



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Pastor's
Corner**

Sunday September 9th, 2007



Dear Parishioners,

The problem with most people is not that they aim too high and miss the target. It is that they aim too low and hit the target. Jesus gives us a very high target. "Love your enemies; bless those who persecute you; do good to them, pray for them. You have been told not to murder. I tell you, amen, amen! If you say "stupid" to your brother, you are a murderer. If you desire, in your heart, your neighbour's wife, you have already committed adultery. If someone asks you to carry his load for a mile, help him for two miles. You have to be ready to give up your life for me. But if you follow me and pick up the cross, you will receive a hundred fold in this life and eternal life in the kingdom. You will have a joy and a peace that nothing and nobody in the world can take away from you. If you don't follow me, you will end up losing your soul in this life, and in the next one. No matter how rich you become, you will never find joy outside of me. The joy that I am offering to my disciples is not any kind of joy. It is the joy of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The happiness that the world is promising you, will never fulfill you. The cost of being my disciple is big; but the cost of not being one is bigger still. I do not ask you to succeed at reaching the target. I ask you to keep shooting at it."

God Bless. Fr. Pierre



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Sep. 09:** 2:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)
- Mon. Sep. 10:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
7:00pm Christian Meditation Prayer (Rect. Bsmt)
- Tue. Sep. 11:** 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
6:30pm PREP (School)
6:30pm Teen Prep (Rectory Basement)
6:30pm Baptism Preparation Class (Church)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
- Wed. Sep. 12:** 2:00pm Willingdon Park Mass (4435 Grange St)
6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
6:30pm PREP (School)
7:00pm RCIA (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm SMYAC Leaders (Rectory Basement)
9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Sep. 13:** 7:15pm Hands of Veronica (Rectory Library)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. Sep. 14:** 10:00am St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex Ave)
3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion (Church)
6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:00pm Bible Sharing (**CANCELLED**)
7:30pm K of C Executive (Rectory Basement)
9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Sep. 15:** 10:00am Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
7:00pm CFC-Christian Life Program (Church Bsmt)
- Sun. Sep. 16:** 2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Avenue)
1:00pm YM Sports Day (front of School)



CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS !!

BAPTISMS

- Aug. 26:** Mikaela T. Bernardo, Franz H. B. Cabanilla, Luis M. K. Cirilo, Leah M. G. Espinosa, Mervin G. Espinosa, Mirya P. Fong, Richard A. Fuller-Mancilla, Kristian J. Hilario, Thomas D. X. Meng, Tama K. Nedilla, Chinelo M. Nzekwe-Ejiofor, Lawrence D. Padaong, Gabrielle Je Virina.
- Sep. 02:** Benjamin J. Aldaba, Jierah J. M. Calvez, Jonah Y. S. Cheung, Jaqueline M. Kabuya, Amy J. Pagens, Riley L. Paraiso, Yra Renoblas, Xavier M. Ryan, Ysabelle C. A. Valdez.



WEDDINGS

- Aug. 11:** Juanito Serrano and Veronica Marin
- Aug. 25:** Jason Waine and Veronica Grzesiak
- Sep. 01:** Lyndon Molo and Rowena Malig



PARISH NEWS

ST. MARY'S-ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - "Help The Poor Fund"

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..." (Mathew 25:35)
It has been another extremely successful year helping those in need of food, clothing and furniture. 60 families called on us when they were in need. Last Christmas: cash, hampers, and presents from the "Giving Tree" were distributed to a number of families. We also helped the Christmas Bureau and Talitha Koum Society. "Our Sandwich Truck" program has provided meals to many of our hungry brothers and sisters on the downtown eastside. We thank all parishioners at St. Mary's who continue to help us in our endeavors to help the poor in our community. Without your support this outreach to the poor would not be possible. This **Sat./Sun. Sep. 8/9** the 2nd collection will be used for the "Help The Poor Fund" to provide support for those in need, in our community. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. For more info regarding our ministry please contact Cecilia at 604-436-3259.



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.



CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of our dearly departed:

- Carlo Cleri:** Funeral service was held Aug. 24.
- June Tucker:** Funeral service was held Aug.31.
- Teresa Heidenrich:** Funeral service was held Sep.4 in Coq.

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord,
Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them,
May Their Souls Rest In Peace, Amen.*



PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

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 Serena at samber81@hotmail.com / 604-805-6692. Thanks & God bless.

PREP REGISTRATION INFO

PREP registration is **NOW CLOSED**. For Teen PREP however, registration is **extended up to Sept. 28**.

PREP starts on **Sept. 11** for the **Tuesday** classes and **Sept. 12** for the **Wednesday** classes, 6:30pm at St. Mary's School.

PROJECT ADVANCE UPDATE!

Project Advance Team thanks all parishioners, who have participated in 2007, for their generous support. We are now at 94.8% of our parish goal, almost at a 100%! Therefore please continue to send in your pledges and support this important event! You have until December of this year if you would like to claim the donation in your 2007 income tax return. Thank you again for your generosity.

VISITATION OF THE SICK BY HANDS OF VERONICA

If a loved one is a patient in Burnaby General Hospital and would like to have a visit from a member of the Hands of Veronica group, please contact the Parish Office with information.

THE CATHOLIC BIBLE SEMINAR - FALL 2007 SESSION

"The Two Letters of Paul to TIMOTHY and the Letter to TITUS", will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall in Coquitlam, on the weekend of **Fri. Sep.14 to Sun. Sep.16**. The presenter is Fr. Jim Nesbit, noted Bible Scholar from Spreckles, California. Registration Fees: Single Adults \$45, married couples \$80. Special youth & daily fees are available. See flyers in Church foyer. For info call Gerry/Zela Maingot 604-882-9205.

THE 18TH ANNUAL MARRIED COUPLES' RETREAT

Will be held on the weekend of **Sept. 14 - 16**, at Westminster Abbey, Mission and will be directed by Rev. Paul Curtin, CSsR. (Redemptorist). Retreat theme: "FOLLOWING JESUS: EUCHARIST AS FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY." Cost per couple \$295.00. Call Anne 604-464-1958/Marg.604-921-7136.

RETRouvaille : A PROGRAM OF HOPE DESIGNED TO HELP COUPLES IN HURTING MARRIAGES

Next Vancouver weekend **Sept. 14 - 16**. Space is limited. For more information please call: 604-530-6710 or visit our website at www.retrouvaille.org. To pre-register on-line, go to www.retrouvaille.org/dates.php.



COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRISTOPHER LEADERSHIP COURSE GRADUATES - REUNION

Will be held on **Sat. Sep. 15**, at OLGCS, Surrey, from 11:30am - 3pm. You are invited (family & friends too) to a luncheon, which includes a silent auction, door prizes and a guest speaker. Get together with past students and ENTUSIASTIC instructors. Tickets are \$25. For Info/tickets - Robert: rcmolina@yahoo.ca/604-572-9731, Wendy: watraill@telus.net/604-585-2562, Carmel: cdenenfeld@hotmail.com/604-572-7075.

DIVINE MERCY SYMPOSIUM

Sep. 15 - 16: Starts with Mass at 9am - 6pm, St. Francis de Sales Parish, 6610 Balmoral Street, Burnaby. For more info please contact: Robert: 604-430-8998, Nancy : 604-435-9134, Paul: 604-524-4486 or Anna: 604-527-0350.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AND COPING WITH ADDICTION

Sat. Sep. 22, 7pm at St. Mary's Church basement. We live in a society which encourages addictions in many forms. One path of liberation is through the practice of Christian Meditation. The BC Christian Meditation Community invites you to hear Fr. Joe Pereira, a Catholic archdiocesan priest from Bombay, India. He founded "Kripa" a foundation which helps people suffering from chemical dependencies & HIV infection. Admission is by donation. All are welcome!

DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES VOLUNTEER TRAINING COURSE

OUR VALUE: Providing Compassion, Safety, Understanding, Confidentiality, and Hope In a Christian Environment. Volunteer Training Course for Domestic Abuse Services, Our Lady of Good Counsel Society will start **Mon. Sep. 24** for 10 weeks at Immaculate Conception Parish, Delta. For more info and registration call 604-640-7549 or 1-888-883-7733.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

"The Fulfillment of all Desire" - a journey to complete union with God - that's the theme of this year's Catholic Charismatic Conference on **Sept. 28 & 29**. Ralph Martin, a well-known international speaker and writer will be the keynote speaker with Archbishop Roussin celebrating the closing mass. It will be held in the Broadway Church, Vancouver. For tickets (\$10ea.)/info., phone 604-597-8227 or email fireblade@shaw.ca



"MAKING MOTHERHOOD SAFE" LECTURE

On **Sat. Sep. 29**, Dr Robert Walley will give the annual Christ the King Lecture on the topic "Making Motherhood Safe" at the Seminary in Mission, B.C. The free lecture begins at 10am and finishes at 3pm, with a 90-minute lunch break. The lecture is open to all. For more info, call 604-826-8975.

COMMUNITY NEWS

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Domestic Abuse Services-OLGCS is looking for a part-time office assistant. Qualifications include general office experience, computer skills (Word, Excel, Front Page), an ability to work independently, and experience in a non-profit organization. Completion of Domestic Abuse Services training program is required and confidentiality is a priority. Send résumés to: Domestic Abuse Services-OLGCS, 2881 Main St., Vancouver, V5T 3G1 no later than **Sept. 12**.

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 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: 9:30pm

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