



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

5251 JOYCE STREET
VANCOUVER, BC, V5R 4G8
TEL: (604) 435-9611 FAX: (604) 439-9413
EMAIL: stmarys@telus.net

Pastor's
Corner

**Pentecost Sunday
June 4th, 2006**



A NEW MASS SCHEDULE! WHY?

Dear Parishioners, We have a wonderful problem at St. Mary's! So many people are now coming to the 10:00am and the noon masses that they cannot always fit inside the Church! More and more high-rises are being built on our parish territory. We can foresee a considerable increase in our mass attendance within the next few years. Seven or eight years ago, Fr. Vincent Travers added a new mass, in the Church basement, 11:45am. Now this mass has filled up and the upstairs mass is more crowded than it was at that time. The resulting parking problem is getting worse year by year. More than half of our regular Church goers attend the 10:00am or the noon masses.

The only solution besides building another Church, is to spread the morning attendance in four time slots instead of the actual three:

Current Schedule: 8:15am Up, 10:00am Up, 12:00pm Up & Down

Proposed Schedule: 8:00am Up, 9:30am Up, 11:15am Up, 1:00pm Up

We hope that the 10:00am mass attendees will split between the 9:30am and the 11:15am masses.

We hope that the noon masses attendees will split between the 11:15am and the 1:00pm masses. Note that the schedule for the Saturday and Sunday evening masses is unchanged.

The basement mass will not be needed anymore, except for Christmas and Easter. We think it was not very conducive to prayer and liturgy for the following reasons: no Sanctuary, Alter close to the washrooms, low flat ceiling with fluorescents, poor visibility, no quiet place to pray before and after masses, since the place was immediately turned into a coffee and snacks location.

The new mass schedule will be effective **September 2nd, 2006**. We are well aware that we need your cooperation to make it work.

(Contd.....)

(Pastors Corner Contd.....)

Each and everyone of the Sunday morning attendees will have to change his or her routine, including the pastors who will have a longer morning. We have considered other solutions, with the pastoral council and the liturgy committee. We all agreed that this new schedule combines the most benefits with the least disturbance. It will allow us to enjoy beautiful and prayerful masses.

God bless you.

Fr. Pierre



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Jun 04:** 2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
- Mon. Jun 05:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
7:00pm Contemplative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
- Tue. Jun 06:** 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
6:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
6:30pm PREP Staff yearend Mtg. (Seminar Rm)
7:30pm Charismatic Core (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Young Adults Bible (Rectory Library)
7:30pm Lectors Workshop (Church)
- Wed. Jun 07:** 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex Avenue)
6:00pm Girl Guides (School Gym)
6:30pm PREP Staff Appreciation (Church Bsmt)
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm SMYAC Leaders (Rectory Dining)
- Thu. Jun 08:** 7:00pm Ballroom Dancing (School Gym)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. Jun 09:** 10:00am St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex Avenue)
3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:00pm Jr. Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
6:00pm YM & SMYAC "Pitch&Putt"(Central Park)
7:00pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:30pm K of C Executive (Rectory Basement)
- Sat. Jun 10:** 8:00am Tai Chi (Church Basement)
12:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
- Sun. Jun 11:** 2:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)
3:00pm Stewardship Delegates (Rectory Dining)

PARISH EVENTS

LECTORS WORKSHOP

Conducted by Chuck Luttrell **Jun. 6**, 7.30pm to 9pm in the Church. Open to Lectors.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:

Jr. YM, Sr. YM & SMYAC "Pitch & Putt" Event

We are inviting all youth Grade 6 to 12 to join us in our "Pitch & Putt" Event at Central Park. This will be on Friday, **Jun. 9 from 6pm to 9pm**. The cost for this event is **\$10**, which covers club and ball rentals. If you have your own golf balls and clubs, you may bring them and reduce your cost. Get your permission forms from the YM bulletin board.

PREP ANNOUNCEMENT

St. Mary's PREP "Early Bird" Registration for the school year 2006-2007 is now **CLOSED**. Regular registration will open again in late August. Please check the parish bulletin for further announcements.

ST. MARY'S TEAM FOR NOTRE DAME RELAY

St Mary's will have a relay team participating in the Notre Dame 12 hour relay on June 11th. Runners will be in the foyer this weekend accepting pledges to fundraise for Notre Dame School. We appreciate the support. For more information contact Jonquil Francis (SMYAC CO-LEADER) smyac_team@yahoo.ca

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.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2006

Please send in your pledges and new donors please sign up now! Committee members and volunteers will be available after each mass to collect pledges and register new donors till the end of June. Thanks again to all for your support in this important event! "If we work together in our Lord Jesus, there is no limit to what we can accomplish. Let us take heart from the faith and courage of our Lord Jesus Christ as we embark on a journey of stewardship"...*Most Rev. Raymond Roussin, S.M. Archbishop of Vancouver.*

PARISH EVENTS / COMMUNITY NEWS

RCIA/FAITH INSTRUCTION

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is designed for:

1. Adult inquirers, that is, for the non-baptized/ baptized in other faiths (if you wish 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 other Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and/or 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.

For further information please contact: Arda Akoglu or Carolina Prada at 604-733-3457 or aakog@yahoo.com

25th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION MASS

Fathers Tepoorten, Landry, and Hawkswell welcome all past & present parishioners to attend their 25th anniversary of ordination Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Coquitlam on **Jun. 6** at 11 am.

NOTRE DAME 4th ANNUAL 12HOUR RELAY WITH FLEA MARKET

Sun. Jun. 11 starting at 8.00am. Join us to help raise funds for the new school at ND. Enjoy exercise, good food, entertainment, games and some good deals. Be a runner/walker and/or buy a table (\$30) to sell off your treasures. Call the ND office for more info: 604-255-5454.



YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE SUMMER TRAINING

Register now for YOUTHLEADER, our Christian Leadership training event taking place at Latona Beach from **Aug. 14 to 18**. Open to youth entering at least Grade 11 in September 2006. Cost is only \$295 for transportation, lodging, meals, and program. This is a top-notch leadership training event! Get more info at www.youthmin.com.

SALT + LIGHT TELEVISION

Following the visit of Pope John Paul for World Youth Day in Toronto in 2002, Salt + Light TV Network was launched to provide inspirational and educational Catholic programming for Catholics of all ages and ethnic backgrounds. Visit their website at www.saltandlighttv.org to learn about this exciting venture in bringing the light and joy of the Gospel message to people in the 21st century.

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.

CENACLE QUIET RETREAT

Jun. 8 - 12 at Rivendell on Bowen Island. Presented by Sr. Kathy Scott and Sr. Monica Kaufer. Come and refresh your body and soul with morning and evening prayer, scripture talks, prayer, music, silence, reading, walks, rest, healthy meals, and magnificent views of the sea and mountains. Private room and bath. Pre-registration required. Please call 604-266-1611.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA FIESTA - 9 DAY NOVENA

Jun. 9 - 17 at St. Anthony's Parish (Maple) 1345 W. 73rd Ave., Vancouver. Mass/Novena Mon. - Fri. 7.30pm; Sat. 5pm; Vespers/Novena Sun. 4pm. Anyone who wishes to be a Hermano may call Emma 604-266-1353.

CATHOLIC SINGLE WOMEN'S RETREAT

Jun 16 - 18, 7:00pm Fri. to 2:30pm Sun. at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre (3690 - 152nd St., Surrey), \$30.00. Every Catholic needs to discern their vocation. This retreat for Catholic single women (ages 17-35) will provide a weekend of prayer, group discussion, fellowship and an opportunity to ask questions. Call the Vocations Office at 604.443.3254 for more information, or register online at www.vocationsvancouver.com.

REFLECTION FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

We celebrate Pentecost as part of the three days that changed our lives forever - Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. When the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples at Pentecost, about three thousand believed and were baptized that day. Today is the Church's birthday. When you go to a birthday party, you always bring a gift. We come to Mass each Sunday not to get something but to give; to give of ourselves in praise and thanksgiving to God. To give, in gratitude, a generous portion of our treasure back to God. Thank you for the gifts of your time, and talent & treasure. By sharing your gifts we are building a Church of Communion.



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.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

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