



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Pastor's
Corner**

**12th SUNDAY In Ordinary Time
June 25th, 2006**



Dear Parishioners, My dad owned a little cruiser, aboard which we would spend some summer weekends. Several times during those happy childhood years we got caught in a big storm on that big lake. Our boat would be tossed up and down like a paper cup floating on the water. We would not be able to see the shoreline, only huge waves and rain splashing from every side. My dad would use the compass and the map to bring us back to the port.

As for my mom, she would get so scared that she would recite Hail Marys with my sisters in a loud and dramatic voice. Only I would not be afraid. Rather I would enjoy it a great deal. Being a naïve little kid, I trusted my dad to be the best captain in the world, one that could master any storm and bring us ashore joyfully. Indeed I so enjoyed the roller coaster cruise, that I would pray for bigger waves while my mom was praying for calmer seas. And God did not listen to her! Sometimes, I would close my eyes and imagine we were in the middle of the Atlantic - I didn't know about the big Pacific then – hoping for many stormy days of cruising before reaching the shore. Like Jesus, I would fall asleep.

In today's Gospel, Jesus knowing that everything is in his Father's hands, falls asleep in the middle of the stormy lake. In his divine awareness, he knows his hour has not yet come. He knows he will not lose anyone that the Father has given him. His human mind and will are accustomed to listen to the "still inner voice". Don't you also know, when your hour has not yet come? Or that, if it has come, it doesn't matter, because God is there anyway?

The apostles in the storm, were like my mother on our cruise. They were anxiously praying, trying to control the situation using God's influence. "And Jesus said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?'" "Let us sleep through the storm, knowing we are in his hands. May our prayer be, "Lord, don't let the storm outside disturb my inner peace and my childlike trust in you." *Sweet dreams, Fr. Pierre.*



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- 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)
- Mon. Jun 26:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:00pm YM Leaders (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Contemplative Prayer (Rectory Basment)
- Tue. Jun 27:** 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
6:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
- Wed. Jun 28:** 8:30am Respect Life Meeting (Rectory Dining)
9:30am School Mass (Church)
6:30pm St. Vincent de Paul (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Prison Outreach (Rectory Basement)
- Thu. Jun 29:** 7:00pm Ballroom Dancing (School Gym)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. Jun 30:** 3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:00pm Jr. Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
6:30pm Jr. YM Games Night (School Gym)
7:00pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
- Sat. Jul 01:** 8:00am Tai Chi (Church Basement)
12:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
- Sun. Jul 02:** **PARISH PICNIC** -- (See Announcement)
2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)

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

CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS !!

BAPTISMS JUNE 25

*Jecht Alfonso, Briana da Silva Barros,
Isabella Victoria Firbank,
Rachelle Anne Hombrebueno, Kevin Yohannes Kbo,
Kimberly Yolanda Kbo, Russel James Abella Macaraeg,
Allison A Tubera, Florence Lei Valdez,*



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

FROM L'ARCHE COMMUNITY

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and all St. Mary's parishioners, for the donation of \$640 collected from the sale of carnation flowers on mother's day. God Bless You!

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS

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

YOUNG ADULT GROUP WEBSITE : 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.

JR. YM GAMES NIGHT
Jr. Youth Ministry (Grades 6 to 9) will have a Games Night on **Jun. 30** at 6:30pm. Join us in another fun-filled evening. See you in the School Gym.

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATION!!
St. Mary's Parish Picnic: Sunday, July 2, from 12 noon - 6:30pm at Fraser Foreshore Park (picnic site 1). Outdoor Mass will begin at 12:30pm and the **potluck** picnic will take place after that. Please come early to settle in (before mass). **If you require a ride on the bus, please sign up at the registration table.** Also see the flyer for a map and other event details.



ST. MARY'S STREET MINISTRY 2ND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Wed. Jul. 5 at 7pm. Our anniversary celebration will start with Eucharistic Adoration (*Archdiocesan CCO "SUMMIT" style*), followed by potluck in the Church basement. All are welcome, especially our prayer partners and donors! Please mark your calendar!

YOUNG ADULT FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE NIGHT
Fri. Jul. 7, @ 9:00pm - Rectory Basement. Come join us for coffee, hot chocolate and other refreshments as we engage in an enlightening discussion regarding the Catholic faith!



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.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2006

Great result, we are now at 87% of our parish target. Thank you all for your support! We are confident that we will meet our target soon. This is the last weekend that volunteers will be available to collect pledges after each mass. During the summer months please place your pledges in the Sunday Collection baskets. Thank you again for your generous donation & support.

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.

"REFLECTION ON STEWARDSHIP"

St. Paul reminds us in the second reading today that Christ died "so that those who live might live no longer for themselves." What we give to, and do for others, we give to, and do for Jesus!

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.

PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

As at December 31st, 2005 & 2006 Projected Budget

REVENUE	Actual 2005	Budget 2006
General		
Regular Collections	590,693	550,000
Diocesan Collections	46,904	45,000
Votive Candle Donations & Stole fees	40,942	36,000
Bequests & Special Donations	35,693	15,000
Fundraising		
Parish Bingo	149,399	135,000
Bazaars and Socials	2,604	1,500
Project Advance Rebates	720	-
Walkathon & Student Aid	42,109	35,000
Others		
Religious Education/PREP/Youth	14,816	13,600
School Bus Revenue/Rentals/Misc.	24,384	21,500
BC Catholic	4,080	4,000
Interest on Savings	27,362	15,000
Total Revenue	979,706	871,600

EXPENSE	Actual 2005	Budget 2006
Capital Expense		
St. Mary's Parish	-	-
St. Mary's School	-	-
Administration		
Salaries and Benefits	212,486	218,557
Diocesan Assessment	75,516	82,000
Office Supplies, Postage, Printing, Stationery	18,085	18,600
Education		
Elem. School Subsidies	132,020	113,500
High School Subsidies	24,850	25,000
Religious Education & Professional Development	22,389	22,000
Regional High School Capital Expense (from general reserve)		
Walkathon & Student Aid	52,764	48,000
Operation & Maintenance		
Altar Supplies	25,021	22,000
Maintenance, Security & Utilities	123,757	133,000
Improvements & Equipment	-	-
Others		
Diocesan & Other Special Collections	83,197	61,000
GST Expense (Net)	6,437	3,000
Insurance & Property tax	18,631	20,000
Publications	7,609	7,500
Parish Activities (Bingo, Social & Other)	18,779	20,000
Rectory & Household Supplies	12,548	13,000
Bank and Interest Charges	60	50
Transportation	3,120	3,000
Total Expense	837,269	810,207
Surplus / (Deficit)	142,437	61,393

Financial results for the year ended December 31, 2005 have resulted in a Net Income of \$ 142,437. A portion of this amount has been deposited in our Chancery Savings A/C which now stands at \$ 749,372. We are setting this money aside to cover St. Mary's share of the Notre Dame High School reconstruction project which will be roughly \$1.2million. The 2006 projected budget is a net surplus of \$61,393 based on a conservative approach to our parish finances.

We have once again accomplished a great deal in 2005. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the financial statement, please call Ossie Fernandes at the Parish Office. Thank you and God bless.

St. Mary's Finance Committee

COMMUNITY NEWS

PRO-LIFE MASS & VIGIL

Peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents. **Sat. Jul. 1** 9:00am Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 3105 E. 1st. Avenue, followed by vigil at Burnaby Hospital.

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). **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.

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.smyac.ca

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