



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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“You can't cross the sea merely by staring at the water”

Rabindranath Tagore

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Mark Link S.J. has a good story to illustrate the quote above:

“ A new pastor gave a great sermon. Next Sunday his congregation was filled with expectation. To their surprise the pastor repeated the same sermon. He did the same the next Sunday. When the congregation sent a committee to him seeking an explanation, he told them, ‘I plan to repeat it until I see you doing something about it.’






What keeps me from heeding God's word? “

The sea we have to cross to reach our home in God is our life. We cross that sea by loving our neighbour, especially the poor. The sins that bring more people to hell are the sins against charity. Once we are down there, there is no coming back. In today's Gospel, Jesus said that there is “a great chasm” between the damned and the saved, so that there is no way of passing from hell to heaven or from hell to earth. Let us do something about it now. Talking and planning is not enough!

God Bless, *Fr. Pierre*



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Sep. 30:** 3:00pm Baptisms (Church) 
- Mon. Oct. 01:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
7:00pm Christian Meditation Prayer (Rect. Bsmt)
- Tue. Oct. 02:** 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
6:30pm Teen PREP (Rectory Basement)
6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)
6:45pm PREP Parents' Orientation (School Gym)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:30pm Charismatic Core Grp. (Rectory Library)
7:45pm K of C Executive (School Gym)
- Wed. Oct. 03:** 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex Avenue)
6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)
6:45pm PREP Parents' Orientation (School Gym)
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church) 
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Library)
7:00pm Exodus Ministry (Rectory Basement)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Oct. 04:** 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church) 
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. Oct. 05: FIRST FRIDAY**
8:00am Mass followed by Adoration all Day
3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church) 
6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:30pm YM “Faith in Action” (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration
7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:30pm SMYAC Open House & Coffee Night (Rectory Basement)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Oct. 06:** 10:00am Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
12:30pm Bible Sharing Church Basement
7:00pm Christian Life Program (Church Basement)
- Sun. Oct. 07:** 3:00pm Baptisms (Church) 

DAILY 9AM MASS ON VISION TV CHANGED TO CHANNEL 105

PARISH NEWS




ADDITIONAL WEEKDAY EVENING MASS ON THURSDAY AND DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS ON FRIDAYS INCLUDING TIME CHANGES

The weekday evening Masses will start at 7:00pm . An additional evening weekday Mass has been introduced on Thursdays, followed by Adoration and Benediction at 9:15pm. There will also be Divine Mercy Prayers on Fridays at 6:15pm. All parishioners and visitors are invited to avail of this opportunity, to receive and meditate in the presence of the Holy Eucharist at these weekday evening Masses. God Bless.


YM FAITH IN ACTION

St. Mary's Youth Ministry will have their monthly “Faith in Action” on **Fri. Oct. 5.** We will meet in the Church Basement at 6:30pm. This event starts with the First Friday Mass. This is open to all youth in Grades 6 to 12.

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (Ages 18-39)

Open House/Coffee Night Faith Forum 
Fri. Oct. 5, 7:30pm, Rectory basement. 1) Open House: an opportunity for all young adults to come and meet the Leadership Team, and learn more about SMYAC. Slide show and light refreshments. 2) Coffee Night: The Theology of the Body. After Open House, stay and learn Pope John Paul II's landmark integrated vision of the human person - body, soul, and spirit. For details please contact smyac_team@yahoo.ca . All young adult are welcome!

ROSARY FUNDRAISER FOR PILGRIMS

Weekend of Oct. 6/7. Since October is the month of  the Holy Rosary, a limited number of special rosary bracelets and rosary prayer cards will be on sale in the church foyer after all Masses next weekend. By donation. All proceeds will go to support two groups of pilgrims, who will go on pilgrimages to either Quebec City (International Eucharistic Congress) or Australia (World Youth Day) next summer.

RCIA - AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE IN THE LORD'S WORK!

We are looking for volunteers to provide refreshments or bake for one Wednesday a month for the RCIA group to welcome its new members. For more information, please contact Arda at 604-733-3457. Thanks & God bless.

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RCIA/FAITH INSTRUCTION

The Rite of Christian Initiation for 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. Adult Catholics, who are baptized, but not catechized and/or did not complete the other Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion and/or Confirmation).

3. All are welcome, so 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 info. please contact: Arda Akoglu or Carolina Prada at 604-733-3457 or aakog@yahoo.com.

ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sun. Nov. 18. Start making your Christmas Crafts for sale at our Annual Christmas Craft Fair and Pancake Breakfast. Table reservations can be made by contacting John Rudland 604-433-0884. Stay tuned for further details.



WANTED: CONGRESS VOLUNTEERS!

The Office of Religious Education is looking for people with a knack for hospitality. If you are planning to attend the Archdiocesan Congress on Oct. 27, held here at St. Mary's, and would like to offer some assistance with the event, please contact Kyle Neilson at the Office of Religious Education, 604-683-0281, or by email: ore@rcav.bc.ca.

STAND UP FOR LIFE - JOIN LIFE CHAIN

Sun. Sep. 30, from 2 - 3pm, at: (1) Women's Hospital, Oak St. & 30th. Ave. (2) Vancouver General Hospital, Oak St. & 12 Ave. (S/E corner). For more info. call 604-733-6266.

PRO - LIFE MASS & VIGIL

Peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents. Sat. Oct. 6, 9:00 am Mass. Holy Family Parish, 4851 Beatrice Street, Vancouver Followed by Rosary and Prayers in the Church.

AGAPE STREET MINISTRY DAY OF REFLECTION

Sat. Oct. 6, at Immaculate Conception Parish, 8842 - 119th St., Delta, with Fr. Mathew To. We begin with Mass at 9am, Coffee at 9:30am. Topic of Reflection is "God's Grace" from 10am - 12noon. All are welcome!



COMMUNITY NEWS

V.I.P. (VOCATIONS IN PROGRESS)

We invite single Catholic men (ages 17 & up) to join us as we look at "A Calling to Discipleship through the Gospels (Mt, Lk, & Jn)." The meeting will be held on Sun. Oct. 7, at St. Andrew Parish 480 E. 47th Ave. Vcr. (Between Fraser & Main St.) which starts at 7:30pm, in the Luminous Hall. For more info. please call Father Hien Nguyen or Fr. Tom Smith at the Vocations Office 604-443-3254. Or visit our website at: www.vocationsvancouver.com. Your questions are Very Important to us.



OPENING FOR: INTERNAL AUDITOR (1 yr contract) New Position

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is seeking an internal auditor. The primary role of the Internal Auditor is to conduct compliance and internal audits to fulfill Archdiocesan Finance Council legal and fiduciary obligations in parish risk management, control and governance processes, provide training and support to parish bookkeepers on QuickBooks accounting software application, and perform special assignments as requested by the Director of Finance of the Archdiocese. Deadline for applications is Oct. 10. Complete posting details are available on our website: www.rcav.org.

CARE SUPPORT GROUPS FOR THE SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

10 sessions from 7 - 9pm. Men's group starting Oct. 10 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Surrey. Women's group will start again in Spring 2008. To register and for individual counseling please call Catholic Family Services at 604-443-3220.

DAY OF RETREAT FOR THE YOUTH

Theme: "Way to Holiness, Part II. Retreat Master Fr. Anthony Ho. Sat. Oct. 13, at Corpus Christi Parish, 6350 Nanaimo St. (corner of E.48th Ave., Vcr.). Starts with Mass at 9am and ends with Exposition and Benediction at 3pm. This is a free retreat for all youth. Snacks & lunch provided. Call Cristy 604-325-3909 to register. Sponsored by The legion of Mary.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Oct. 19 - 21. Helping engaged couples understand the Sacrament of Marriage and their vocation. Register at 604-451-3300 or visit www.ceewest.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Oct. 19 - 21. Attention Married Couples! You deserve to give each other a weekend to enhance your couple love. For more info. or to register, contact Steve & Mary Bohnen 604-876-7298 or sbohnen@interchange.ubc.ca.



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OCTOBERFEST DINNER & DANCE - FUNDRAISER!

This year the St. Mary's K of C & CWL are joining hands together in bringing to you wonderful Parishioners and Friends of St. Mary's, a joyful evening of good food! good DJ dancing music! and fellowship. Sat. Oct. 20, in the school gym. Reception at 6:30pm, Dinner at 7pm followed by dancing. So put on your dancing shoes, come with a voracious appetite and a Fun mood! Tickets \$20 per person. Stay tuned for more details!!!!!!!!!!!!



PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES Mon. - Fri. 8:00am; Sat. 12:00 pm
Wed. - Fri. 7:00pm followed by Adoration & Benediction at 9:15pm
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 Before and after all Masses.

(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 - 8:00am; Saturday - 12:00pm

FIRST FRIDAY Adoration Throughout the day after Masses

Masses: 8:00am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Benediction: 9:15pm

BAPTISM 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.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Contact the 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)

Leader: Jonquil Francis and Joseph D'silva
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
Youth and PREP Coordinator : Eli Bautista
Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon / Ossie Fernandes