



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor's
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30th SUNDAY In Ordinary Time

October 29th, 2006



“Throwing off his cloak, he sprung up and came to Jesus”

Dear Parishioners, (from today's Gospel)

What a dramatic scene! The blind beggar was a homeless street person. He heard the commotion stirred by Jesus' passage on "his" street. He knew he could not join the "procession" following Jesus, because he was blind. The thick crowd formed an unbreakable wall between him and Jesus. How could he navigate through that crowd? Moreover, the crowd was hostile to him. They wanted to keep him away from Jesus, as Jesus was a v.i.p., a "very important person" too busy to take care of a sinful blind beggar. So they thought! But Bartimaeus knew nothing about diplomatic protocol! All he knew was his intense desire to be healed and the power Jesus had to heal him. So he shouted out to Jesus. And the more they tried to stop him, the louder he cried out! Jesus heard his cry. Remember: there is not a crowd in the world with all its might, with all its noise, that can prevent Jesus from hearing your cry!

"Call him here", Jesus said, bringing the whole procession to a grinding stop. Because Jesus stood still, looking in the direction of the shouts of Bartimaeus, the blind beggar, the crowd stopped being a screen between Bartimaeus and Jesus. The crowd became a bridge between these two. The crowd relayed the invitation of Jesus to the ears of the beggar. "Take heart, get up, he is calling you", they said. In a split second, they went from being a hurdle to being a bridge, a passway. I have seen this happening in street ministry.

This is our first challenge. We are called to be a bridge, a pathway between Christ and those who need him! We are to tell them "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." And we won't be able to say that unless we have experienced it in our life. Unless we have been Bartimaeus, a homeless blind beggar, called personally by Christ.

For myself, I am still a blind beggar crying out to Jesus, after twenty-two years of priesthood! But I am being healed and *(contd...)*

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I can now follow him, with the crowd of his disciples. And now, I can say to others, "Take heart, get up, Jesus is calling you!"

Take the challenge. Throw off your old cloak, spring up and go to Jesus. You may not see where you are going while on your way to Jesus. But you will see him when you come within personal reach of him, and then you will never watch the procession pass by. You will be a part of it!

God Bless you, *Fr. Pierre.*



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Oct. 29:	3:00pm	Baptisms (Church)
Mon. Oct. 30:	6:00pm	Bingo (School Gym)
	7:00pm	YM Leaders (Rectory Library)
	7:00pm	Mary Help of Christians (Rectory Dining)
	7:00pm	Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
Tue. Oct. 31:	12:00pm	Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
	6:30pm	Teen PREP (Rectory Basement)
	6:30pm	Elementary PREP (CANCELLED)
	6:45pm	Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
Wed. Nov. 01:	ALL SAINTS DAY	
	10:45am	Fairhaven Mass (4435 Grange St)
	6:30pm	Elementary PREP (School)
	6:30pm	Mass followed by Adoration until 9:30pm
		Benediction (Church)
	7:00pm	CWL Executive (Rectory Library)
	7:00pm	Street Ministry: Adoration (Church)
	8:00pm	Street Ministry Mtg. (Rectory Basement)
	7:00pm	RCIA (Rectory Dining Room)
Thu. Nov. 02:	ALL SOULS DAY	
	7:00pm	Commemorative Mass for Faithful Departed
	7:00pm	Ballroom Dancing (School Gym)
	7:30pm	Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
	7:30pm	SMYAC Book Club Mtg. (Rect. Bsmt)
Fri. Nov. 03:	FIRST FRIDAY	
	8:30am	Adoration until 9pm (Church)
	3:00pm	Divine Mercy (Church)
	6:45pm	Line Dancing (School Gym)
	6:30pm	Mass & Adoration (Church)
	8:30pm	SMYAC Coffee Night (Rectory Bsmt)
	9:30pm	Benediction (Church)
Sat. Nov. 04:	8:00am	Tai Chi & Qi Gong (School Gym)
	10:00am	Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
	12:30pm	Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
	7:30pm	Couples for Christ Seminar (Church Bsmt)
Sun. Nov.05:	3:00pm	Baptisms (Church)

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

URGENT NEED OF USHERS FOR 1:00PM SUNDAY MASS

An opportunity for parishioners to be involved in Church Ministry. The 1:00pm Sunday Mass urgently requires Ushers to perform various duties, including maintaining order and security, during the celebration of the Eucharist. Training will be provided. Should you wish to serve as an Usher please call the parish office.

YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18 - 39) BOOK CLUB MEETING

Thu. Nov. 2, 7:30pm Rect.Bsmt. Join us as we discuss the 1st book-of-the-month, "Catholic Matters: Confusion, Controversy, and the Splendor of Truth" by Fr. Richard John Neuhaus.

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18 - 39) COFFEE NIGHT

Fri. Nov. 3, 8:30pm Rectory Basement. Join us for coffee, hot chocolate and other refreshments as we engage in an enlightening discussion regarding "Faith & Conscience: How does Christ help us to hold the mystery of our faith in a clear conscience?" We hope to see you all there.

DIVINE MERCY SYMPOSIUM AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH GYM

Two days of Love, Mercy, Healing and Thanksgiving.

At St. Mary's Church Gym, 5251 Joyce Street, Vcr.

Sat. Nov. 11, 9am to 6pm - Mass at 12 noon

Sun. Nov. 12: 8:15am Mass followed by Symposium 9:45am to 6pm. Benediction at 3pm. Presenter Bro. Don De Castro, servant leader and founder of Divine Mercy "Say a Little Prayer" / 3 o'clock habit; TV Channel - Philippines (broadcasting God's Mercy 24 hours a day). Please bring a bagged lunch. Snacks will be served. For more information please call Edward Livera 604-435-4187 or Teresa Lung 604-437-7745.



ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sun. Nov. 19. Start making your Christmas Crafts for sale at our Annual Christmas Craft Fair/Pancake Breakfast. Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen for food preparation, to take orders and deliver the breakfast/lunch in the school gym. If you would like to offer your help in this par-



CONDOLENCE

Please pray for the soul of our dearly departed:

John Hoo (father of Fr. Mark Hoo, OP)

Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary's Parish on Wednesday, November 1 at 10 a.m.

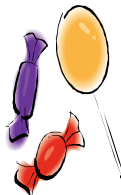
*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him O Lord,
Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him,
May His Soul Rest In Peace, Amen.*



PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

CANDY DRIVE - for the month of November

Save Halloween candies for the poor! St. Mary's Street Ministry and St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Society are running a Candy Drive for the month of Nov. If you have any Halloween candies to donate, please drop it off at the boxes in the foyer starting next week. Thank you for your generosity!



CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF BC - WORKSHOP

Subject: "Challenges facing residents who move from their homes to a residential care facility". **Wed. Nov. 1**, 8:30am to Noon in St. Mary's Church basement. Jo-Ann Tait, a registered Psychiatric nurse will be the facilitator for this workshop. Please see the poster on the bulletin board in the foyer for details and registration forms - which can be mailed directly to CHABC.

D & P YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP FORUM

Development & Peace invites all youth and young adults (16+), with a passion for social justice, to join youth from all over BC and Yukon to their Regional Leadership Forum from **Nov. 3 - 5** at Corpus Christi College in Vancouver. Cost is \$20 to cover expenses. Meals are provided. For questions or to register, please contact Barbara Gajda at vandpyouth@gmail.com or 604-736-0543 or John Gabor at jgabor@devp.org.

VOCATION LIVE-IN

For boys or young men who are interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, on the weekend of **Nov. 3 - 5**, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, B.C. For more information call 604-826-8715.



PRO-LIFE & VIGIL

Peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents, **Sat. Nov. 4**, 9am Mass at St. Andrew Kim Parish, 10222 161st Street, Surrey. Followed by Rosary & Prayers at Surrey Memorial Hospital.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ARCHDIOCESAN CONGRESS

Fr. Stephen Penna is the keynote speaker at this year's Archdiocesan Congress on **Sat. Nov. 4**. Fr. Penna is a speaker you won't want to miss. To register call Office of Religious Education 604-683-0281 or for more info go to www.rcav.org.

LUKE 15 HOUSE - 15th BIRTHDAY

Concert & Silent Auction **Sat. Nov. 4** at 7pm. Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 8842 119th St. Delta (doors open at 6:30pm). 2 Music groups, International Food Fair, Skit & Testimonies by Residents & Silent Auction. Advance tickets \$15. Call Joe 604-434-2960.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS HEALING & DELIVERENCE MINISTRY

Experience God's Love, God's Gift, God's Grace. Laying of hands at the end of sessions by Rommel Salvacion (Servant Leader). **Fri. Nov. 10**, 7pm-10pm. **Sat. Nov. 11**, 9am-5pm. **Sun. Nov. 12**, 3pm-7pm. St. Mary's Church Bsmt., 5251 Joyce St.

LOST IN TRAFFIC

Lost in Traffic is an interactive play raising awareness of the underground trafficking of women and children for the purposes of exploitation. Le Theatre Parminou invites us to counter this network of organized crime by building another type of network that rises up to say: It is enough!

Sun. Nov. 12: 7:30pm at Notre Dame Secondary School, 2855 Parker St., Vancouver

Mon. Nov. 13: 7:30pm at Hellenic Community Centre, 4500 Arbutus St., Vancouver

Tickets and info available from CWL members and the Sisters Association at 604-272-4779 and 604-517-8895. \$12 for regular admission, \$10 for seniors and students.

NOTRE DAME DINNER / DANCE

Live & Silent Auction - **Fri. Nov. 17**, ND Gym, 7:00pm, Presto Catering, Music by The Blue Meenies featuring Danny Barichello, \$60/person, all proceeds to the ND Building Fund, Tickets: 604-255-5454. Thanks for your support.



CANADIAN CHRISTIAN MEDITATION COMMUNITY

Silence, Stillness & Simplicity. Come join your fellow meditators for a morning of silent prayer and reflection. **Sat. Nov. 18**, 9:15am to 1pm. St. Mary's Church Bsmt, 5251 Joyce St., Vcr. Please bring a bag lunch. Admission by donation.

PARISH NEWS

ATTENTION! NEW WEEKDAY EVENING MASSES!

Starting **November 1st**, St. Mary's will have a **6:30pm evening Mass every Wednesday and Friday**. These masses will be followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until the benediction at 9:30pm. We hope many will take this opportunity for a visit to the Church, after work, for a time of peace and stillness in the presence of our Lord.



PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES Mon. - Fri. 8:00am; Sat. 12:00 pm
Wed. & Fri. 6:30pm followed by Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament & Benediction at 9:30pm
Saturday 5:00pm (**Anticipation**)
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 7:00pm
RECONCILIATION Saturday 11:15-11:45am; 4:15-4:45pm;
Sunday 10:45-11:05am

(An appointment for reconciliation may be made at any time)

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

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Thursday - 7:55am; Saturday - 11:55am

FIRST FRIDAY

Mass & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00am and 7:30pm
Benediction 11:45am and 9:00pm

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.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Wednesdays at 7:00pm.
Contact: Parish Office

PREP Religious education program for children attending public schools.
Coordinator: Eli Bautista Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm

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 9:00am - 5:00pm

Pastor: Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP
Assistant Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoo, OP
Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon / Ossie Fernandes
Custodian: Zdravko Jankovic