLES IN HURTING MARRIAGES

Next Vancouver weekend **Sep. 14 - 16.** Space is limited. For more information please call: 604-530-6710 or visit our website at www.retrouvaille.org. To pre-register on-line, go to www.retrouvaille.org/dates.php.



THE 18TH ANNUAL MARRIED COUPLES' RETREAT

Will be held on the weekend of **Sep. 14 - 16,** at Westminster Abbey, Mission and will be directed by Rev. Paul Curtin, CSsR. (Redemptorist). Retreat theme: "FOLLOWING JESUS: EUCHARIST AS FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY." Cost per couple \$295.00. To register call Anne 604-464-1958 or Marg. 604-921-7136.



CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Oct. 19 - 21. Helping engaged couples understand the Sacrament of Marriage and their vocation. Register at 604-451-3300 or visit www.ceewest.com.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Are you suffering from "afluenza"...the relentless pursuit of more and more stuff? Jesus warns us in today's Gospel that "one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." The burden of Christian discipleship and stewardship is also its reward. When we look at what we own in a fresh new light it changes how we live. When we see our possessions as not being our own but as gifts from God, we begin to share ourselves and our possessions with others — not reluctantly but freely and completely. In doing so, the reward is discovering the joy of living unselfishly and the freedom to let go of our need to possess! Stewardship is the antidote to afluenza! What do you own — and what owns you?

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES Mon. - Fri. 8:00am; Sat. 12:00 pm
Wed. & Fri. 6:30pm followed by Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament & Benediction at 9:30pm
Saturday 5:00pm (**Anticipation**)
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 7:00pm

RECONCILIATION Saturday 11:15-11:45am; 4:15-4:45pm;
Sunday 10:45-11:05am
(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 - 8:00am; Saturday - 12:00pm

FIRST FRIDAY Adoration Throughout the day after Masses

Masses: 8:00am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Benediction: 9:30pm

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.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 9:00am - 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