

COMMUNITY NEWS

PRO-LIFE MASS & VIGIL

Sat. May 6 -- 9:00am - a St. Francis Xavier Parish (428 Great Northern Way, Vancouver). Mass will be followed by a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents.

AGAPE STREET MINISTRY COMMISSIONING

Sun. May 7 -- 9:30am - at Sacred Heart Church in Vancouver. All are welcome! Come and celebrate with us. Followed by Potluck lunch at Ukrainian Cultural Centre (805 East Pender St). Bring something to share. Great Sharing & Praise Songs with Colleen & Scott. For info call 604-215-4115.

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY-4TH ANNUAL ALUMNAE SPRING REUNION

Thu. May 11 -- 6:00pm - 7:30pm - at Vancouver Lawn Tennis and Badminton Club (1630 West 15th Ave). Reminisce, reunite and catch up with old friends! No host bar. RSVP by May 8 to 604-738-9016 or to alumnae@lfabc.org.

MEET JESUS FACE TO FACE

Fri. May 12 - Sun. May 14 - All Catholic young adults (19-35) are invited to join Father Scott for a weekend at Rosemary Heights, to enhance your faith. Includes inspiring talks, reflection, praise & worship, mass and adoration. For more information, email catholicadults@yahoo.com or call 604-641-0872.

VOCATION LIVE IN

Fri. May 12 - Sun. May 14 -- For boys or young men who are interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life. This weekend event will take place at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more info call 604-826-8715.

HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR SONS, DAUGHTERS AND LOVED ONES

Have your loved ones stopped practicing the faith? Do they no longer believe in God? Then this seminar is for you! If you missed this seminar here at St. Mary's on Sat. Apr 22, then you have another opportunity. It will be offered from 10:00am - 4:15pm at **St. Luke's Parish in Maple Ridge on May 13**. Contact Vernon to pre-register for materials (seminarofhope@hotmail.com or 604-929-4511).

MAYFAIR AT VANCOUVER COLLEGE

Sat. May 13 -- 10:00am - 4:00pm -- Come & enjoy the annual Vancouver College Mayfair. Mayfair is an old fashioned Spring Carnival complete with a food fair, games, rides, bingo, flea market, merchandise tents, silent auction, plants & flowers and much more. We hope to see you, your family and guests there. You'll have lots of fun! Come to 5400 Cartier Street (1 block east of Granville & 39th). Info: Francis Yuen at 604-436-6745.

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HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL CONCERT

Sun. May 14 -- 7:00pm - "Beautiful Songs of Mary from Around the World..." Songs will be sung in Italian, Hungarian, Latin, Spanish, German and English. Some texts by Vancouver Poet Ilonka Lelkes (2 new works will be introduced). Classical Sacred soloist: Adeleina (contralto). There will also be a tribute to Mother Teresa. Admission is by donation (free Ave Maria CD given for donations and partial proceeds will be given to the Sopron Children's Hospital).

REDEEMER PACIFIC COLLEGE DINNER/AUCTION

Sat. May 13 -- 6:30pm - Trinity Western University in Langley. Keynote speaker is Senator Gerry St. Germain. The Sweeney Family Singers will provide the entertainment. Info and tickets are available at info@rpcollege.bc.ca or 604-888-7727.

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES Mon - Fri 8:00 am; Saturday 12:00 pm
Saturday 5:00 pm (**Anticipation**)
Sunday 8:15 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION Saturday 11:15-11:45 am; 4:15-4:45 pm;
Sunday 11:30-12:00 pm

(An appointment for reconciliation may be made at any time)

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

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Thursday - 7:55 am; Saturday - 11:55 am

FIRST FRIDAY

Mass & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am and 7:30 pm
Benediction 11:45 am and 9:00 pm

BAPTISM To register your child, contact 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.

PREP Religious education program for children attending public schools.
Coordinator: Eli Bautista Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30-8:00 pm

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leaders: Jonquil Francis and Eileen Carlson
Contact: smyac_team@yahoo.ca Website: www.stmarys-smyac.com

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 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Pastor: Fr. Guy Rivard, OP
Assistant Pastor: Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP
Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon/Ossie Fernandes
Custodian: Zdravko Jankovic



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3rd Sunday of Easter

April 30th, 2006

Dear Parishioners:

"Peace be with you." These beautiful words are in the mouth of Jesus every time he appears to the disciples after his resurrection. It's as though, among all the things he needs to tell them, it is the most important. Again and again, "peace be with you."

Jesus is right. These are the most important words he could have said to his disciples after he rose from the dead. It is, or at least it should be, the natural consequence of faith in the resurrection of Jesus. We should, in principle, be living in peace all the time. Without fear. Because the resurrection of Jesus means precisely that, although many many things can go wrong, we have nothing to fear, anymore. I repeat myself, but so does Jesus, so I guess it's okay: everything either is, or is going to be – just fine.

The God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob has "glorified his servant Jesus," by raising him from the dead. It was God's way of putting a stamp of approval on this man and on everything he stood for; God's way of saying, not just to three disciples in secret, as at the Transfiguration, but to the whole world: "This is my Servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; **Listen to him!**"

Because he rose, we know that everything he said was true: the promise of forgiveness for sins, the fact that the hidden God is mercy, understanding, love, common sense. Because Jesus was raised by the Father, we know that the Beatitudes he proclaimed are true; that those who suffer innocently will be consoled. We know that those who believe shall live. We know that all that is ugly in life will pass, and that there will remain only God and us and those we love, living in love, forever.

Peace, indeed, be with us, in this Easter season, and always!

God bless, *Fr. Guy*



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Apr 30:	2:00pm	Jr. YM Open Gym (School Gym)
	3:00pm	Baptisms (Church)
Mon. May 01:	6:00pm	Bingo (School Gym)
	7:00pm	Contemplative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
Tue. May 02:	12:00pm	Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
	6:00pm	Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
	6:30pm	PREP (School and Rectory Basement)
	7:15pm	Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
	7:30pm	Charismatic Core (Church Basement)
	7:30pm	Young Adults Bible (Rectory Library)
	7:30pm	Healing Ministry (Church Basement)
Wed. May 03:	10:45am	Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex Ave)
	6:00pm	Girl Guides (School Gym)
	6:30pm	PREP (School)
	6:30pm	Marriage Prep (Church Basement)
	7:00pm	CWL Executive (Rectory Basement)
	7:30pm	SMYAC Leaders (Rectory Dining)
Thu. May 04:	7:00pm	Ballroom Dancing (School Gym)
	7:15pm	Hands of Veronica (Rectory Basement)
	7:30pm	Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
Fri. May 05: (First Friday)	3:00pm	Divine Mercy (Church)
	6:00pm	Jr. Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
	6:45pm	Line Dancing (School Gym)
	7:30pm	Mass/Exposition (Church)
	9:00pm	Benediction (Church)
Sat. May 06:	8:00am	Tai Chi (Church Basement)
	12:30pm	Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
	2:00pm	Sr. YM Event (Rectory Basement)
	7:30pm	Couples for Christ (Church Basement)
Sun. May 07:	2:00pm	Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
	3:00pm	Baptisms (Church)
	4:00pm	Liturgy Committee (Rectory Dining)

PARISH MINISTRIES AND OUTREACH CORNER

Today we bring you information about another of Saint Mary's Ministry Groups. Each month we feature one of our Groups by way of a bulletin insert. Today's submission is from Claire Kietabl from the Hands of Veronica. Please read this article to find out a little bit about this Ministry, what they do, and how you can become involved.

PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

2005 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Today is the last day to pick up income tax receipts from the foyer. After today, they will be in the parish office.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2006 -- UPDATE

It is very exciting to start off the 26th Annual Project Advance. Again, our committee hopes to make this event as fun and successful as previous years. Committee members and volunteers will be available in the church foyer to collect all returned pledges, after all Masses until the end of June. A key factor in making this a successful campaign is to have a high percentage of parishioners making pledges -- no matter what the amount is. Therefore we especially welcome new donors for this cause.

Thank you in advance for your generous support in making this year even more successful than past years. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact committee members Teresa Lung (604-437-7745) or Gabriel Pillay (604-836-2926).

JUNIOR YOUTH MINISTRY OPEN GYM

Sun. Apr 30 -- 2:00pm -- We are inviting all Grade 6 - 9 students to our monthly Open Gym to experience another afternoon of fun and exercise. Meet us in the School Gym.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS HEALING MINISTRY

Tue. May 2 -- 7:30pm - 10:00pm -- at St. Mary's Church Basement. Bro. Romualdo Salvacion, Servant Leader of the Mary Help of Christian Healing and Deliverance Ministry will give a talk entitled God's Love, God's Gift, God's Grace. This seminar will speak on God's unconditional love for each of us. Witness God's blessing touching each heart through the gifts of healing and counsel with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Admission is free -- come and learn how many lives have been touched, re-awakened and deepened in spirituality and have returned to the sacraments of the Church. For more information on this ministry go to www.soulmissionlive.com.

YOUNG ADULTS FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE NIGHT

Fri. May 5 -- 9:00pm -- (after the Rosary). St Mary's Young Adult Community would like to invite all young adults aged 18 - 39 to its next spiritual activity -- Coffee Night. This will take place in the Rectory Basement. Join them for coffee, hot chocolate and other refreshments as they engage in an enlightening discussion regarding our faith! Hope to see you there.



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPRING DINNER DANCE

Sat. May 13 -- Tickets are now available to parishioners at \$20.00 per ticket. For tickets, call Richard at 604-439-9229 or Manny at 604-430-3647.



COME CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE - RENEW YOUR VOWS

Sat. May 13 -- at the 5:00pm Mass. All married couples are invited to come renew your marriage vows.

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE (PEC)

St. Mary's current PEC is calling for nominations for the 2006 PEC. For nomination forms or for more information, please contact either of the following members of the nomination committee -- Mr. Ed Tee at 604-436-4078 or Mr. Minh Doan at 604-433-4475. Completed forms must be received by either Mr. Tee or Mr. Doan by **Thursday May 18, 2006**. Election of members is scheduled to take place on **Sunday May 28, 2006**.

THANK YOU FROM RESPECT LIFE

Our Respect Life group would like to thank everyone who donated items, and who worked so hard to make our annual yard sale a real success. Proceeds will be used to assist women who are suffering as a result of abortion.

ST MARY'S STREET MINISTRY "PRAYER-RAISING"

We are looking for generous individuals to pray daily for our street women. We have prepared prayer cards with names of different women on them. Each prayer card has names of 2 women we have met on the street. If you would like to help us through prayers, please take a prayer card and sign our prayer partner list in the foyer. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

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ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH DAY 2006: ILLUMINATE

Fri. May 5 & Sat. May 6 -- Youth in Grades 8 - 12 are invited to join this event. It will be held at Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary. Join hundreds of teens for an awesome weekend of faith, fellowship and fun! Registrations can only be done through the Parish Youth Ministry Office. For more information, or to register, please email stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

WCCCLC 10TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING REUNION DINNER

Western Canada Chinese Catholic Living Camp invites you to the "10th Anniversary Fundraising Reunion Dinner" on **Sat. May 6** in St. Paul's Parish school gym, Richmond. Buffet dinner starts at 7pm and will be followed by activities including entertainment, silent auction and raffles. Cost: \$22/person, under 5:free. Info: Joseph Lee (839-5193)/Patricia Ma trishama@yahoo.com.