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Pastor's  
Corner

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**Beware of C.I.A.**



Dear Parishioners,

The C.I.A. is after you! Not the Central Intelligence of America, but the C.I.A. of the Enemy. Condemnation. Intimidation. Accusation. C.I.A. These are the favorite tools of the Enemy. The Enemy uses them to isolate each one of us from one another, from God and from our true self. The Enemy uses these tools to put ourselves up against one another and against God and destroy the Power of God's Promises in us. "Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid. Peace I leave with you; my Peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives". (From today's scripture in John 14).

Let us look at the "C" of C.I.A.: Condemnation. Suppose you go to confession regularly, but you don't feel forgiven. The devil, using your own psychological "problems" as a leverage, will suggest to you that you are not really forgiven, "How dare you think you are forgiven! Don't you feel the guilt?" Don't dialogue with him. Pretty soon, you would start acting like someone condemned by God. Rather, act and speak as a forgiven person!

Now let us look at the "A" of C.I.A.: Accusation. When I was a kid, my mother told me over and over again, "What are we going to do with you?" Sometimes it was said in an affectionate way. But when she was angry, these words were like a dagger in my heart, and for a while, I would start acting like a useless, hopeless person. Try to remember some of these words that a teacher or a relative, or a "friend" used as a dagger against you. "You will never amount to anything." "You are a loser." "Why can't you be like your brother." Cast these words out of your life. Let the peace of Christ displace them. "Do not be afraid! You are my beloved in whom I find Joy."

The "I" of C.I.A. stands for Intimidation. The Enemy, using your own lack of self-esteem, or using the jealousy of others, will say, "How dare you think that God cares for you! Who are you? You are not Mother Theresa! You are not one of those "movers and shakers" who make a difference in God's plan. Why would God care about your little problems? (Contd.....)

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You are a sinner. How dare you pray for others! How dare you witness the Gospel! Shut up and hide!

All these words are lies. The Enemy is the Father of lies. Lie is his native tongue. "The peace that I give you is one that nobody can take away from you", says God. "Let ME be your source of security, your source of identity and your source of holiness."

God Bless You, Fr. Pierre



**PARISH NEWS**

**PROJECT ADVANCE 2007**

Committee members and volunteers will be available till the end of June to collect all returned pledges at the church foyer after each mass. We also welcome new donors; participation from all parishioners is most important and is one of the key factors in order to achieve our parish goal. We thank you in advance for your generous support in making this a successful campaign.

**PREP EARLY REGISTRATION (May 2007)**

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) Early Registration for Catechetical Year 2007-2008 is open until **May 31**. Slots are open from Grades 1 to 12 catechism classes. Register early and avail of the reduced fees. Pick up your registration forms from the Parish Office or Church foyer. A copy of Baptismal Certificate is REQUIRED from all students.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS "LET US ACT" SUNDAY**

**THE 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.** We ask all volunteers and group members to wear their name tags listing their involvement in the parish ministries. If you have not yet received a name tag please contact your ministry coordinator.

**YM ANNUAL SOFTBALL**

Be a part of the biggest Youth Ministry sporting event of the year, on **Sat. May 19, from 11am to 4pm!** It's YM's Annual Softball!!! This event is **FREE** but PERMISSION FORMS ARE REQUIRED and are available at the YM Bulletin Board or from the YM Website. This event is open to all youth in Grades 6 to 12.



**YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18+) MONTHLY MULTICULTURAL SOCIAL**

**Sat. May 26, 7pm.** House of Dosa, 1391 Kingsway, Vancouver. Come and experience a taste (or two) from the Indian sub-continent. If you're planning to come, please contact [smyac\\_team@yahoo.ca](mailto:smyac_team@yahoo.ca) by Thu. May 24. Reservation is recommended by the restaurant on a Sat. night!

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**MAY - MONTH OF MARY**

*Pray the Rosary Daily*

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR MOMS!**



**Sun. May 13: CWL MOTHER'S DAY Buffet Lunch**

11:00am - 2:00pm (Church Basement)  
 2:00pm Couples for Christ (School Gym)

**Mon. May 14:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

6:30pm YM Leaders (Rectory Library)  
 7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)  
 7:00pm Visioning Committee (Rectory Dining)

**Tue. May 15:** 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)

6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)  
 6:30pm Teen PREP (Rectory Basement)  
 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
 7:00pm PEC Meeting (Rectory Library)

**Wed. May 16:** 5:00pm L'Arche Mass (7401 Sussex Avenue)

6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)  
 6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)  
 7:00pm RCIA (Rectory Dining)  
 7:00pm CWL Meeting (Rectory Basement)  
 9:30pm Benediction (Church)

**Thu. May 17:** 7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Rectory Dining)

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)

**Fri. May 18:** 3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)

6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)  
 7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
 9:30pm Benediction (Church)

**Sat. May 19:** 9:30am K of C Pilgrimage (See announcement)

10:00am Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
 11:00am YM Annual Softball(See announcement)  
 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)  
 7:00pm Christian Life Program (Church Bsmt)

**Sun. May 20:** "LET US ACT" SUNDAY (Wear Your Name Tags)

2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Ave)

*PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARDS IN THE FOYER FOR MORE COMMUNITY NEWS.*

**PLEASE SWITCH OFF YOUR CELL PHONES AND DISCARD YOUR CHEWING GUM IN THE FOYER BINS BEFORE YOU ENTER THE CHURCH.**

**THANK YOU.**

## PARISH NEWS

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

**On Sat. May 19, 9:30am - 3:00pm** the Knights of Columbus invite you to their annual pilgrimage to the Grotto of Our Lady, at Heritage park in Mission. The Holy Rosary will be prayed followed by the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. All are welcome. There are 25 seats available on the bus and can be reserved on a first come first served basis, at \$5 per seat, payable in advance. We will be sharing a potluck lunch. Contact Rene 604-454-3679 or Manny 604-430-3647.



### “JUMPBALL” ST. MARY’S SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP

For a few weeks now, a small program called “Jumpball” has been going on in the school gym. “Jumpball” has done wonders for all 53 students from Gr. 3 to Gr. 7. It has done so much beyond learning the fundamentals of basketball. The students have displayed a unique wealth of unlimited creative talents, unrehearsed and natural abilities. They need your help to purchase their JERSEYS. The Jumpball Jersey is a recognition of their hard earned achievement. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Starting next weekend **Sat. May 19** and **Sun. May 20**, Sunday Masses, listen to what their hearts say.

### GETTING READY FOR KINDERGARTEN - WORKSHOP

**Thu. May 24, 6:45 pm at St. Mary School.**

St. Mary’s school is presenting a workshop for parents on learning opportunities at home that will better prepare them for school. Please don’t miss this opportunity to better prepare your child for Kindergarten. Elementary educators will offer activities and ideas that you can do at home that will be both enjoyable and important to your child’s learning. This workshop is for parents of children who have not yet started Kindergarten ages 3 – 5 years. If your child is beginning Kindergarten in September or still has a year or two to wait, this workshop is for you. Admission is free, but you must call to reserve a space. Call the school at 604-437-1312 or email [school@stmary.bc.ca](mailto:school@stmary.bc.ca)

### THE ST. MARY’S PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE (PEC)

Calling for nominations for the PEC for 2007. For nomination forms or more information please contact either of the following members of the nomination committee - Mr. Ed Tee at 604-436-4078, or Mrs. Michelle Eisner at 604-327-0827. Completed nomination forms must be received by one of the above nomination committee members by Thu. May 17. The election of members is scheduled to take place on **Sun. May 27.**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### LET THE FIRE FALL AGAIN!

A Pentecost Celebration at St. Mathew’s Parish - 16079, 88th Ave., Surrey at 10am on **Sat. May 26.** All are invited for an afternoon of lively praising and worship, procession of the Blessed Sacrament, celebration of a Charismatic Mass and personal testimonies of lives transformed by the Holy Spirit. Refreshments, finger food and fellowship after the services.



### NOTRE DAME’S 5TH ANNUAL FUND RUN

Formerly "The Relay" - **Jun. 10** - 10:00am start. Less time commitment. Everyone walks/runs 5km route together from ND, to the PNE, through the PNE grounds and back to ND for a BBQ - Pasta Party. Live entertainment, prizes, free kids activities, flea market, beer garden & great food. Register on line @ [www.ndrs.org](http://www.ndrs.org) or contact Lucia DeCotis through the school office 604-255-5454. All proceeds to the ND School Building Fund. Donations over \$20.00 will receive a tax receipt.

### CHRISTIAN OUTREACHES’S SUMMER MISSION PROJECT IMPACT!

Is coming to Vancouver. 60 university students and young adults will come to Vancouver from all over Canada to work and serve in our Archdiocese. Part of the mission is an opportunity for them to find summer employment during the time that they are here, from the beginning of May till mid-August. We would really appreciate your help. We are looking for all types of work: restaurants, office, nanny, landscaping etc. If you would be willing to hire Impacters for the summer or know of someone that would please let us know 604-338-1519 or [im-pact@cco.ca](mailto:impact@cco.ca). IMPACT! Vancouver is looking for donations of food on an on-going basis throughout the summer. We are looking for items such as: pasta, cereal, fruits and vegetables, granola bars, rice, canned items such as: fish, meat, beans, fruit, veggies, sauces, tomatoes, condiments, bread & various spreads, snack foods such as crackers, cookies, chips pudding, popcorn, drinks, juice etc. You can bring the donations to your parish and it will be picked up on a weekly basis or you can call 604-338-1519. Thanks for your help and if you have any questions you can reach us at 604-338-1519 or 604-715-9698.

### FIRST ANNUAL PRO-LIFE WALK ACROSS CANADA

Sponsored by “Crossroads”, a Pro-Life organization, which was started in 1995 as a direct response to Pope John Pauls II’s call to the youth of the world to, “not be afraid to go out into the streets and into public places to proclaim the Gospel of Life”. The walk will commence in Vancouver over the weekend of May 19-20 and end in Ottawa on Sat. Aug. 11. There will be 10 walkers from across Canada who will walk over 3200 miles in 12 weeks. Walkers ask for prayers and support. If you have any questions or need more information please contact Martha Nolan at 1-800-353-8817.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### VOCATIONS IN PROGRESS

“We invite single men and women to join us to **“LIGHT OUR WAY”**. This is the theme of the Catholic Single Men and Women retreats: **for men on Jun. 1 - 3** and **for women on Jun. 22 - 24** between the ages of 17-35. The retreat will be at Rosemary Heights (3690-152nd St., Surrey), and hosted by the Vocations Office. Come and discover the **Light** that lights our way. We will provide the retreatants with tools of discernment so that they may discover God’s call in their lives. Do not wait! Register now! Call Vocations Office at 604-443-3254 or email: [vocations@rcav.bc.ca](mailto:vocations@rcav.bc.ca)



## PARISH INFORMATION

**MASSES** Mon. - Fri. 8:00am; Sat. 12:00 pm  
Wed. & Fri. 6:30pm followed by Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament & Benediction at 9:30pm  
Saturday 5:00pm (**Anticipation**)  
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 7:00pm  
**RECONCILIATION** Saturday 11:15-11:45am; 4:15-4:45pm;  
Sunday 10:45-11:05am  
(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 - 8:00am; Saturday - 12:00pm

### FIRST FRIDAY Adoration Throughout the day after Masses

Masses: 8:00am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
6:30pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Benediction: 9:30pm

**BAPTISM** To register your child, contact the 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.

**RCIA** Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Contact the Parish Office.

**PREP** Religious education program for children attending public schools.

Coordinator: Eli Bautista Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm

### ST. MARY’S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leaders: Jonquil Francis and Eileen Carlson

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

Coordinator: Eli Bautista Website: [www.saintmarysyoung.com](http://www.saintmarysyoung.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 9:00am - 5:00pm

Pastor : Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP

Assistant Pastor : Fr. Mark Hoo, OP

Youth and PREP Coordinator : Eli Bautista

Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon / Ossie Fernandes