



## ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Pastor's Corner

## DID HE ABANDON US?

Jesus rising up out of sight into heaven. Some of the disciples present must have felt abandoned. It is written that some doubted. As I wrote this, another scene came to my mind. The disciples are in the Sea of Tiberius. Jesus is sleeping at the helm of the boat. A big storm rises. The boat is about to sink. They wake Him up, "Jesus, do something." And Jesus calms the sea, "Why were you afraid, men of little faith?"

Jesus going up into heaven doesn't mean that Jesus cannot reach to us or care about us anymore. On the contrary, He has ascended and "taken His seat at the right hand of God." From that vantage point, He can guide and govern the Church; He can guide and govern us, with the power of heaven, that is the very power of God the Father. From there He can give us the power, the Holy Spirit, to be His collaborators. This will be the Pentecost. He has to go **up**, in order to send **down** the Holy Spirit. Then He will remind us not to look up to heaven hopelessly, but to get to work. We will receive power from on high to fulfill His commands and continue His work on earth. We are not abandoned. We have a King who gives us His marching orders and feeds us with His life.

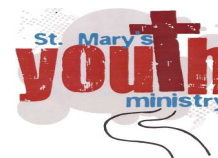
All this reminds me of my own father's passing away. I did not feel abandoned. On the contrary, I knew that I had a caring intercessor up there in heaven. And his character had passed on into me. Remembering stories about him helped me bring back his guidance and strength. How much more this is true from Christ, our Intercessor who continually sends guidance and power!

*God Bless you, Fr. Pierre*

## PARISH NEWS

### SPARK (grades 6-8) – SPARK DAY OFF

There will be no Jr. YM event on Monday, May 21st. Our regular events will resume on Monday, May 28th. See you then!



### FLAME (grades 8-12) – FLAME TIME



Come one, come all. It's FLAME time again and we are ready for another event filled with faith, fun and fellowship. Get ready for the games, open your heart to go deeper in your faith and step out your comfort zone to make some new friends. What's the event all about?

Well you'll just have to come and see for yourself. Join Sr. Youth Ministry this Sunday (May 20) at 6:30pm in the church basement for a night of faith, fun and fellowship.

### YOUTH MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP

We know that going to school is expensive, especially if you are in a private school. But not to worry, Youth Ministry is here to help. One youth from SPARK (Jr. Youth Ministry) and one youth from FLAME (Sr. Youth Ministry) will receive a Youth Ministry Scholarship to help them defray the cost of their education. Scholarship Application Forms are available on the Youth Ministry website ([www.marysyoung.com/forms](http://www.marysyoung.com/forms)). The criteria will be based on the youth's attendance, positive participation and development.



### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OPENINGS

We have openings for the Sept 2012 school year for grades 2, 5 and 7. Please contact the school office for further information.



### PROJECT ADVANCE 2012

Project Advance Committee members and volunteers are available until the end of June to collect returned pledges and register new donors in the foyer after Mass. Participation from all parishioners is important and one of key factors in making this a successful campaign, no gift is too small. You can also send your gift through online at [www.rcav.org](http://www.rcav.org) simply complete your personal information, method of payment, amount and the parish name. Thank you for your generous support!

## PARISH NEWS

### YOUNG ADULT GROUP (ages 18-35) – PURPOSE IN LIFE



We are all called for a specific purpose in life and we can only be truly fulfilled when we discern that call and follow it. Madonna House will help us in finding out how to discern that call (our vocation). Join the Young Adult Group next Saturday (May 26) at 6:30pm in the church basement for a life changing event with speakers, adoration, reflections and then going out to grab a bite to eat. It'll be a great night so make sure to mark your calendars, cancel any other plans you might have and join us. You know you want to...

### NEW PARISH CENTRE

We are very blessed to be part of an active and growing parish community. With close to 50 different ministries, our parish now needs a new parish centre to accommodate our needs. This is a big project and we are forming a Building Committee that will be in charge of this exciting undertaking. If you have expertise and willingness that you would like to contribute by being part of the committee, please send a brief summary or your qualifications to the parish office "Attn: Building Committee".



### PREP REGISTRATION FORMS

The Parish Religious Education Programme (also known as PREP) offers religious instruction for children who attend public schools. The next PREP ministry year will start **September 11, 2012**. Registration forms are now available in the Church foyer on the bulletin board. Please fill out the forms and return them with your payment to the school office on one of the posted registration dates. Please **do not** return the registration forms to the parish office in the rectory—they will not be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.

### SHROUD OF TURIN DISCUSSION

Our recent Man of the Shroud exhibition was a great success. For all who might have questions or seek further information on the Shroud of Turin, a follow-up discussion is planned for Sunday June 3rd at 3pm in the Church basement. All are welcome.

## PARISH NEWS

### WEEKDAY MORNING MASS

Please note this coming week, there will be no 8am Mass on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. There will be Mass in the evening at 7pm as usual. Fr. Pierre will join the priests of the diocese for the annual retreat in Mission.

### PARISH EMAIL

Please note the parish email address has changed to:

**parish.smarv@rcav.org.** Please remove the old email address from your address books (*stmarys@telus.net*). Thank you for your cooperation.

### CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

This year, we will have a Eucharistic Procession on the streets around the Church on June 10th, Corpus Christi Sunday. We will start right after the 1pm Mass. All are welcome to participate in this event which will finish by 3:30pm. We also need volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up in the foyer after Mass.

### THE CATHOLIC FORUM

We invite you to explore the topic: "Devotion to Jesus as God and Man", on Tuesday June 5 at 7pm in St. Mary's Church. The guest presenter is Father John Horgan. For further information, contact Dr. Paul Ungar at 604-588-5696 or Cathy Neugebauer by email at: [ve7cld@shaw.ca](mailto:ve7cld@shaw.ca).

### MIGRANT MINISTRY

Short Talk on: 'Improving your Resume' and Talk No. 7 on Values: 'Faithfulness to Our Family, Community & God' on Sunday, May 27 from 10:30am to 12:00pm in the School Gym.

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

### WALK / RUN FOR BIRTHRIGHT


Birthright is a non-profit, non-political, interdenominational emergency pregnancy service offering alternatives to abortion. Birthright Vancouver will be holding a Walk/Run fundraiser to support its ongoing services for pregnant women. The event is a walk or run to be held on May 26, around Queen Elizabeth Park. We cordially invite you and all other supporters to register and begin collecting donations on behalf of Birthright Vancouver. More information e-mail [birthrightvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:birthrightvancouver@gmail.com) ; visit: [www.birthright.org](http://www.birthright.org).


## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sun May 20:** 9:00am CFC-YFL (School Gym)  
6:30pm SR YM-FLAME (Church Basement)

**Mon May 21:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
**Tues May 22:** 7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)  
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

**Wed May 23:** **8:00am NO MORNING MASS**  
  
6:00pm Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Church)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
7:30pm Neo Catechumens (Church Basement)  
7:30pm CCO (School Gym)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

**Thur May 24:** **8:00am NO MORNING MASS**  
  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

**Fri May 25:** **8:00am NO MORNING MASS**  
  
3:00/6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

**Sat May 26:** 9:00am D & A (Rectory Basement)  
9:30am Catholicism Series (Church Basement)  
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)  
2:00pm CFC-YFL (School Gym)  
2:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)  
2:30pm Baptism (Church)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)  
6:30pm Young Adult Group (Church Basement)

**Sun May 27:** 10:00am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)  
2:00pm Handmaids (Rectory Dining Room)  
2:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)  
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)  
7:30pm Neo Catechumens (Church Basement)

## PARISH INFORMATION

**WEEKDAY MORNING MASS:** Monday - Friday: 8:00am  
Weekday Morning Rosary 7:00am / Weekday Morning Lauds 7:30am  
**WEEKDAY EVENING MASS:** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7pm followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:00pm  
**SATURDAY MASS:** Our Lady's Mass 8:30am  
**SUNDAY MASS:** 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: 8:30am

**FIRST FRIDAY:** Adoration throughout the day after morning mass  
**CONFESSION:**

Weekdays: After all Masses (except Thursday Evening Mass)

Saturday: 9:00am to 9:30am, 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.

**BAPTISM:** To register your child, see website or contact Parish Office.

**MARRIAGE:**

One of the couple must be Catholic and a parishioner of St. Mary's Parish 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 / Saturday 9:45am

**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 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Coordinator: Stefan Oberg E-mail: [stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca](mailto:stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca)

**MIGRANT MINISTRY:** (604) 355-9611 [stmarysmigrant@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarysmigrant@yahoo.com)

**YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)** E-mail: [arda@marysyouth.com](mailto:arda@marysyouth.com)

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**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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Fr. Gabriel de Chadarevian, O.P.

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Vesna Jankovic

**Office Manager**

Ossie Fernandes

**Youth Ministry/Volunteer Coordinator** Arda Akoglu