



**ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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13th SUNDAY In Ordinary Time  
July 2nd, 2006

# GLORIOUS Summer

Dear Parishioners,

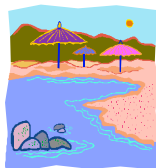


We spent most of the year trying to catch up with our "to-do" list.

When we are not worrying about things to do, we look back to the past with nostalgia or regrets. Summer is a season to live in the present. The present moment is the only time we can meet God and truly start living. This summer, practice living here and now. Forget about the past and future. Enjoy the sun, flowers, trees, mountains and sea. Smell, feel, touch, walk, swim, hike, sit on the patio and read. Praise God with all your senses! Soak in the beauty of "Supernatural British Columbia".



Just being here and now with gratitude is a wonderful prayer, very pleasing to God. You may have many reasons to worry, put them aside for a while, just do what really needs to be done. Connecting with the present moment will ground you in God and allow you to be grateful for every little thing that passes by.... an ice-cream cone, a fresh mango, a butterfly on your finger, the fresh dew on your bare feet. Every day, every moment, find something to be grateful for. Your heart will grow in generosity. You will desire to respond to God's love and give back what you received from life. And you will be re-energized for next fall. Happy summer days. *Fr. Pierre*



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Jul 02:** PARISH PICNIC  
2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
- Mon. Jul 03:** CANADA DAY HOLIDAY - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
- Tue. Jul 04:** 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)  
6:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)  
7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
- Wed. Jul 05:** 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex Ave)  
7:30pm SMYAC Leaders  
6:00pm Street Ministry 2nd Anniversary<sup>(see insert)</sup>
- Thu. Jul 06:** 7:00pm Ballroom Dancing (School Gym)  
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. Jul 07:** FIRST FRIDAY  
11:45am Benediction  
3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
6:00pm Jr. Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)  
7:30pm Mass/Exposition (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Jul 08:** 8:00am Tai Chi (Church Basement)
- Sun. Jul 09:** 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)  
3:00pm Baptisms (Church)



**THIS IS THE LAST BULLETIN FOR THE SUMMER. PLEASE PICK UP A PARISH CALENDER FOR JULY AND AUGUST. THE NEXT BULLETIN WILL BE PUBLISHED ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2006.**

**PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARDS IN THE FOYER FOR MORE PARISH AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

## CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS!!!

### WEDDINGS

- June 10:** Irma Dulay and Edgar Obregon
- June 17:** Josephine Haber and Alyone Mendoza  
Monique Huynh and Brendon Teo
- June 24:** Janice Lee and Ernest Moi
- July 1 :** Donna McIntosh and John Caldarella



## PARISH EVENTS & NEWS

### BULLETIN BOARD NOTICES

Only Church news should be put on the bulletin boards. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you. *Fr. Guy*.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH ST. MARY'S STREET MINISTRY

**Wed. Jul. 5 at 7pm** in the Church. Join us for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration with Praise and Worship (*Archdiocesan "SUMMIT" style*) led by international musician Greg Magirescu to celebrate our 2nd anniversary. Potluck to follow. All are welcome! (See insert for details)



### YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18 TO 39) COFFEE NIGHT

**Fri. Jul. 7, 9:00 p.m.** Rectory basement. Join us for coffee, hot chocolate and other refreshments as we engage in an enlightening discussion regarding the concepts of the Catholic faith... from the "atheist" point of view. Hope to see you there!



### YOUNG ADULT GROUP WEBSITE : [www.smyac.ca](http://www.smyac.ca)

The new St. Mary's Young Adult Community (SMYAC) is up and ready to go! It features the latest details of upcoming events, photos, forums, links, and much more! Come check us out.

### ST. MARY'S WEBSITE LAUNCHED !!!

[www.stmarysvancouver.ca](http://www.stmarysvancouver.ca)

Announcing our very own website! Log on to view our newly created website. Online, you will find easy pull down menus, an easy to view printer-ready bulletin, a list and a description of the different parish ministries and of course a list of the Parish Synod proposals and updates. Do you want to know what is on the calendar at St. Mary's? You can click on the date you are interested in and a list of scheduled events will pop up. We have included a virtual tour of the church and currently we are working on the history of the parish. Add us to your "Favourites List" and watch as we continue to develop the site.

### PROJECT ADVANCE 2006

We are now at 96% of our parish target. Thank you all for your support! We are confident that we will meet our target. During the summer months please place your pledges in the Sunday Collection baskets. Thank you again for your generous donation & support.

## PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

### RCIA/FAITH INSTRUCTION

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is designed for:

1. Adult inquirers - non-baptized/ baptized in other faiths (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 Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

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 6.

For further information please contact: Arda Akoglu or Carolina Prada at 604-733-3457 or [aakog@yahoo.com](mailto:aakog@yahoo.com).

### VOCATIONS LIVE-IN

For boys or young men who are interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, on the weekend of **Jul. 7-9**, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, B.C. The Live-in provides an opportunity to spend 2 days at the Seminary and to become acquainted with other young men who have priestly or religious vocation in mind. For more information call 640-826-8715.

### DOMINICAN INFORMATION/RETREAT WEEKEND

There will be a Dominican information/retreat weekend for men coming-up **August 25-27**, beginning Friday evening and ending Sunday mid-afternoon on beautiful Bowen Island. The information/retreat weekend will be facilitated by Br. David Bellusci, OP and Fr. Mark Hoo, OP. But, if the stars are shining on you, there may be a special guest appearance by Fr. Pierre as well! If this has piqued your interest and you want more information, please don't hesitate to e-mail Fr. Mark at [frmark-hoo@yahoo.com](mailto:frmark-hoo@yahoo.com).

### ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Married Couples Retreat will be held the weekend of **Sep. 15-17**, at Westminster Abbey, Mission. Director: Rev. Paul Curtin, C.Ss.R. (Redemptorist). Theme: "Self-knowledge, Prayer and Compassion: Elements of a Christian Interior Life." Cost per couple \$295. To register call Anne 604-464-1958 or Margaret 604-921-7136. Space is limited.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT THE REGIONAL TRIBUNAL

Deadline for applications is **4:30 pm on Jul. 4**. Further details, including how to apply, are available on the archdiocesan website ([www.rcav.org/employment/index.htm](http://www.rcav.org/employment/index.htm)). **1. F/T Notary, Matrimonial Curia (Support Level III)**. Experience in MS Office, WordPerfect and the Internet. Good business English, letter writing and data entry skills required. \$31,077 p.a. **2. F/T Receptionist (Support Level II)** to provide reception and general office support. Typing 45 wpm, experience in transcription. MS Office, WordPerfect and Internet experience necessary. \$26,906 p.a.

### MARK MALLET IN CONCERT

**Jul. 15**, 7:30 pm at Holy Spirit Church (244 Lawrence Street, New West.) Tickets: \$10 in advance (604-521-0334) or \$15 at the door. Youth under 17 are free! Award-winning singer/writer Mark Mallet has inspired countless people across Canada and the USA with his music and his Catholic Christian message.

### CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

**Jul. 21-23**. Helping Engaged Couples understand their vocation and to build stronger marriages. Register at [www.ceewest.com](http://www.ceewest.com) or 604-451-3300.

### YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE SUMMER TRAINING

Register now for YOUTHLEADER, our Christian Leadership training event taking place at Latona Beach **Aug. 14-18**. Open to youth entering at least Grade 11 in September 2006. \$295 for transportation, lodging, meals, and program. This is a top-notch leadership training event! YouthLeader participants often move on to leadership roles in their parishes, schools, and/or communities in answering the baptismal call in the mission and ministry of the Church. Get more info at [www.youthmin.com](http://www.youthmin.com).

### ORE VANCOUVER ARCHDIOCESAN SUMMER INSTITUTE

**Aug. 23-26**. Catechetical & adult faith formation courses at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Courses include Basics of the Faith (Sections A & B), courses for catechists and teams beginning in parish ministry for PREP, RCIA and LWC, and four Adult Faith Formation courses: Moral Theology II, Scripture II, Trinity/Christology, and Prayer & Spirituality. Pre-registration is required. For course descriptions and registration, please visit our website at [www.rcav.bc.ca/ore](http://www.rcav.bc.ca/ore) (click on Summer Institute) or call 604-683-0281.

## NEW MASS TIMES STARTING SEPTEMBER 2006



Please note that effective **September 3rd, 2006**, the Sunday morning Mass times in the Church, will be as follows (there will be NO Mass celebrated in the basement):

**8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm.**

The evening Mass times remain unchanged, on Saturdays at 5:00pm and Sundays at 7:00pm in the Church. God Bless.

## PARISH INFORMATION

<b>MASSES</b>	Mon - Fri 8:00 am; Saturday 12:00 pm
	Saturday 5:00 pm ( <b>Anticipation</b> )
	Sunday 8:15 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm
<b>RECONCILIATION</b>	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)
<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	Available to shut-ins. Contact Parish Office.
<b>NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL</b>	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](mailto:smyac_team@yahoo.ca) Website: [www.smyac.ca](http://www.smyac.ca)

**YOUTH MINISTRY** E-mail: [stmarys\\_ym@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarys_ym@yahoo.com)  
Coordinator: Eli Bautista Website: [www.saintmarysyouth.com](http://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