



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Corner**

**24th SUNDAY In Ordinary Time
September 17th, 2006**



Dear Parishioners, Many years ago, I discovered the Songs of the Suffering Servant in the book of the prophet Isaiah. I realized that Jesus himself had discovered in these poems the life that God the Father was asking him to live, and to which he said "yes." I found, in the Songs of the Suffering Servant, the Jesus with whom, at last, I could relate, the Lord I could love, and whose life, more than anything, I wanted to live. And so it has been, ever since. Those poems have been, since then, my "way, my truth, and my life."

And wouldn't you know it!? On this, my last Sunday at St. Mary's, as I venture into the next chapter of my life, here again, are the Songs of the Suffering Servant, before my eyes. Today's first reading is the second of the four Songs. It's as though God is just confirming with me that, though the venue is changing, the Song remains the same. These songs are still to be my "way, my truth, and my life." I have chosen correctly. This is still to be my song.

In fact, it isn't just **my** song; it is everyone's song, in the Body of Christ. Jesus defined his life as a radical fidelity to the will of God, which would result in dying, and then, rising again. And he told us clearly that it was to be the same for us. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it."

Let us embrace radically the gospel of Jesus. Let us embrace radically his life. It will involve many dyings. But the dyings are always followed by "life-back-more," as resurrection is called in the Pigeon English of the Solomon Islands. I have experienced this truth, and I am sure you have as well.

I will be very far away from you, physically. But I have discovered this magnificent truth: we are never so close to one another as when together we embrace radically the life and gospel of God's Holy Servant, Jesus. In that collective radical embrace, we are one. We will be together always.

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In the Body of Christ, just beneath the surface of our lives, just beneath the experience of separation, lies our real truth: the mystical, magical oneness of those who together live the shared life of the Servant of God, Jesus. In him, together, we "live and move and have our being." In Him we are as one, now and forever.



May God bless us always, *Fr. Gny*

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Sep 17:	2:00pm	St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex)
	2:00pm	Development & Peace (Church Bsmnt)
Mon. Sep 18:	6:00pm	Bingo (School Gym)
	7:00pm	Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
	7:00pm	Mary Help of Christians (Rect. Dining)
Tue. Sep 19:	12:00pm	Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rect. Dining)
	6:00pm	Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
	6:30pm	Teen PREP (Rectory Basement)
	6:30pm	Elementary PREP (School)
	7:15pm	Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
Wed. Sep 20:	6:30pm	Elementary PREP (School)
	7:00pm	CWL Meeting (Church Basement)
	7:00pm	RCIA (Rectory Dining)
Thu. Sep 21:	7:00pm	Ballroom Dancing (School Gym)
	7:30pm	Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
	8:00pm	Dominican Prayer Vigil&Mass (Church)
Fri. Sep 22:	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)
	7:30pm	K of C Council (Church Basement)
Sat. Sep 23:	8:00am	Tai Chi (School Gym)
	7:00pm	SOURCE & SUMMIT (Church&Bsmt)
	7:30pm	Couples for Christ Seminar (Schl.Gym)
Sun. Sep 24:	10:15am	Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange St)
	3:00pm	Baptisms (Church)

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

CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS !!

WEDDINGS

Sep. 16: *Dustin White & Tracy Kam*



PARISH EVENTS & NEWS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE AT ST. MARY'S

The next CWL general membership meeting will be on **Wed. Sep. 20 from 7-9pm** in the **church basement**. Please bring your pennies for a "penny drive" collection! Future general membership meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. New members are always welcome.

ST. MARY'S LINE DANCING

Dust off your dancing shoes as St. Mary's Line Dancing resumes on **Sep. 22**. Cost will be \$4 - drop in. Classes start at 6:45 to 9:15pm and for the first week, registration is at 6:30 pm in the School Gym.



ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT GROUP (SMYAC) - Open House

Sun. Sep. 24, 11:30am, Rectory Basement. Are you between the ages of 18 to 39? Would you like to be part of a dynamic group? Then the St. Mary's Young Adult Community is for you! Come learn more and join us for BRUNCH and meet other fellow young adults of the Catholic faith! For more info please contact us at smyac_team@yahoo.ca.

**PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)
For children attending Public schools**

PREP Classes started last week but due to several requests, registration is extended up to **Sep. 25**. Slots are available for TEEN PREP (Grades 8 to 12) on Tuesday nights and, Grades 1 to 7 on Wednesday nights. Registration forms are available in the Church foyer.

YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITY

St. Mary's YM is inviting all youth in Grades 6 to 12 to their first event of this school year. It's going to be a "Lazer Tag afternoon" on **Sep. 30**. Pre-registration is a MUST for this event. Permission forms are available on the YM bulletin board in the Church foyer.

AFTER MASS COFFEE HOUR/SNACK PROGRAM - URGENT NEED

Our parish needs one of its many groups to volunteer to prepare and serve coffee and snacks for the **5pm mass - on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month**. This would involve offering 3 hours of your time on a rotation basis. Should your group be willing to serve in this ministry, please call the parish office and leave your name and telephone contact. **Zeny Ocol**, our coordinator for this ministry, will call you to set up the training for the program. God Bless you for your generosity.



PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

HOW TO CONTACT FR. GUY IN TAIWAN

By mail: 354 Chien-kuo 1st Road, Kaohsiung City, Taiwan.

By email: As soon as Fr. Guy has his new email address, he will forward it to the parish. It will be published once or twice in the bulletin, and will be available on the parish web-site. Until then, he can be reached at his current email address:

grivard@telus.net – and he promises to respond as promptly as possible to all emails sent to him!

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR SERIES

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm from **Sep. 19 - Oct. 30** at St. Stephen's Parish Hall (1360 East 24th St., North Vancouver). Speakers include: Fr. Peter Chiang, Fr. Augustine Obiwumma, Fr. Pierre Leblond, Fr. Gabriel de Chadarévian, Fr. Joseph Ponti, Fr. Patrick Chisholm, & Fr. Mark Hoo. Call Vernon Robertson at 604-929-4511.



DOMINICAN PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

The Dominican Family extends and open invitation to a **World Peace Prayer Vigil and Mass**, on **Thu., Sep. 21** from 8pm - 9pm at St. Mary's Church. All are welcome.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (CLP)

Are you looking for a program that will help: 1) bring you and your spouse or loved ones to a deepening relationship with God and a renewed faith in Jesus, 2) empower you in the Christian life through Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and, c) integrate you into an environment where you can receive support for you and your families' Christian life?

If your answer is YES, Couples for Christ, a Catholic community movement, invites you and all couples, including those separated, divorced and widowed to a Christian Life Program.

The CLP will be held starting on Sep. 23 at 7:30 pm (1st session will be in the School Gym and succeeding ones will be in the Church basement). This program is conducted free of charge, transportation will be provided upon request. For details, pls. contact: Jun & Amie Morales 604-522-6870.

CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of our dearly departed:

Gerarda Wilde - Funeral service was held on Friday Sept 15.



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

COMMUNITY NEWS

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC HEALING CONFERENCE 2006

Theme of the Conference: *"I am the Lord, Your Healer"* with guest speakers Fr. Fernando Suarez and Fr. Jeff Shannon (Companions of the Cross). The conference will be held in the Broadway Church, 2700 E. Broadway, Van. On **Fri. Sep. 22** (7pm-10pm with Healing Mass); and on **Sat. Sep. 23** (9am-6pm with closing Mass). For tickets, \$10 each, please call 604-597-8227 or email fireblade@shaw.ca.



RETRouvaille

A program of hope, designed to help hurting marriages. Next Vancouver weekend **September 22-24**. Space is limited. For more information call 604-530-6710 or 604-574-2065 or visit our website at www.retrouvaille.org. To pre-register on line go to www.retrouvaille.org/weekends/programdates.aspx.

SOURCE & SUMMIT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Youth Ministry Office, Vocations Office, Serra Club, and Catholic Christian Outreach invite you to this special event at **St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver on Sat. Sep. 23** from 7-10 pm (doors open at 6:45 pm). Come spend an intimate evening with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Open to high school teens and young adults, this powerful event will include music, skits, testimonies, prayer, refreshments, confessions, and a Holy Hour. Free admission! For more info, visit www.youthm.com.



THE BISHOPS ASK FOR YOUR HELP

On **Sep. 23-24**, you are invited to donate generously to the Bishop's Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. This collection will help finance the activities of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB). The proceeds of this collection help dioceses to cover the amount they contribute annually to the CCCB, which can then maintain its services and continue to assist all the bishops of Canada in their pastoral work. Your donation is essential, and the bishops of Canada thank you for your generosity to strengthen the outreach of our Church.

PARISH LITURGY-CELEBRATION OF OUR FAITH ANNUAL WORKSHOP

This year's theme is The Ministry of Hospitality with Rev. Richard Fragomeni at St. Anthony of Padua Parish (7237 Morrow Road, Agassiz) on **Sep. 29** (prayer, singing, and a keynote address from Father Fragomeni at 7:30 pm) and **Sep. 30** (9 am-3:30 pm workshop). \$30 for Friday & Saturday/\$10 for Friday night only, all coffee breaks and a hot lunch included. For more info, please contact the parish office at 604-796-9181.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PREP COORDINATOR NEEDED

Holy Name Parish (4925 Cambie St., Van.) is in need of a PREP Coordinator for about 30 children. Classes are on Tuesdays from 5:45-7:00 pm. Please call the parish office at 604-261-9393.

HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR SONS & DAUGHTERS

This seminar by Vernon Robertson is being held on **Sep. 30** at St. Francis De Sales in Burnaby (10:00 am-4:30 pm). Call or e-mail Vernon to pre-register for materials: 604-929-4511 or visit the website at seminar.of.hope@hotmail.com.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Oct. 20 -22, Helping engaged couples understand their vocation and building stronger marriages. Register at www.ceewest.com or 604-451-3300.

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES	Mon - Fri	8:00 am;	Saturday	12:00 pm
	Saturday	5:00 pm	(Anticipation)	
	Sunday	8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 1:00 pm, 7:00 pm		
RECONCILIATION	Saturday	11:15-11:45 am; 4:15-4:45 pm;		
	Sunday	10:45-11:05 am		

(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. Pierre Leblond, OP

Assistant Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoo, OP

Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon / Ossie Fernandes

Custodian: Zdravko Jankovic