



## ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Pastor's Corner

#### CAN GOD HATE?

We are told in today's first reading that God was very angry about the behaviour of His people. Moses interceded for them and the Lord changed His mind and forgave them. Have you ever been challenged by unbelievers about that? People who call themselves philosophers will dismiss the Bible on the grounds that God cannot change His mind, that He cannot have any feelings, that He cannot become angry and repent after that.

The Bible is right. But it does not express itself in philosophical terms. In fact today's first reading was written before the first Greek philosophers. It could not use concepts that were not formed in those days.

We know God is love. "Because God loves, He can hate anything that is going to destroy, harm, lessen, or decrease that love. It is out of love that we also become angry, which can lead to hate." (Mother Nadine)

Suppose you have a three year old child who is very jealous of your newborn baby and topples down his bed, risking serious injuries. You are very angry at what your older child has done. You will hate what he did, but you will not hate him! Once you have regained control of yourself, you will realize that this older child needs a lot of love. But your anger was useful because it gave you the strength to do something quickly to save your newborn baby. Is God like that? Yes and no. We are in His image and likeness (see Gen 1:27). All our emotions are God given gifts. The original sin has perverted the way we can use them, but it did not create a new human nature with a new emotion called anger, an emotion that would be intrinsically bad, by itself.

So can God feel anger and hate? Can He have any emotion at all? Yes, He can feel, but not in the same human way as we feel. Since we have feelings and since we are created in His image, there must be something in God that corresponds to these feelings, but in a divine way. Also, we must say that God can hate the sins, but not the sinner.

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You can hate what your child is doing, but you don't want to hate your child. You hate what your child is doing to your baby because you love your baby as much as you love the elder. So God hates any behaviour that lessens or destroys love in human beings.

"We see God's anger arise from His zeal, His tremendous love for souls, for goodness, for what is right and for whatever glorifies the Father." (Mother Nadine)

Jesus gave us several examples of the virtuous anger, in a controlled way. But can God change His mind? The Gospel tells us that He seeks the sinner relentlessly. In the first reading, Moses seems to talk God out of His wrath in order to change God's mind. Not really. It is God who inspires Moses to intercede for His people, based on His promises to the people. "Moses appealed to what is the most godly in God." (Cardinal Balthasar)

"If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself. (2 Timothy 2:13)

*God Bless you, Fr. Pierre*

### 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. We 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.



### PARISH NEWS

#### Jr. YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 6-8) – BACK TO NARNIA

We are starting the new school year and we have a whole new program that'll be tons of fun. Our first event is this Monday, Sept 13 at 6:30pm in the church basement. Come and join us to find out if you belong in Narnia with Lucy, Peter, Susan and Edmund..



#### NEW SCHEDULE FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

Starting in September, there will be a Jr. Youth Ministry event every Monday from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the church basement. The Sr. Youth Ministry will move to Sundays and will meet for a Sr. YM event on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 3:00pm in the church basement and will join young adults for a Bible Study (Lectio Divina) on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 6:30pm, again in the church basement.

#### P.R.E.P. (CATECHISM) REGISTRATION

For those who have not enrolled their children in PREP classes yet, we will continue to receive registrations until the end of September. Please drop by the school office from **6:30pm-8pm** on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the month of September. Registration fee is \$90, and registration forms will be available in the school office. **WE WILL NOT ACCEPT REGISTRATIONS BEYOND SEPT. 30, 2010.**

#### P.R.E.P. 2010-2011 BEGINS

This is a friendly reminder that a new year of PREP (catechism) classes will begin on **Sept. 14 (Tuesday option)** or **Sept. 15 (Wednesday option)** from 6:30pm-8pm in the school!



#### 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

## PARISH NEWS

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

Join us Friday, Sept 24, 7-9:30pm for a night of fun, prizes and trivia with family and friends! \$5.00/person includes admission and snacks. Register by Sept 17 to enjoy Early Bird Registration for a group of 6 at \$25/group. The Top Team can 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.

### **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.

## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### **A COURSE IN THEOLOGY OF THE BODY**

Come and discover God's plan for life and learn about the revolutionary teaching of John Paul II. The 11-week course begins Sept. 16 at St. Jude's school, 2953 E. 15th Street, Vancouver, from 7-9:15 pm Cost: \$40 per person which includes the text *Man and Woman He Created Them—A Theology of the Body*. Instructor: Fr. Alan Boisclair. To register please call Respect Life Office at 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.



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sun. Sept 12:** 9:00am Bible Seminar (Church Basement)  
12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
2:00pm Handmaids (Rectory Basement)  
6:30pm Sr YM (School Gym)

**Mon. Sept 13:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm Jr YM (Church Basement)

**Tue. Sept 14:** 6:30pm Baptism Prep (Church)  
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

**Wed. Sept 15:** 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 16:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm Pastoral Council (Rectory Dining)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



**Fri. Sept 17** 9:00am Lectio Divina/Bible Study (Rectory Dining)  
3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:00pm CCO (Church Basement)  
7:30pm YM Parent Meeting (School Seminar)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



**Sat. Sept 18:** 12:45pm Bible Study (Church Basement)  
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
5:00pm CFC-SFL (Seminar Room)  
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)  
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)  
7:30pm ARC Charismatic Renewal (Church)

## 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)

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: [www.saintmarysyoung.com](http://www.saintmarysyoung.com)

**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Principal: Ms Brenda Krivuzoff Website: [www.stmary.bc.ca](http://www.stmary.bc.ca)

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