



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

**PADRE PIO SPEAKS ABOUT HIM-  
SELF...AND GOD**

You know Padre Pio as “the miracle man”, but do you know his interior life? Do you know his inner struggles? He had the same ones as you have. His letters to his spiritual director while he was in his twenties have been published. Here is one of them, published by Magnificat, September 2010.

*Jesus continues to stay with me and he has not yet left me, for I am finding it increasingly easy to drive away temptation and resign myself to God's will...See, then, Father, how far the tenderness and goodness of Jesus goes, no matter how bad and wicked I am!*

*Meanwhile, what am I to do to correspond to such great mercy? How am I ever to repay him for such great benefits? If you only knew how many times in the past I have exchanged Jesus for some contemptible thing appertaining to this world! I see something mysterious in myself: I am constantly sorry for the sins I have committed, I resolve continually never to commit them again, yet, I must admit with bitter tears, that in spite of all this I am still very imperfect and it seems to me that I very often offend the Lord. At times I am really in despair because it seems to me almost impossible that Jesus should forgive so many sins; again, more often than not it seems impossible that Jesus should let me go astray. Oh, what on earth is all this? Explain it to me a little.*

Padre Pio wrote: “How many times in the past I have exchanged Jesus for some contemptible thing appertaining to this world.” Cardinal Balthazar wrote: “Whoever has renounced everything for God's sake has moved beyond all calculating. A man has to deliberate and calculate as long as he aims for a compromise. If he has that prospect in mind, he will never finish his tower or win his war.”

Is there anyone in our parish willing to take up Christ's challenge? Is there anyone willing to win the war?

*God Bless you, Fr. Pierre*

The cost of being a disciple is big; the cost of not being one is bigger still...

**PARISH NEWS**

**YOUTH MINISTRY OPEN HOUSE FOR PARENTS**

Do you have children in grades 6 to 12? Do you know about our Youth Ministry and the many programs it offers? We are having an Open House for parents to come and meet the Youth Ministry Coordinator and the Leadership Team. We will provide you with an overview of the Ministry programs and answer all your burning questions. Come and find out what your church is offering to change the lives of your children. Hope to see you there on Friday, September 17 at 7:30pm in the School Seminar Room.



**Sr. YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 8-12) – BBQ**

We are waving goodbye to summer but that's no reason to be sad. Sr. YM is making sure the fun continues with the first event of the new school year: The Sr. YM BBQ. If you have been with us before we hope to see you again and if you have never been to any of our events (maybe because you are shy or don't know anyone) we promise to pleasantly surprise you at your first event. So make sure to join us on Sunday, September 12 at 6:30pm in the School Gym for an evening of delicious food, great fun and fellowship.



**PROJECT ADVANCE UPDATE**

Can you skip two cups of Star Buck coffee for the week? As little as \$5 donated to the campaign will surely make a difference. Only 9% of registered parishioners have participated in the project, so we NEED the other 91% of our fellow parishioners to help out in order for our parish to achieve our goal!! It's also a great opportunity for you to give your assistance to those who are in need. We are now at 69% of our Parish goal so please send in your pledges or register as new donors. Please continue to drop off your pledges through the Sunday collection basket. Thank you for your generous support.

**ST. MARY'S PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT**

Join us **Friday, Sept 24, 7pm-9:30pm** for a night of fun, prizes and trivia with family and friends! St Mary's CWL is happy to host **TRIVIA NIGHT**. \$5.00 per person t includes admission and snacks. Register by **Sept 17** to enjoy **Early Bird Registration** for a **group of 6** at **\$25** per group. The Top Team stands to win a cash prize. Act quickly as we can only accommodate a **maximum of 20 teams**. Please email [mubalde@gmail.com](mailto:mubalde@gmail.com) to register.

**PARISH NEWS**

**HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM**

The Handmaids of the Lord, a ministry of the Couples for Christ extends its invitation to all single mature women, widowed, single moms, separated or divorced to a Christian Life Program (CLP). It is an integrated course which runs for 9 consecutive Saturdays starting Oct. 2 in the St. Mary's Gym from 10 am–12 noon. This will help you renew your understanding of God's call to be able to foster a deep, loving and strong relationship with the Lord. Admission is free. Please contact Agnes Bauzon at 604-435-0297 or Mila Zipagan at 778-686-4635.

**ST. MARYS STREET MINISTRY**

We are collecting the following items for the homeless outreach program.: Wrapped chocolate/candy (within 6 months of purchase), granola bars, tooth paste/tooth brush, hand sanitizer, socks/winter gloves. Please drop off items in the candy box in the church foyer. Thank you for your support and prayers.

**CHRISTIAN LIFE SEMINAR**

Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life (CFCFFL), an international private association of lay faithful, would like to invite everyone to a Christian Life Seminar (CLS) beginning on Sept 11 from 7pm to 10pm in the St. Mary's Church basement and 8 consecutive Saturdays thereafter. A CLS is an integrated course leading to a renewed understanding of God's call to Christian couples and individuals. It is open to married couples, widows or widowers or those separated or divorced. There is no cost involved.

**CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM**

Are you looking for a program that will help: 1) bring you and your spouse or loved ones to a real relationship with God and a renewed faith in Jesus, 2) empower you in the Christian life through Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and 3) integrate you into an environment where you can receive support for your individual Christian life or 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 (CLP). The CLP will be held starting Sept 11 at 7:30pm in St. Mary's School Gym. For info contact Albert or Anna Angeles at 604-522-2259.

## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### **CATHOLIC BIBLE SEMINAR**

Teachings on "**The Three Letters of JOHN**", followed by "**The Letter to the HEBREWS**" will be held at St. Mary's Parish Hall on Sept 10, 11, 12,. The presenter is Father Jim Nisbet, noted Bible scholar from California. Info on the Seminar is in the Registration Forms at the entrance to the church. Please register quickly as space is limited. For more information, call Gerry or Zela at (604) 882-9205.



### **TRAIN FOR THE DISCIPLESHIP SERIES**

The Office of Religious Education is introducing a dynamic new faith formation program in the fall, called the *Discipleship Series*. Author Christopher Ruff will visit Vancouver September 11 for a leadership training seminar, open to all. For more information, visit [www.rcav.org/ore](http://www.rcav.org/ore), or call 604-683-0281.

### **BE HEALED BY THE TOUCH**

Come let the touch of Jesus heal you. Acclaimed speakers, Maria Vadia and Fr. George Montague, SM will present at Broadway Church, 2700 Broadway, Vancouver. Friday, Sept 24; 7pm to 10pm & Saturday, Sept 25, 9am to 6pm concluding with Mass at 5pm. For tickets (\$20) contact Lennie at 604-597-8227. For details visit [www.vccrs.ca](http://www.vccrs.ca).



### **MARY, MOTHER OF ALL CHRISTIANS**

Saturday, Sept 25th from 9-6pm at Chandos Pattison Auditorium, 10238-168th St. Surrey. Speakers include: Msgr. Eduardo Chavez, Postulator for St. Juan Diego of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mark Shea (noted Marian writer), Dr. Brook Herbert (scholar), Dr. Christine Jones (scholar). Concludes with Mass at 5pm. Tickets \$25 adults & \$10 students. Call 604-888-7727 or 1-877-477-7212, or [www.rpcollege.bc.ca](http://www.rpcollege.bc.ca) to order tickets.



### **PUBLIC FORUM WITH AMANDA TATTERSALL**

Thursday, Sept 9 at 7pm SFU Harbour Centre 515 W. Hastings. Come and hear Amanda Tattersall, author of *Power in Coalition*, discuss how community coalitions can be a powerful strategy for social change and community renewal.

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORES**

We are overstocked with NEW hotel-type furniture (beds, side tables, lamps, large wardrobes, small tables and chairs). Great prices. Two stores to serve you: 2743 Main St. at W. 12th Avenue and 1768 E. Hastings; Monday to Saturday 10-5.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sun. Sept 5:** 2:00pm Youth for Christ (School Gym)

**Mon. Sept 6:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
7:00pm Lay Apostle (Church)  
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining Room)

**Tue. Sept 7:** 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
7:00pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

**Wed. Sept 8:** 2:00pm Willingdon Mass (4435 Grange)  
6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)  
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



**Thu. Sept 9:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



**Fri. Sept 10:** 9:00am Lectio Divina/Bible Study (Rectory Dining)  
10:00am St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex Ave)  
3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
6:00pm Bible Seminar (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:30pm Street Ministry (Rectory Basement)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



**Sat. Sept 11:** 9:00am Bible Seminar (Church Basement)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)  
5:00pm CFC-SFL (Seminar Room)  
7:00pm CFC (Church Basement)  
7:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

**Sun. Sept 12:** 9:00am Bible Seminar (Church Basement)  
12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
6:30pm Sr YM (School Gym)

## 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

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**

Wednesday 6:00pm

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL**

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 / Sunday 6:30pm (*Youth Mass Bible Study*)

**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

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**YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)** E-mail: [stmarys\\_ym@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarys_ym@yahoo.com)

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**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Mondays to Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm

**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**

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