



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor's
Corner

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May 21st, 2006



"My house shall be called a house of prayer." Is 56,7

Dear parishioners, Here is the last installment of our suggestions for enhancing the quality of our Sunday Eucharistic celebrations:

7. It is tempting to think that when the doors between the foyer and the church are closed, the sounds produced in the foyer don't penetrate into the church. Mistake! If anything, the foyer amplifies the sounds produced in it. We hear everything in the church, whether the doors are closed or not. If for some reason you happen to be in the foyer during mass, please consider that you are in fact, in the church, and maintain, as much as possible, the same silence that you would maintain if you were in a pew.

8. Lastly, dress code. This is a delicate issue! Standards for what is acceptable attire in church vary widely from person to person. There is no way we can be specific in this area. We ask only that you have a concern for modesty – not only your own standard of modesty, but modesty as other people in the church might define it. It is a matter of striving to avoid giving offense to others, even though one's own conscience is clear. It is the Christian thing to do. (1 Co 10,23-11,1)

To conclude: -The list of suggestions we have made may seem long, but if you re-read it, you will see that with the exception of the last item on the list, (i.e., dress code), we are asking no more than what are standard expectations in any cinema or theatre. It all seems very fair.

-Behind every request and suggestion we have made here, there is a single reason: consideration for fellow Christians, who have come to Church with you on a Sunday with the legitimate hope of having an experience of prayer.

-Having everyone feel comfortable in our church remains our prime concern. "As much as is reasonably possible" are the key words, repeated often in the suggestions we have submitted to your consideration. There will be an occasional reminder of the suggestions we have made, but little more.

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We appeal to your understanding and appreciation of the reasons for which we have made these requests. We hope that they will meet with your approval, thanks to widely shared good will, consideration for others, and concern for the common good.

Thank you for your attention and patience as we have walked with you through these suggestions over the past three weeks. Thank you for your help in enhancing the prayerful quality of our celebrations at St. Mary's.

God bless, Fr. Guy



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. May 21:	2:00pm	St. Michaels's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Ave)
Mon. May 22:	VICTORIA DAY-- OFFICE CLOSED	
	6:00pm	Bingo (School Gym)
Tue. May 23:	12:00pm	Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
	6:00pm	Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
	6:30pm	PREP (School and Rectory Basement)
	7:00pm	Bingo Committee (Church Basement)
	7:15pm	Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
	7:30pm	Young Adults Bible (Rectory Library)
Wed. May 24:	6:00pm	Girl Guides (School Gym)
	6:30pm	PREP (School)
	7:00pm	Prison Outreach (Rectory Basement)
	7:30pm	St. Vincent de Paul (Rectory Dining)
Thu. May 25:	7:00pm	Ballroom Dancing (School Gym)
	7:30pm	Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
Fri. May 26:	3:00pm	Divine Mercy (Church)
	6:00pm	Jr. Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
	6:45pm	Line Dancing- <u>last session</u> (School Gym)
	7:00pm	Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
	7:30pm	K of C Council (Church Basement)
Sat. May 27:	8:00am	Tai Chi (Church Basement)
	12:30pm	Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
Sun. May 28:	10:15am	Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange)
	3:00pm	Baptisms

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Family of the late Sheila McGill would like to extend a sincere thank you to all at Saint Mary's Parish who supported her during her illness through friendship and prayers. Thank you also for attending her funeral services, sending cards and flowers, and offering masses in her memory. A special thank you to Fathers Guy, Mark and Pierre, and the Charismatic Prayer Group. God bless you all.



PARISH / COMMUNITY EVENTS

PREP ANNOUNCEMENT

St. Mary's PREP Registration Forms for school year 2006-2007 are now available. "Early Bird" discount applies for registrations received on/or before May 31st. Those who are interested in enrolling their children for the coming school year can pick up their forms from the Church foyer. Slots are available on a first-come first-served basis.

SMYAC NOMINATIONS

Attention Young Adults ages 18-39: St. Mary's Young Adult Leadership Team would like to encourage you to nominate one/more young adults to be elected to the leadership team 2006-2007. Nomination forms are available in the foyer. Please complete with the signed consent of the nominee. Completed nomination forms must be sealed and labeled "SMYAC NOMINATIONS" and dropped off in the SMYAC foyer box or in the rectory mailbox by JUNE 5TH, 2006. For further information please email Jonquil at smyac_team@yahoo.ca

PILGRIMAGE TO THE GROTTA IN MISSION

The Knights of Columbus are organizing a pilgrimage to the Grotto in Mission on **Sat. May 27th**. The bus will leave from St. Mary's parking lot at 10.00am and return at 5.00pm. Bus seats are limited and may be reserved at \$5 per person on a first-come first-served basis. A signup sheet is available in the foyer.

LINE DANCING SCHEDULE

Fri. May 26th will be the last session for this season. Line Dancing will resume in September.

RETREAT ON THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

BY FR. PIERRE LEBLOND O.P.

Only 3 places are still available for the silent retreat at Westminster Abbey in Mission. **Starts Fri. Jun 30th at 7.30pm and ends Sun. Jul. 2nd.** after lunch. 5 Talks on the Love of the Heart of Jesus and on the Pope's Encyclical "God is Love". For registration call Remi Vasquez 604-469-9307. You can hitch a ride with Fr. Pierre to and from Mission.

NOTRE DAME 4th ANNUAL 12HOUR RELAY WITH FLEA MARKET

Sun. Jun. 11 starting at 8.00am. Join us to help raise funds for the new school at ND. Enjoy exercise, good food, entertainment, games and some good deals. Be a runner/walker and/or buy a table (\$30) to sell off your treasures. Call the ND office for more info: 604-255-5454.



COMMUNITY NEWS

FOCUS ON LIFE GALA DINNER

Tue. May 23 at the Hyatt Regency, 665 Burrard St., Vancouver, featuring Dr. Alveda King, daughter of slain civil rights leader, Rev. A.D. King - niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.. St. Mary's Parishioners please contact Gert Marquis 604-433-6497.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

May 26 - 28. Helping Engaged Couples build strong marriages. Register at www.ceewest.com or call 604-451-3300. Other dates June 23 - 25 and July 21 - 23.

NORTH SHORE CATHOLIC SEMINAR SERIES:

SELF-ABANDONMENT TO DIVINE PROVIDENCE

Fri. May 26, 7:30pm - 9:30pm at Christ the Redeemer Parish, (599 Keith Road, West Van.), presented by Father James Hughes. What does self-abandonment to divine providence really do? Can it really change your perspective of our life that is sometimes narrow or even jaded? There is nothing easier, more ordinary, more available to all than saintliness. \$5 per person, refreshments provided. Contact 778.839.4884 or www.nscdg.ca

AGAPE STREET MINISTRY - DAY OF REFLECTION

Sat. May 27 Street Ministry & the Love of the Heart of Jesus by Fr. Pierre Leblond, after 9.30am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Vcr. Reflection at 887 Keefer Street until 1pm. Prayers 1:30-2:30pm. Bring a bible & a bag lunch. All are welcome. For info. Call 604-215-4115.

PENTECOST VIGIL 2006-SAT.JUN.3, 7-9pm English, 9pm Spanish

Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 555 South Slocan St&Pender.

STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE JUNE 8-9, 2006

"Stewardship: Effective use of time, talent, & treasure beyond what we believe we can do or give - so we can grow, individually and collectively, as God desires." Space is limited for the Stewardship Conference at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond. Pastors and parish delegates should register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment at www.rcav.org/stewardship, or call Pat Deppiessé 604-683-0281 ext.238 for more info.

CENACLE QUIET RETREAT

Jun. 8 - 12 at Rivendell on Bowen Island. Presented by Sr. Kathy Scott and Sr. Monica Kaufer. Come and refresh your body and soul with morning and evening prayer, scripture talks, prayer, music, silence, reading, walks, rest, healthy meals, and magnificent views of the sea and mountains. Private room and bath. Pre-registration required. Please call 604-266-1611.

COMMUNITY NEWS



With great joy the Archdiocese of Vancouver announces and cordially invites you to the Ordinations of:

Deacon Anthony Ho

Tuesday, May 30, 2006 at 7:00 pm at St. Anthony of Padua Parish (1345 W.73rd Ave., Vancouver)

Deacon Nicolas Tumbelaka

Thursday, June 1, 2006 at 7:00 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral (646 Richards St., Vancouver)

Deacon Alessandro Lovato

Friday, June 16, 2006 at 7:30 pm at Holy Cross Parish (1450 Delta Ave., Burnaby)

Deacon Justin Huang

Sunday, June 18, 2006 at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's Parish (8251 St. Alban's Rd., Richmond)

Deacon Henry Yeung

Friday, June 23, 2006 at 7:30 pm at Canadian Martyrs Parish, (5771 Granville Ave., Richmond)

To the Order of Priests through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by His Grace, Most Reverend Raymond Roussin, SM, Archbishop of Vancouver.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MOTHER TERESA

Father Sebastian Vazhakala, M.C., founder and Spiritual Director of the Lay Missionaries of Charity, will hold the retreat In the Footsteps of Mother Teresa at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, **Jun. 1- 4.** For more info please call 604.301.0655.



SPECIAL MASS AND PRAYERS IN HONOUR OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

First Friday, Jun. 2 at 7pm The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Rosary, and Consecration to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts. Please bring family and friends, all are welcome! Refreshments to follow in Holy Rosary Hall. Donations of finger food appreciated. For information regarding Birthright: Please call 604-687-7223.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WONDERING ABOUT THE DA VINCI CODE?

Although a work of fiction, this novel and movie make sweeping claims about the historical and artistic facts behind the story. The US Bishops' Conference has sponsored an excellent website with much helpful information to set the record straight: www.jesusdecoded.com.

SEPERATION, DIVORCE, AND ANNULMENT SEMINAR

Presented by Father Bruce McAllister of the Marriage Tribunal, followed by Q&A period. Saturday, June 3, 2006 from 10:00 am to noon at St Patrick's Parish (2881 Main St., Vancouver). \$10.00 fee. Contact Catholic Family Services for info or to register (604.443.3220). All are welcome.

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.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

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