



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor's
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Holy Trinity Sunday
June 11th, 2006
WHO ARE THEY ?



Dear Parishioners,

I won't try to explain the mystery of the Trinity. I will share how I experience God as Father, as Son, as Holy Spirit.

My father on earth helped me to relate more personally to my Father in heaven. My dad had this unconditional love for me, that mirrors the Father's love. He was always there for me, always ready to forgive and to affirm. He was humble and gentle, even while exercising his authority..... Well, almost always! God, the Father has one thing that my father never had: his Providence at work in all that I do and in all that is done to me. Through his Providence, God makes himself close to me. He is not remote, distant, inaccessible. God intervenes constantly in my life. I can see it through so many wonderful coincidences. The right person comes right there for me at the right time, to protect me, to encourage me, to challenge me. I am amazed by the frequency of these blessed and happy coincidences in my daily life. And I know I did nothing to deserve them! Bad things do happen to me, but sooner or later, God shows me that they indeed happened for a good purpose. Remembering these events and revelations, I come to believe that one day, maybe after life, I will understand and love every day of my life on earth.

God, the Son, is my brother Jesus. I can relate to him, as one like me, of the same flesh and blood. He truly understands me, because as Jesus Christ, he is true man and true God. He has experienced all the emotions of a human being. He has felt all the sufferings and distress we can imagine. He has rejoiced while discovering his Father's Love and Providence from the human view point and with human capacity. Jesus Christ is the perfect human translation of God, the perfect mirror of the Father's face. His heart, human and divine, gives us access to the Father's heart. The human heart of Jesus is still beating for me, and for you, as you are reading these lines.

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The Holy Spirit is the one I experience through an inner drive coming from me, from the very depth of my soul, where God is more intimate to me than I to myself. There, at the still point, where my soul receives its life from God, the Holy Spirit is saying to the Father in my name, "Abba, I love you". And there, I hear the Father saying, "Come to me". What a joy to serve such a God, and to be called friend by him.



God Bless you, *Fr. Pierre*

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Jun 11:** 2:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)
3:00pm Stewardship Delegates (Rectory Dining)
- Mon. Jun 12:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
7:00pm Contemplative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
- Tue. Jun 13:** 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
6:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:30pm Young Adults Bible (Rectory Library)
- Wed. Jun 14:** 10:45am Willingdon Park Mass (4435 Grange St)
6:00pm Girl Guides (School Gym)
6:30pm Baptism Preparation (Church Basement)
- Thu. Jun 15:** 7:00pm Ballroom Dancing (School Gym)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. Jun 16:** 3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:00pm Jr. Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
- Sat. Jun 17:** 8:00am Tai Chi (Church Basement)
12:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
- Sun. Jun 18:** 2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Avenue)

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

CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of our dearly departed:

William Wilson: *Funeral Service was held on May 30*

Palmira Nadalin: *Funeral Service was held on June 2*

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto them O Lord,
Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them,
May Their Souls Rest in Peace, Amen.*



PARISH / COMMUNITY EVENTS

PILIPINO MASS

To commemorate the 108th anniversary of Philippines Independence. **Mon. Jun. 12** at 7:30pm at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, 7455 - 10th Ave., Burnaby. Celebrants: Fr. Amador Abundo & Fr. Jun Reyes. All are welcome - followed by Tea & Coffee.

PRO-LIFE SUNDAY JUNE 18

Next Sunday is Pro-life Sunday. A special collection will be taken to help pro-life organizations in our Archdiocese. Envelopes for this collection have been inserted in this weekend's bulletin. Please ensure that cheques are issued to "Vancouver Right to Life Society". Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$10 and above. The proceeds support your local Pro-life/Right to Life groups, Birthright, Crisis Pregnancy Centers, Campaign Life Coalition, and anti-euthanasia groups. Thank you for your generosity.

CAR WASH FUNDRAISER FOR TIJUANA PROJECT MEXICO

Next Sat. & Sun. Jun 17/ 18, after all Sunday masses, in the back parking lot of St. Mary's School.

For the 11th consecutive year 20 Notre Dame Regional Secondary School students, including 3 St. Mary's Parishioners, will be participating in a volunteer service project for one week, this summer, in Tijuana, Mexico. They will work with the Salesian Missionaries who serve the poor neighbourhoods of Tijuana. The total costs including, Van rentals, gasoline, meals and some construction costs exceeds \$15,000 and are to be borne by the volunteers. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated. Donations are tax deductible. Please make cheques payable to St. Mary's Parish. **BRING YOUR CARS IN FOR A WASH!!!!!!!**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

St. Mary's Parish Picnic:

Sun. July 2, from 12:00noon - 6:30pm at Fraser Foreshore Park (picnic site 1).

The park is located in Burnaby at the south end of Byrne Road, off Marine Way (by the Fraser River). It will be a **potluck** picnic which will begin with **Mass at 12:30pm**, celebrated outdoors. Come and join in the fun, share the "potluck", enjoy the games and sing Happy Birthday to Canada. More details to follow later.



PARISH EVENTS

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 did not complete the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.
3. All are welcome.

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.

CWL - NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME RECEPTION

The Catholic Women's League of St. Mary's would like to invite all newly registered parishioners to our first informal "Welcome Reception" on **Sat. Jun. 24, 6pm - 7:30pm** at the church basement. Light refreshment will be served. We encourage all new registered parishioners to attend, as this is a great opportunity for you to meet other parishioners and learn more about the parish. A sign up sheet is available at one of the desks in the church foyer. So, come and join us for a fun gathering.

PROJECT ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT 2006

A quick update on the progress of the event. Though we are at 51% of our parish goal, the participation percentage is only at 12% based on the number of registered families. We would like to meet our goal, however, it is your participation in the project that is most important - even a small amount of \$5 / \$10, which is equivalent to a couple of StarBucks coffees, is accepted. Though you may not see the end result of how the monies are used, you will be amazed at how much your contribution will benefit the people who are in need. As Fr. Guy has mentioned before, we have to look at the "Big Picture". Therefore we urge everyone to participate. Project Advance members and volunteers will be available after each mass to collect returned pledges or sign up new donors till the end of June. During the summer months please place your pledges in the Sunday collection baskets. **Thank you in advance for your generous donations.**

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL - APPLICATIONS FOR GR. 4 & 7 ONLY

You can pick-up an Information Package at the school office from Mon. - Fri. 8:30am to 4:00pm.



COMMUNITY NEWS



With great joy the Archdiocese of Vancouver announces and cordially invites you to the Ordinations of:

Deacon Alessandro Lovato

Friday, June 16, 2006 at 7:30 pm at Holy Cross Parish
(1450 Delta Ave., Burnaby)

Deacon Justin Huang

Sunday, June 18, 2006 at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's Parish
(8251 St. Alban's Rd., Richmond)

Deacon Henry Yeung

Friday, June 23, 2006 at 7:30 pm at Canadian Martyrs Parish,
(5771 Granville Ave., Richmond)

To the Order of Priests through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by His Grace, Most Reverend Raymond Roussin, SM, Archbishop of Vancouver.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS !!!!!!!!

We congratulate Archbishop Peter Mallon, who celebrated his Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination on May 29 in Regina and Fathers Patrick Tepoorten, Frank Landry and Vincent Hawkswell of the Vancouver Archdiocese, on the Silver Jubilees of their ordination, which was celebrated on Jun. 6 in Coquitlam.

"THE SAINTS LOVE THE HOLY EUCHARIST" - SEMINAR

Sat. Jun. 17, 1pm - 4pm, Holy Name Church, 4925 Cambie St. Vancouver. St. Teresa of Avila, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Francis of Assisi & Franciscan saints and St. Faustina. Speakers: Fr. Mario Fernandes, OCD; Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP; Sr. Maristella Sayo, OSF; and Dr. Robert Stackpole. Concelebrated Mass by Msgr. Pedro Lopez-Gallo. Free Admission. Love Offerings.

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.

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BAPTISMS

May 28 -- *Michael Trevisi Aresta, Gustavo Nicola De Luca, Abigail Distor, Richelle Maecon Glifonea, Mariana Orozco, Liam Paolo Guardo Rosales, Rica Anne Simsuangco*



June 4 -- *Angelica Belandras Arias, Charles Khen Buada, Jan Romel Aguilar Combes, Vanessa Marie Kohlman Cortel, Kayla Therese Fortuna, John Kenneth Igarta Racoma*

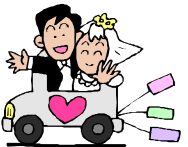
WEDDINGS

April 22-- *James Keeble & Jessica Yeung*

May 13 -- *Nathan Thorpe & Melissa Bernardis*

May 20 -- *Wilbert Martinez & Anna-Marie Gagnon*

May 27 -- *Shawn George & Leslie Ann Abao*



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.

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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