



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor's
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"My house shall be called a house of prayer." Is 56,7

Dear parishioners, As you know, we are devoting three Sundays this month to "church etiquette." Last Sunday, you received as an insert the full text of our suggestions for enhancing the quality of our Sunday celebrations. This Sunday and next, we will reproduce, here in the bulletin, only the text of the suggestions we will present to you verbally on these two Sundays. Hence, I will be brief here, so as to make room for... "Church etiquette: Part II!" Here it is: ...

4. More effort needs to be made to arrive before mass actually begins. Again, it is a question of consideration for others. At some masses, roughly a quarter to a third of the congregation arrives after we have actually begun. This is very disruptive for those who arrived on time.

5. We are currently experiencing a wonderful problem: there are too many people in the Church! – especially at the 10:00 and 12:00 masses. This is an enviable problem, and we are not complaining! However, we must do everything in our power to ensure safety, and to respect City regulations. Part of the solution, we believe, is to add another mass to our schedule. You will hear more about this in the near future. But we are also asking that as much as possible, the foyer, the stairwells, and the hallway leading to the bathrooms on the main level be kept clear at all times during our celebrations. These are all emergency exit routes. Failure on our part to keep them accessible could result in surveillance and serious restrictions placed upon us by the Fire Department. Our ushers are very good at directing people to available seating in the church. However, it comes back to arriving on time. It is very difficult for the ushers to find a seat for you if you do not arrive before mass begins.

6. Except for reasons of obvious medical necessity, there should be no food or drink consumed anywhere in the church at any time.

... to be continued!... God bless, *Fr. Guy*



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. May 14:** 2:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)
- Mon. May 15:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
7:00pm Contemplative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
- Tue. May 16:** 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
6:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
6:30pm PREP (School and Rectory Basement)
7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:30pm PEC Meeting (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Young Adults Bible (Rectory Library)
- Wed. May 17:** 6:00pm Girl Guides (School Gym)
6:30pm PREP (School)
7:00pm CWL Meeting (Church Basement)
- Thu. May 18:** 9:30am St. Mary's School Mass (Church)
7:00pm Ballroom Dancing (School Gym)
7:00pm Pastoral Council (Rectory Dining Room)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. May 19:** 3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:00pm Jr. Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
6:45pm Line Dancing (School Gym)
7:00pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
- Sat. May 20:** 8:00am Tai Chi (Church Basement)
11:00am K of C & Jr. YM Softball(Wesburn Park)
12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
- Sun. May 21:** 2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Ave)

PARISH NEWS/EVENTS



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL OUR MOMS!

*May God Our Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit
Bless You and Your Families
Today and Always
We Ask This Through The Intercession Of
Mary Our Mother, Amen.*

MOTHERS DAY CARNATIONS

Express your Love to your Mother by presenting her with a Carnation or two!! Knights of Columbus will be distributing Carnations, by donations, after all Sunday Masses today. Proceeds will be donated to L'Arche Greater Vancouver. Thanks for your support.

PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:

Jr. YM & Knights of Columbus' Annual Softball Day

We are inviting all Grade 6 to 9 students to our Annual Softball Day. This will be on **May 20th from 11am to 4pm** at the Wesburn Park (Moscrop and Patterson).



This event is FREE BUT YOU HAVE TO PRE-REGISTER. Registration forms are available at the Youth Ministry bulletin board. If you have your own equipment, please bring them.

PREP Announcement:

St. Mary's PREP Registration Forms for school year 2006-2007 are now available. "Early Bird" discount applies for registrations received on/or before May 31st. Those students who are already in PREP this year will be given a form to bring home. All others who are interested in enrolling their children for the coming school year can pick up their forms from the Church foyer. Slots are available on a first-come first-served basis.

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE (PEC)

St. Mary's current PEC is calling for nominations for the 2006 PEC. For nomination forms or for more information, please contact either of the following members of the nomination committee -- Mr. Ed Tee at 604-436-4078 or Mr. Minh Doan at 604-433-4475. Completed forms must be received by either Mr. Tee or Mr. Doan by **Thursday May 18, 2006**. Election of members is scheduled to take place on **Sunday May 28, 2006**.

PARENTING WORKSHOPS FOR FILIPINO PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, STEP PARENTS, CAREGIVERS & FOSTER PARENTS

Tuesdays from 6pm - 8:30pm

May 16: "Building Positive Relationships with your children."

May 23: "Balancing Traditional Values/Beliefs with Modern Day Expectations of Parenting."

May 30: "Understanding Stages of Development."

June 6: "Understanding the Difference between Child Discipline & Child Punishment & Abuse."

June 13: "How to Talk so Children will Listen & How to Listen so Children will Talk."

Jun. 20: "Parent's Self-Care."

Jun. 27: "Enhancing Self-Esteem."

Where: Multicultural Helping House Society,
4802 Fraser Street & corner of East 32nd Avenue.

Contact: Maria Callagon 604-879-3277 or Bella Cenezero 604-484-6605. Light Snacks, Childminding & Bus Tickets available.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THEOLOGY - ON - TAP SPRING SERIES

What is the Historical Truth behind the Crusade?

What is the Historical Truth behind Pope Pius XII's effort to save the Jews?

Come join us for a lecture and discussion evening with Fr. Matthew To, Assist. Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish to find out how to interpret history on **Thu. May 18** at St. Francis Xavier Church, 428 Great Northern Way, Vcr.(Main & E.2nd). "Interpreting History" is the 5th & last talk of the series. We gather at 7pm for coffee & snacks. Talk starts at 7:45pm. Q & A session to wrap up by 9:15pm. Email Jenny sfxyac@yahoo.com.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Come for a morning of lively worship songs, enjoy delicious breakfast (catered by Dutchman's Caterer) and listen to a personal testimony by Rev. Fr. Mark Schwab (Chancellor of Archdiocese of Vancouver). The event will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, 555 S. Slocan St., Vancouver on **Sat. May 20 at 9am to 12pm**. Get your tickets (\$10each) early by phoning 604-597-8227 or email: fireblade@shaw.ca.

FOCUS ON LIFE GALA DINNER

Tue. May 23 at the Hyatt Regency, 665 Burrard St., Vancouver, featuring Dr. Alveda King, daughter of slain civil rights leader, Rev. A.D. King - niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.. St. Mary's Parishioners please contact Gert Marquis 604-433-6497.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

May 26 - 28. Helping Engaged Couples build strong marriages. Register at www.ceewest.com or call 604-451-3300. Other dates June 23 - 25 and July 21 - 23.

AGAPE STREET MINISTRY - DAY OF REFLECTION

Sat. May 27 Street Ministry & the Love of the Heart of Jesus by Fr. Pierre Leblond, after 9.30am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Vcr. Reflection at 887 Keefer Street until 1pm. Prayers 1:30-2:30pm. Bring a bible & a bag lunch. All are welcome. For info. Call 604-215-4115.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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

Deacon Anthony Ho

Tuesday, May 30, 2006 at 7:00 pm at St. Anthony of Padua Parish (1345 W.73rd Ave., Vancouver)

Deacon Nicolas Tumbelaka

Thursday, June 1, 2006 at 7:00 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral (646 Richards St., Vancouver)

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.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MOTHER TERESA

Father Sebastian Vazhakala, M.C., founder and Spiritual Director of the Lay Missionaries of Charity, will hold the retreat In the Footsteps of Mother Teresa at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, **Jun. 1- 4**. For more info please call 604.301.0655.



SPECIAL MASS AND PRAYERS IN HONOUR OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

First Friday, Jun. 2 at 7pm The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Rosary, and Consecration to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts. Please bring family and friends, all are welcome! Refreshments to follow in Holy Rosary Hall. Donations of finger food appreciated. For information regarding Birthright: Please call 604-687-7223.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SINGLES' CLUB ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

The last dance of the season until September!
Sat. May 27 at Holy Family Parish Hall (4851 Beatrice St., Van.) Members \$25, non-members \$28 (Phone Lina at 604.945.1059). Doors open at 6:30 pm, and dinner is at 7:00 pm sharp! Live music by Bev West.



BURSURY OPPORTUNITY

Domestic Abuse Services - OLGCS is offering the Eva Li Bursary for victims of abuse (18 years or older) who want a new start by pursuing educational or spiritual enhancement. Deadline for applications is May 31, 2006. Contact 604.708.8402 or das_olgcs@telus.net for more information.

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES	Mon - Fri	8:00 am;	Saturday	12:00 pm
	Saturday	5:00 pm	(Anticipation)	
	Sunday	8:15 am;	10:00 pm;	12:00 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