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Pastor's
 Corner

Sunday June 29, 2008



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After spending almost a month at St. Mary's, I leave this dynamic community "moved" by God's Spirit. My days spent here as a Deacon served to teach me about parish life. Wow! I have been blessed, enriched, inspired -- and overwhelmed. Yes, I got to see my Dominican Brothers Father Pierre and Father Mark in action, but I also discovered something else: the commitment of the parish community. St. Mary's is indeed what we are called to be -- one family. one family that believes, one family that prays, one family that loves. It was wonderful to see the presence of so many people at the Sunday Masses; but even during the weekday Masses I was edified by the prayerful faithful, the devotion to the Immaculate Conception, the parishioners at Adoration, and the ongoing Confessions. All the altar servers who knew their duties so well, from one Mass to the next, they simply flowed with the liturgy. And each morning, St. Mary's parishioners took the necessary initiatives to start our day with Morning Prayer. Another ministry I was able to participate in was the visit to the sick and elderly; I was impressed with the commitment on the part of St. Mary's volunteer workers, from coordinators to musicians. At St. Mary's elementary school, Susan Diewold invited me to visit her Grade 2 class: "Good Morning Deacon David," I heard the children say in unison. The children were inquisitive and knowledgeable, smiling so beautifully. I also had the experience of living in the small Dominican community with my brothers, Fr. Pierre, Fr. Mark, Fr. Claude, Fr. Gabriel and Fr. Guy. I always looked forward to seeing Linda at our house; she takes good care of the Brothers.

In Philosophy our favourite questions begin with "Why?" "Why do we do what we do?" "What motivates us?" If you answer "Love" you are 50% correct.

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(continued) As Catholics, if you answer "Love for Christ" then you are 100% correct. But more specifically the answer should be "Love for Christ, and the Church He left us." When Jesus says to Saint Peter, "...you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it" we are continuing this mission of building Christ's Church which was entrusted to Saint Peter and his Successors. Today this Successor is Pope Benedict XVI. The Holy Father, as the Successor of Peter and guided by the Holy Spirit, continues to ensure that we are united in one Faith. On this feast of Saints Peter and Paul, let us give thanks to God!

Brother David Bellusci, OP



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. June 29:** 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
 3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)
- Mon. June 30:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
 6:30pm Lay Apostles Info Evening (Church Bsmt)
 7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
- Tue. July 1: CANADA DAY - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
 3:00pm Knights of Columbus (Church)
 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
-  **Wed. July 2:** 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex Avenue)
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. July 3:** 7:00pm Mass & Adoration (Church)
 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
-  **Fri. July 4:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
 7:00pm Mass & Adoration (Church)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
 8:00pm SMYAC Coffee Night (Rectory Basement)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. July 5:** 10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)
 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
 3:30pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
- Sun. July 6: PARISH PICNIC AT FRASER FORESHORE**
 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
 3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
5:00pm Youth Mass CANCELLED

PARISH NEWS

JOB OPENINGS FOR ST. MARY'S PARISH OFFICE

- 1. Volunteer Coordinator Position:** This is an immediate opening. This position will be responsible for organizing and directing efforts to involve volunteers in the Parish with the various ministries and groups. The requirement will be around 10 hours per week, for a 1-year term (is likely to be renewed). A detailed Job Description is available at the Information Desk in the Church foyer or from the Parish Office.
- 2. Part-Time Secretary:** this position will only be required to work on Saturdays from 11am to 2pm. Responsibilities include: recording Mass intentions, attending to visitors for pick ups & drop offs of documents etc., responding to voice mails and emails and other related duties. The contract term for this position is for an indefinite period.

If any of these positions interest you, please apply by submitting a cover letter and résumé to the Parish Office no later than June 30, 2008.

ST. MARY'S INTERNATIONAL FAMILY FAIR

Look forward to a fun-filled event on **August 31, 2008!** St. Mary's CWL (in coordination with all Parish Groups) is hosting the **International Family Fair**. This will start at **10:30am**. There will be food, entertainment, kids' corner, silent auctions, plants & crafts, grand door prizes and many, many more. Crafters in the parish who would like to sell their products at the Fair please contact Christina Liew-Johannus at (604) 759-9150 or email: christina_johannus@yahoo.com.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD)

Single? Divorced? Separated? Widowed? Join us in our upcoming Christian Life Program (CLP). The CLP brings forth a personal relationship with God and a renewed faith in Jesus. The sessions consist of teachings, group discussions, and fellowship with refreshments. This program is FREE! For more info, contact: Irene Pejante at 778 883 9091; email ipejante@shaw.ca OR Girlie Umali at 604 783 0203; email guia_umali@yahoo.com OR Mila Zipagan at 604 728 4635. Saturdays, 10am in the Church Basement.

FREE WORKSHOP!

Immigrant Services Society of BC in coordination with the Seniors' Group of St. Patrick's will hold a free workshop on "SAFER (Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters) and BC Housing". Thursday, July 10 at 10am, St. Patrick's Vancouver.

PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC (3RD YEAR)



WEAR YOUR 'CANADA' SHIRTS!!! Sunday, July 6th from 12noon to 5:30pm at Fraser Foreshore Park, Picnic Site #1. It will be a potluck picnic (please bring food for your family & for 2 to 3 other people and don't forget your coolers, lawn chairs, etc.). It starts with an Outdoor Mass at 12:00noon. Fr. Guy will celebrate this Mass with us.

If you require a ride on the bus, please sign up at the registration table. The map and other picnic details are inserted in this weekend's bulletin. Come and join in the fun!

YOUNG ADULTS COFFEE NIGHT: EUCHARIST

This Friday, July 4, 8pm at the Rectory Basement. Reflections on the 49th Eucharistic Congress in Quebec: Come and discuss some practical ways of identifying with the Eucharist. Revisit and reform your perspective on the meaning of the Eucharist, the importance of mass, adoration and confession. Second hand insights will be shared from the various testimonials delivered by the archbishops, cardinals and lay people from the Eucharistic Congress. Group discussion and testimonials from pilgrims. Light refreshments will be served.



PROJECT ADVANCE QUICK UPDATE

We are now at 73% of the parish goal and 15% of parishioners' participation. Team members will be available to collect pledges until end of June. After that date, please return your pledges through the Sunday collection basket during the summer months. Registration forms for new donors can be obtained at the registration desk. Thank you for everyone's support and have a wonderful summer. We will keep you posted with our results.

CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of our dearly departed:

Petronella Low: Funeral service on Mon, June 30 at 11:30am

Felix Vales: Funeral service on Thurs, July 3 at 10am

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



Happy Canada Day!!!

God Bless Canada!!!



PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES

Mondays to Fridays: 8:00am

Wed., Thurs., Fri: 7:00pm**

** followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:15pm

Saturdays: 12:00noon; 5:00pm (**Anticipation**)

Sundays: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Sundays: Before & After ALL Masses

Saturdays: 11:15am to 11:55am, 4:15pm to 4:55pm, 6:10pm to 6:40pm

Weekdays: After ALL Masses (except Thursday Evening Masses)

--- An appointment for confession may be made by phone

HOLY COMMUNION Available to shut-ins. Contact Parish Office.

FIRST FRIDAYS: Adoration Throughout the day after Masses

Masses: 8:00am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Benediction: 9:15pm

BAPTISMS: 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.

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Thursdays: 8:00am Saturdays: 12:00noon

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Contact the Parish Office.

PREP: Catechism Program for children attending public schools

TEEN PREP: Interactive Catechism Sessions for Teens

Coordinator: Eli Bautista Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30 to 8:00pm

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leader: Jonquil Francis and Joseph D'silva

Email: smyac_team@yahoo.ca Website: www.smyac.ca

YOUTH MINISTRY (YM) E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

Coordinator: Eli Bautista Website: www.saintmarysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Kevin Smith (Principal) Website: www.stmary.bc.ca

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mondays to Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm

Pastor: Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P.

Assistant Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoo, O.P.

YM & PREP Coordinator: Eli Bautista

Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon/Ossie Fernandes