



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Pastor's
Corner

INTO THE SUN, WITHOUT BURNING!

Can a human being, body and soul, find his way to the Heart of God? Can a human being come so close to the Father as to be in Him? Can you go into the sun without burning? How long would a man survive amidst the extremely intense power and holiness of God? Understanding and believing the mystery of the Ascension of Christ will make it possible to answer these questions positively. On the day of Ascension, Christ with his human nature, that is with his human body, mind, heart and soul, has entered into the Father and invites us to follow Him. *"I am going to the Father to prepare a place for you and I will come back and take you to myself so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going, you know the way...I am the way."* (John Chapter 14)

Wherever the Christ, the Head of the Body, goes, the Body, that is the Church, ourselves, will follow, if we remain united to Him.

Pope Benedict, quoted in Magnificat, May 2010, explains this in a beautiful manner: *"The meaning of Christ's Ascension,"* writes Pope Benedict XVI, *"expresses our belief that in Christ the humanity that we all share has entered into the inner life of God in a new and hitherto unheard of way. It means that man has found an everlasting place in God."* It would be a mistake to interpret the Ascension as *"the temporary absence of Christ from the world."* Rather, *"we go to heaven to the extent that we go to Jesus Christ and enter into him."* Heaven is a person: *"Jesus himself is what we call 'heaven'"*.



God Bless you, Fr Pierre

PARISH NEWS

SR. YOUTH MINISTRY (GR 8-12)- BETWEEN HEAVEN & HELL



Who gets to go to Heaven and who ends up in Hell? What's that Purgatory anyways and who goes there? If you have questions and want to know more how to end up in the right side, then join the Sr. Youth Ministry on Monday, May 17 at 6:30pm in the Rectory Basement. With pizza and refreshments it'll be like you are already in Heaven...well maybe not, but it'll be a good step in the right direction!!

CONCERT - GRACE & GRATITUDE



St Mary's Youth Ministry presents the PS98 band in the Gospel Concert Grace & Gratitude on **Saturday, May 29 at 7:30pm.** The concert will be here at St Mary's and the tickets are \$10. You can get your tickets from the parish office and/or after the morning Masses on May 16. Proceeds from the concert will benefit St. Mary's Youth Ministry World Youth Day 2011 fund drive. Come and enjoy a night of inspiring and exciting music and support our youth in their journey of faith.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY EVENING MASS

Please note this Thursday, May 20 and Friday, May 21, there will be **NO ADORATION** or **BENEDICTION** following the 7:00pm mass.

MARRIAGE MOVIE NIGHT



Join us for an encore presentation of **"FIREPROOF YOUR MARRIAGE"** on Saturday, June 5th at 7:00pm in the church basement. **Fr Pierre will administer the renewal of vows for married couples.** The evening will wrap up with a wine and cheese, so please join us.

INTERGENERATIONAL HEALING SERVICE

Fr Bill Comerford will present an *"Intergenerational Healing Service"* and *"Healing the Family Tree"* on **Friday, June 4** and **Friday, June 11** here at St. Mary's, starting with the 7pm mass both evenings. More details will be available in the coming weeks, so please mark your calendars.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday; the birthday of the Church! On this special occasion, let's all wear red to proclaim the work of the Spirit in our lives and in the life of the Church!



PARISH NEWS

MARIA VADIA HEALING SERVICES:

Maria Vadia, dynamic international speaker & evangelist from Miami, Florida will conduct Healing Services at St. Mary's Parish on **Friday, May 21** and **Saturday, May 22 at 7:30 pm.** Come and experience this powerful prayer ministry and receive freedom through healing. For more info visit www.vccrs.ca or call 604.597.8227.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OPENINGS



There are still openings in the following grades for Sept 2010: Grades 2, 4, 6 & 7. If you are interested in sending your child to St. Mary's School, please get an information package from the school office during the hours of 8:30am-3:30pm.

TALITHA KOUM 10TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER

Please join us in our 10th anniversary celebration with a traditional native lunch and entertainment on Saturday, June 5 from 11am to 2pm in the church basement. Tickets are \$50 (\$25 tax deductible) and are available online www.talithakoumsociety.org or Jack at 604-454-4768.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

LIVE-IN CAREGIVER PROGRAM—FREE WORKSHOP

There are new regulations to the Live-in Caregiver Program. Join in a free interactive workshop with a representative from Citizenship & Immigration Canada on Saturday, May 29 from 1pm to 3pm at ISS of BC Welcome House, 530 Drake Street (corner of Seymour & Drake). Please call Chit to confirm attendance: 604-684-7498 (ext 1666) or resochoita.arma@issbc.org.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES TO HOST SPRING FAIR

St. Francis de Sales is hosting their fourth annual Spring Fair Fundraiser on May 29 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Come for pony rides, children's games, BBQ, plant sale, bouncy castle, cotton candy and more. Call 604.434.1328 or visit www.sfds.ca.

ST. PAUL'S SINGLES TO HOST DINNER DANCE

St. Paul's Singles is hosting their annual Dinner Dance May 22 at Sunrise Community Hall, 1950 Windermere Street, Vancouver. Music by Patrizia Coletta. Doors open 6:15 pm. Tickets must be purchased by **May 19;** members \$30 and Non-members \$35. For info call Lina: 604.433.0055.



DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

Are you depressed, lonely, broken? Do you need healing? Let Jesus take your burden away. Come to a prayer service for God's Healing Touch on Thursday May 20, 7p.m., St. Luke's Parish Hall, 20285 Dewdney Trunk Rd., Maple Ridge.

ORDINATIONS TO TAKE PLACE ON MAY 22

Edwin Kulling, Swann Kim and Rodney Nootebos will be ordained to the priesthood on May 22 at 10am at Holy Rosary Cathedral.

ST. MATTHEW'S TO HOST PENTECOST CELEBRATION

Come to St. Matthew's on Saturday, May 22 from 10am to 3:30 pm for a talk featuring international speaker **Maria Vadia**. Please bring a bag lunch. For more info visit www.vccrs.ca or call 604.597.8227.

FOCUS ON LIFE GALA TO TAKE PLACE AT HYATT

This annual fundraising event which helps abortion vulnerable and post-abortive women with a message of hope through TV ads will take place on Monday, May 31 2010 at the Hyatt Regency. Our featured speaker is Raymond Arroyo, an internationally known journalist, producer, bestselling author and TV host on EWTN. Tickets for this event are \$75 per person or \$750 per table. Please call 1-877-7-SIGNAL to order tickets.

SPRING FAIR & BAZAAR AT CATHEDRAL

At Holy Rosary Cathedral Hall on May 29-30 from 10am to 5pm. Games, food fair, bake table, 50/50 draw and a raffle. Info: 604.682.6774. Sponsored by the Holy Rosary CWL.

LOURDES SEEKS PART-TIME PARISH SECRETARY

Our Lady of Lourdes, Coquitlam, has an immediate opening for a part-time Parish Secretary. Hours are 9am to 1 pm Monday to Friday. The ideal candidate will possess superior computer skills, exercise initiative and discretion and maintain strict confidentiality. The candidate must be able to organize and prioritize workload within tight deadlines and work independently but collaboratively. If you possess these skills and have experience in office procedures, please forward your resume to: The Hiring Committee, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 828 Laval Square, Coquitlam.

ROSEMARY HEIGHTS RETREAT CENTRE

Employment Available: Head Chef, Assistant Chef, General Labourer, Visit www.rcav.org/employment for full details.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. May 16: 2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Ave)

Mon. May 17: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Sr Youth Ministry (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
7:00pm SMYAC Leaders (Rectory Dining)

Tue. May 18: 9:30am School Mass (Church)
6:30pm Prep (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm CWL Meeting (School Gym)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

Wed. May 19: 6:00pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
6:30pm Prep (School)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:30pm Dev & Peace (Rectory Dining)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Thu. May 20: 7:00pm Mass/ **No Adoration** (Church)
7:00pm Ablaze! (Church Basement)



Fri. May 21: 9:00am Lectio Divina/Bible Study (Rectory Dining)
3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
5:00pm Eucharistic Apostolate (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Mass/ **No Adoration** (Church)
7:30pm **Maria Vadia Healing Service** (Church)



Sat. May 22: 12:45pm Bible Study (Church Basement)
3:00pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Couples for Christ (School Gym)
7:30pm **Maria Vadia Healing Service** (Church)

Sun. May 23: 9:45am Willingdon Liturgy (4435 Grange Street)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex)



PARISH INFORMATION

WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES: Monday - Friday: 8:00am

Weekday Morning Rosary 7:00am / Weekday Morning Lauds 7:30am

WEEKDAY EVENING MASSES: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7pm

followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:00pm

SATURDAY MASS: Our Lady's Mass 12:00noon

SUNDAY MASSES: Anticipated Mass Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am / 9:30am / 11:15am / 1:00pm / 5:00pm / 7:00pm

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Thursday: 8:00am & Saturday: 12:00noon

FIRST FRIDAY: Adoration throughout the day after morning mass

CONFESSIONS:

Weekdays: After all Masses (except Thursday Evening Mass)

Saturday: 11:15am to 11:55am, 4:15pm to 4:55pm, 6:10pm to 7:00pm

Sunday: Before & After all Masses

An appointment for confession may be made through the parish office

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

BAPTISMS: To register your child, contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGES:

One of the couple must be Catholic and a registered parishioner of St. Mary's Parish for at least one year before requesting the sacrament of marriage. Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the wedding date to register for the required diocesan Marriage Preparation Course.

BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday 6:45pm / Friday 9:00am / Saturday 12:45pm

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Contact the Parish Office.

PREP: Catechism Program for children attending public schools

TEEN PREP: Interactive Catechism Sessions for Teens

Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Coordinator: Eli Bautista E-mail: stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leaders Jason Costa and Jonquil Francis

Email: smyac_team@yahoo.ca Website: www.smyac.com

YOUTH MINISTRY (YM) E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: www.saintmarysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal: Ms Brenda Krivuzoff Website: www.stmary.bc.ca

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays to Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm / Saturday: 11:00am to 2:00pm

PASTORS & STAFF:

Pastor

Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P.

Assistant Pastor

Fr. Marcel Dumont, O.P.

Executive Assistant to Pastor

Vesna Jankovic

Office Manager

Ossie Fernandes

Youth Ministry & Volunteer Coordinator

Arda Akoglu