



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

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Special  
Message

Sunday, July 8th, 2007



Dear Parishioners, The writer of the Gospel of Luke focuses on the redemption of humankind with a particular emphasis on care of the poor and the oppressed. Right from the beginning with the birth narrative of Jesus, a new life-giving history begins. In the scripture readings this week, at the conclusion of the book of Isaiah, we learn that God is merciful and is going to bring about peace and restoration to Jerusalem and to the people. And St. Paul, at the end of his letter to the Galatians, makes the claim that it is by Christ and through his people that a new creation is accomplished.

Now this sounds awesome, at least up to the part that requires yours' and my participation! How in the midst of the demands of our busy lives are we to participate in creating a more humane and peaceful world?

Christ Jesus hears our needs and acts compassionately - forgiving, strengthening, guiding, providing, and comforting us. Through Christ's self-giving love, our dignity, energy, and hope are restored. So great is our joy and thanksgiving for God's acts of empathy and compassion on our behalf, that in-turn, we can sing as we did last Sunday: "Let there be Peace in the world and let it begin with me."



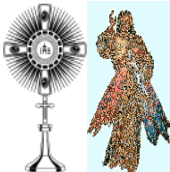
If you are wondering how to get started at contributing to a new creation, you might like to first reflect prayerfully about what it is that you despair about in your church, community or world. This will help you identify where the world might benefit from your help. Is your concern: child hunger, aids, family health, literacy, or violence? When you have clarity about what despair you hold, look to see what God is doing in the world that relates to it. Go and offer your gifts and talents to God in that place.

Where our love and resources through Christ are submitted for the well being of one another, and where our faith in God grows as a result, we can trust that we are participating in the making of God's new creation.

God Bless, Jo-Anne Stephens



**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

- Sun. Jul. 08: 3:00pm Baptisms (Church) 
- Mon. Jul. 09: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm YM Leaders Meeting (Rectory Library)
- Tue. Jul. 10: 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)  
6:30pm Baptism Preparation Class (Church)  
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
7:30pm IMPACT - Faith Studies (Church Basement)
- Wed. Jul. 11: 2:00pm Willingdon Park Mass (4435 Grange Street)   
6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm IMPACT - Cornerstone (Church Basement)  
9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Jul. 12: 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. Jul. 13: 10:00am St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex Avenue)   
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)  
7:30pm Young Adults Book Study (Rectory Library)  
9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Jul. 14: 10:00am Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
12:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
- Sun. Jul. 15: 2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Avenue)

*Have a Blessed*



**PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS**

**PREP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Would you like to make a difference in the lives of young people? Do you have the gift of teaching? Do you enjoy sharing your faith? Do you know what catechism means? Are you willing to volunteer your time? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please call Eli at the Parish Office 604-435-9611 x 6.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK BY HANDS OF VERONICA**

If a loved one is a patient in Burnaby General Hospital and would like to have a visit from a member of the Hands of Veronica group, please contact the Parish Office with information.

**CHURCH NOTICE BOARDS AND POSTERS ON DOORS & WALLS!**

All flyers/posters etc. for the church notice boards, must be pre-approved by the Parish Office before they are posted on the notice boards, and are subject to removal without notice. All concerned are strongly advised not to post notices/posters etc. on the walls, doors and furniture of the church. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated in order to preserve our church premises. Thank you and God Bless. *Fr. Pierre.*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL - GIFT SHOP**

Holy Family Hospital, 7801 Argyle St., Vancouver, is in urgent need of volunteers for the gift shop. If you are able to donate your time please call Lorraine Vuch at 604-434-8900.

**PROJECT ADVANCE 2008 SPECIAL NEEDS GRANTS**

Applications for the Special Needs Grant for 2008 are now available on the Archdiocese of Vancouver main website via "Project Advance-Latest News" or go to: [www.rcav.org/project\\_advance/2007/latestnews.htm](http://www.rcav.org/project_advance/2007/latestnews.htm).

Deadline for application is **Oct. 15**. For further information, contact the Project Advance Office (604.443.3246) or Father Glenn Dion (604.682.6774 or [hrc\\_rector@shaw.ca](mailto:hrc_rector@shaw.ca)).

**THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

It is a part of the provincial housing strategy, Housing Matters BC, and offers direct cash assistance to eligible families who rent in the private market. On March 1, the Government of British Columbia introduced enhancements to the Rental Assistance Program, which expands eligibility and assistance for low-income, working families. Due to these changes, families who have a gross household income less than \$28,000 may now be eligible. Families must have at least one child under the age of 19, have lived in BC for the past 12 months, and have been employed at some point during the past year. For more information please e-mail [communications@bchousing.org](mailto:communications@bchousing.org).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS OF VANCOUVER (CISVA) EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Administrative Assistant:** Must have excellent interpersonal skills; attention to detail; bookkeeping; proficient in data entry; knowledge of group pension/benefits; detailed knowledge of Office 2003 and the ability to work well under pressure.

**Receptionist/Secretary:** This job will provide reception, switchboard, data entry, mail and courier, photocopying, filing, database management and general office support services. Proficient in Office 2003 and the ability to work well under pressure is essential.

These are full-time positions, five days per week. Intended start date: August 20, 2007. Please submit your application to: Superintendent, CISVA, 150 Robson Street, Vancouver, BC, V6B 2A7. **Application deadline is July 13, 2007.**

### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL - MON. JUL. 16

A special celebration will be held at Guardian Angels Parish, 1161 Broughton St., Downtown, Vancouver. Holy Mass at 7:00pm with Fr. John Horgan as main celebrant with the Discalced Carmelite Fathers. Reception follows at the Millennium Parish Hall. All are welcome!

### SPANISH MASS AT HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL - SUN. JUL. 22

Beginning this month, there will be 2 Masses in Spanish, held at the Holy Rosary Cathedral (Richards & Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver), on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month, at 6:30pm.

### CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

**Jul. 27-29.** Helping engaged couples understand the Sacrament of Marriage and their vocation. Register at [www.ceewest.com](http://www.ceewest.com) or 604-451-3300.

### 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 are available at the Office of Religious Education (604-683-0281 or [ore@rcav.bc.ca](mailto:ore@rcav.bc.ca)) or you can register on-line at [www.rcav.bc.ca/ore](http://www.rcav.bc.ca/ore).

### ETERNAL WORLD TELEVISION NETWORK

**EWTN** is a Catholic TV station available through Shaw digital cable (channel 249) that is dedicated to airing family and religious programming from a Catholic point of view.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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 information on the tour contact Lennie David 604-597-8227 / 604-594-7296.



### RETROUVILLE : 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.retrouville.org](http://www.retrouville.org). To pre-register online, go to [www.retrouville.org/dates.php](http://www.retrouville.org/dates.php).



### SEMINARY OF CHRIST THE KING VOCATION LIVE-IN - Nov. 2-4

The Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC, is planning a weekend LIVE-IN for young men who are interested in the priesthood or the life of a religious brother, and want to see for themselves what seminary life is like. The Seminary of Christ the King has students in high school (Grades 8-12), in college (Arts I-IV), and in theology. The LIVE-IN is open to anyone who is thinking of entering the seminary in the next few years. The LIVE-IN provides an opportunity to spend two days at the Seminary and to become acquainted with other young men who have the priestly or religious vocation in mind. Those attending should arrive any time Friday evening, preferably between seven and eight o'clock. Bring a sleeping bag, school clothes, and some old clothes for sports, a towel, etc., and your high school transcript or your last report card. The suggested fee is \$25. The program will include interaction with priests, brothers and seminarians, daily Mass and prayer, recreational activities, sports, and some reflective reading. Anyone planning to come should fill in the application form, available on the notice board in the foyer, and forward it to: Vocation Live-In, Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC V2V 4J2, or the info may be phoned to 604-826-8715 or faxed to 604-826-8725 or e-mailed to: [rector@sck.ca](mailto:rector@sck.ca).



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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. Space is limited.



## 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](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 9:00am - 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