



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

June 18th, 2006



Dear Parishioners, At the beginning of the liturgical renewal, forty years ago, some theologians thought that the traditional adoration of the Blessed Sacrament would fall into oblivion, to be replaced by more frequent Holy Communion. It did not happen. Wherever the Church is alive, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is still popular.

Of course, we know that God is everywhere, not only in the Tabernacle. But we know that in the consecrated host, God is present in a very personal way as the Second Person of the Trinity, and in a very human way, as Christ, in his human nature and in his divine nature. Christ in his Resurrected Body, is there, sacramentally, but really there, "actively". He is loving us, looking at us, inviting us to respond to him as beloved disciples.

St. Thomas Aquinas, the great theologian, would go pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament to seek a solution to a difficult theological problem. He would even put his writings on the altar of the Blessed Sacrament.

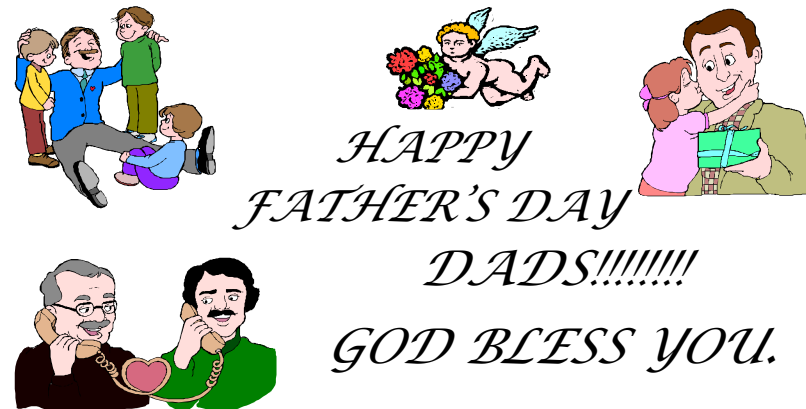
As for myself, despite my inclination towards new ways of praying and "new" spiritualities, I have always found great consolation, and strong determination in front of the Blessed Sacrament, especially during hardships. It was in front of the Blessed Sacrament, that I got the confirmation of my calling to the priesthood. And so it was for Blessed Charles de Foucauld, Thomas Merton and many more. It was in front of the Blessed Sacrament that I discovered how much God loved me, and at the same time, feeling I was just like a grain of sand in his hand. And it is in front of the Blessed Sacrament that I pray everyday, feeling so close to the powerful and all encompassing God. It is in front of the Blessed Sacrament that I can "connect" my personal prayer to the prayers of all the parishioners of St. Mary, to all the liturgies that are celebrated in our church and in the Universal Church. In front of the Blessed Sacrament, facing Jesus Christ, I am connected to the Saints in heaven and to the departed in purgatory. I am connected to the Heart of the Universe and the Heart of God. *May he bless you, Fr. Pierre.*



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Jun 18:** 2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Avenue)
- Mon. Jun 19:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
7:00pm ORE "Call to Faith" In-service (Church Basement)
7:00pm Contemplative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
- Tue. Jun 20:** 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
6:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
7:15pm Summer Picnic Team (Rectory Library)
7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:30pm PEC Meeting (Rectory Basement)
- Wed. Jun 21:** 6:00pm CWL Meeting (Church Basement)
- Thu. Jun 22:** 7:00pm Ballroom Dancing (School Gym)
7:00pm Pastoral Council (Rectory Dining)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. Jun 23:** 3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:00pm Jr. Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:30pm K of C Council Meeting (Church Bsmt)
7:30pm Healing Mass/Fr. Jerry Orbus (Church)
- Sat. Jun 24:** 8:00am Tai Chi (Church Basement)
12:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
2:00pm Sr. YM "CARS" (See Announcement)
- Sun. Jun 25:** 10:15am Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange St)
1:30pm Families for Christ (Church Basement)
2:00pm Jr. YM Open Gym (School Gym)
3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
4:30pm Street Ministry (Church & Church Basement)

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



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY DADS!!!!!!! GOD BLESS YOU.

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS

SINETHEMBA TRUST NEEDS OUR HELP AGAIN...

Two years ago, we ran a special collection for Sinethemba Trust, a Dominican organization in South Africa which runs extensive programs for child-victims of Aids: either children living with Aids, or orphaned by Aids, or both. They need our help again. They have started a very fine new program, aimed, this time, at economic empowerment. They are providing impoverished rural families with start-up stock for hog production. The families with increased stock then help other families to get started. They have established a market for the hogs produced. The program is up and running, very well. They just need our help to expand it to more families. You will find an envelope in today's bulletin. We will be taking up a special collection next Sat. & Sun. Jun.24&25. If you wish to receive a receipt for your donation, please use the enclosed envelope to make your donation. You may donate either by cheque made out to St. Mary's Parish, with a memo indicating **"for Sinethemba Trust"** or by cash. If you donate cash in excess of \$10.00 and wish to receive a receipt, please make sure your name and mailing address are indicated on the envelope. On behalf of the Dominicans of South Africa, and of the families they are helping, Thank you! *Fr. Guy*

SR. YM AFTERNOON WITH "CARS": Sr. Youth Ministry (grades 9 to 12) members will go to watch the movie "Cars" on **Sat. Jun. 24 at 2pm.** We meet at 1pm in front of the church. Let's discover why this movie is breaking blockbuster records.



JR. YM OPEN GYM Jr. Youth Ministry (Grades 6 to 9) invites you to their monthly open gym, **Sun. Jun. 25 at 2pm.** We are praying for a sunny day so we can play outdoor games. See you there.



PLEASE JOIN US!!!
St. Mary's Parish Picnic: Sunday, July 2, from 12 noon - 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 **pot-luck** picnic which will begin with 12:30pm mass, celebrated outdoors. Come and join in the fun, share the "potluck", enjoy the games and sing Happy Birthday to Canada. **If you require a ride on the bus, please sign up at the registration table in the foyer.**



PARISH EVENTS & 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.

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 2006

Great result, we are now at 76% of our parish target. Thank you so much for everyone's support! We are confident that we will meet our target soon. Quick reminder that volunteers will still be available to collect all pledges after each mass until end of June. Thank you again for your generous donation and support. Happy Father's Day to all our Dads!!

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Well organized, competent receptionist required for busy secondary school office. Computer skills, experience with Harts/Windsor attendance records, the ability to multitask, telephone system management and excellent communication skills are required. This full-time, year-round position starts mid-August 2006. Resume & references may be forwarded to Notre Dame Regional Secondary, 2855 Parker St., Vancouver, BC, V5K 2T8. Fax: 604-255-2115, email: office@ndrs.org. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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

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.

"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.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL SEATS AVAILABLE

From K - Gr. 6. If you are interested in a Catholic education for your children please contact the school office at 604-872-5715 or the parish office at 604-876-7826. Address: 3261 Fleming St., Vancouver.

CAR WASH FUNDRAISER FOR TIJUANA PROJECT MEXICO

This Sat. Jun.17th after the 5pm Mass and Sun. Jun.18 after all morning and noon Masses until 1:30pm. By donations, in the back parking lot of St. Mary's School. Organised by St. Mary's Alumni to support 20 students from Notre Dame, including 3 St. Mary's Parishioners, who will be joining the Salesian Missionaries in helping the impoverished neighbourhoods in Tijuana, Mexico. BRING YOUR CAR IN!!!!



COMMUNITY NEWS

HEALING MASS BY FR. JERRY ORBOS,SVD, at ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Fri. Jun. 23 at 7:30pm. Fr. Jerry Orbos, SVD (Society of the Divine Word), is internationally known for his healing masses, talks, retreats and pilgrimages to the Holy Land, Fatima, Medugorje and other Marian shrines. He was a missionary to Korea where he experienced a "Eucharistic miracle" with the visionary Julia Kim at Naju. At present he is the Mission Director of the SVD Mission Office which is tasked to raise funds for Filipino SVD missionaries working abroad and to foster mission awareness. Fr. Jerry has written 3 books: *Moments, Shared Moments and Simple Moments*. He writes a Sunday column in the Philippine Daily Inquirer, shares the *Word* through Sunday TV Mass on ABS-CBN, & has a radio program "Hello Father" on ZNN Veritas(AM846).

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.saintmarys-youth.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