



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners,

*“Worry is like a rocking chair.
It gives you something to do,
but it doesn't get you anywhere.”
(Author Unknown)*

Jesus said, “The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the Word but the worries of his life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, and it yields nothing.” -- Matthew 13:22.

Fr. Mark Link, S.J. has a beautiful reflection about this:

“During World War II, Corrie ten Boom risked her life helping Jews escape into the Dutch underground. When someone asked her if she worried about being detected and arrested, she said: ‘Worrying is carrying tomorrow’s load with today’s strength... It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worrying does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow -- it empties today of its strength.’ Eventually, she was arrested, but survived. After the war and her release, she lectured throughout Europe on the need for reconciliation and forgiveness.

Edith Bunker said of her husband: ‘Archie doesn’t know how to worry without getting upset.’ How might I handle worry better?”

-- from Jesus 2000, by Fr. Mark Link, S.J.

Have a good summer! I will be back on August 16th, after a month of silent retreat at the Seton House of Prayer in Kelowna.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH OFFICE NEWS

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR APPLICATION DEADLINE - EXTENDED!

This position will be responsible for organizing and directing efforts to involve volunteers in the Parish with the various ministries and groups. The requirement will be around 10 hours per week, for a 1-year term (is likely to be renewed). A detailed Job Description is available at the Information Desk in the Church foyer or from the Parish Office. **For those interested, please submit your cover letter and résumé to the Parish Office or email: stmarys@telus.net. Deadline of submission is on Monday, August 11th.**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. July 13:** 2:00pm CFC General Meeting (Church Basement)
2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Avenue)
2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)
- Mon. July 14:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
- Tue. July 15:** 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
- Wed. July 16:** 5:00pm L'Arche Mass (7401 Sussex Avenue)
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. July 17:** 7:00pm Mass & Adoration (Church)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. July 18:** 3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
7:00pm Mass & Adoration (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. July 19:** 10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Church Basement)
12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
3:30pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
- Sun. July 20:** 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)



PARISH/COMMUNITY NEWS

YOUTH MINISTRY'S "SPLASHTIME AT SPLASHDOWN"

Don't miss out on this very cool event! Youth Ministry invites all youth in Grades 6 to 12 to join them in a day of fun, sun & food at Splashdown Water Park. **Cost is only \$20** and this includes transportation, entrance fee to the water park, lunch and snacks. The event is on July 24th, Thursday from 9am to 5pm. Pre-registration and permission forms are required. To download the form, please visit www.saintmarysyoung.org.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD)

Single? Divorced? Separated? Widowed? Join us in our ongoing Christian Life Program (CLP). The CLP brings forth a personal relationship with God and a renewed faith in Jesus. The sessions consist of teachings, group discussions, and fellowship with refreshments. This program is FREE! For more info, contact: Irene Pejante at (778) 883-9091; email: ipejante@shaw.ca OR Girlie Umali at (604) 783-0203; email guia_umali@yahoo.com OR Mila Zipagan at (604) 728-4635. Saturdays, 10am in the Church Basement.

ST. MARY'S INTERNATIONAL FAMILY FAIR

Look forward to a fun-filled event on Sunday, **August 31, 2008!** St. Mary's CWL (in coordination with all Parish Groups) is hosting the **International Family Fair**. This will start at **10:00am**. There will be food, entertainment, kids' corner, silent auctions, plants & crafts, grand door prizes and many, many more. Crafters in the parish who would like to sell their products at the Fair, please contact Christina Liew-Johannus at (604) 759-9150 or email: christina_johannus@yahoo.com.

COUNTING PENNIES RESULTS

St. Mary's International Eucharistic Congress pilgrims would like to thank all those who participated in the recent counting pennies competition. There was \$365.15 in the container in total! Congratulations to all the winners. A special thank you to The K of C who counted the pennies!!! God Bless.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2009

Application for a "Special Needs" grant for 2009 is now available on the Project Advance website: www.rcav.org/project_advance/2008/latestnews.htm
Deadline for applications is on September 30, 2008. For more information, please contact the Project Advance Office at (604) 683-0281 or Fr. Glenn Dion at (604) 682-6774.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE GROTTA OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES IN MISSION, BC

On August 16th, Saturday, St. Joseph's Parish in Mission invites you to the Historic Fraser River Heritage Park (east end of Fifth Avenue) to celebrate Holy Eucharist at 1pm presided by Archbishop Raymond Roussin. There will be confessions on site between 11am and 1pm. Mass will be followed by a procession to the Grotto where the Rosary will be prayed and there will also be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Then there will be time for a Picnic Social. Bring your picnic lunch and chairs.



SCHOOL NEWS

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL VACANCY FOR GRADE 7

St. Mary's Catholic School has one vacant spot in Grade 7 for this coming September (School Year 2008 - 2009). Families/Parents who are interested to apply are requested to contact Mr. Kevin Smith at the School office from July 14th to July 18th, between 9am & 4pm.

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES:

Weekdays: Monday to Friday: 8:00am; Wed., Thurs., Fri: 7:00pm**

** followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:15pm

Weekends: Saturday: 12:00noon; 5:00pm (Anticipation);

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

CONFESSIONS:

Sunday: Before & After ALL Masses

Saturday: 11:15am to 11:55am, 4:15pm to 4:55pm, 6:10pm to 6:40pm

Weekdays: After ALL Masses (except Thursday Evening Masses)

-- An appointment for confession may be made by phone

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

FIRST FRIDAYS: 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

BAPTISMS: 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.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Thursdays: 8:00am; Saturdays: 12:00noon

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. For more details, contact the Parish Office.

PREP: Catechism Program for children attending public schools

TEEN PREP: Interactive Catechism Sessions for Teens

Coordinator: Eli Bautista Sessions: Tuesday **OR** Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00pm

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leader: Jonquil Francis and Joseph D'silva

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

YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)

Coordinator: Eli Bautista Website: www.saintmarysyoung.org

E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Kevin Smith (Principal) Website: www.stmary.bc.ca

Office Phone: (604) 437-1312 Office Fax: (604) 437-1193

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mondays to Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm

Pastor: Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P.

Assistant Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoo, O.P.

YM & PREP Coordinator: Eli Bautista

Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon/Ossie Fernandes