



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor's
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Sunday, June 17th, 2007



Dear Parishioners,

"If this Jesus were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him - that she is a sinner." (Luke 7:39). True righteousness, says St. Gregory the Great, is compassionate; whereas false righteousness is indignant. Jesus who is truly just, forgives the sinful woman, while the pharisee, known for his self-righteousness judges her as un-touchable.

"Charity and humility will allow us to see in the sins of others our own weak and helpless position, and will help our hearts go out to the sorrow of every sinner who repents, for we too would fall into sins as serious or more serious if God in his mercy did not stay by our side". (The Nararre Bible).




St. Augustine says, "There is no sin that one man commits, which another may not commit also, unless God guides him". Therefore, we ought to fall ever more deeply in love with our Lord, not only because he forgives us our sins, but also because he helps us by means of his grace not to commit them.

"To forgive is to set a prisoner free and to discover that the prisoner is ME." (Author unknown).



God bless, Fr. Pierre

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Jun. 17: HAPPY FATHER'S DAY DADS!!!!**
Knights of Columbus Father's Day Buttons
Carwash to benefit Project Advance
2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Ave)
- Mon. Jun. 18:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
- Tue. Jun. 19:** 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm PEC Meeting (Rectory Library)
7:30pm IMPACT - Faith Studies (Church Basement)
- Wed. Jun. 20:** 6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 6:00pm CWL Meeting (Location to be advised)
7:00pm IMPACT - Cornerstone (Church Basement)
9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Jun. 21:** 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. Jun. 22:** 3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)
  6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:00pm SMYAC Book Study (Rectory Library)
7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:30pm K of C Council (Church Basement)
9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Jun. 23:** 10:00am Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
12:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
1:00pm New Hospitality Team (Church Basement)
- Sun. Jun. 24:** 3:00pm Baptisms (Church)



Stewardship message:

"It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me," says St. Paul in today's second reading. For the authentic disciple of Jesus Christ, stewardship is not an option. The stewardship way of life always begins in a personal relationship with the risen Christ. Does the use of the time, talent, & treasure entrusted to you accurately reflect Christ living in you? Stewardship calls us to embrace simpler lifestyles and be like Christ.

PARISH NEWS

ST. MARY'S HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

If you are a Greeter, Usher or Volunteer at the Registration Desk, you are now a member of the Hospitality Ministry. You are invited to attend an important update session on **Sat. Jun. 23** from 1 - 3pm in the Church. Refreshments will be served. All youth, young adults, men and women interested in joining the Hospitality Ministry are encouraged to attend.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2007

We are now at 52% of our parish goal and going strong how-ever so far less than 10% of registered families of the parish have contributed, therefore we encourage every one of you to participate in this event (100%!) participation is the "Key" factor in making this event a success! Please pick up a form and show your support! Your generosity is greatly appreciated regardless of the amount.

'JUMPBALL' CAR WASH FOR PROJECT ADVANCE THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday **Jun. 17** is Fathers' Day - Dad's take a break! Don't wash your cars. 'Jumpball' parents and players will do it for you. All proceeds will be donated to Project Advance. Look for the sign, drive and park at the back of the school parking lot - entry via Clive Avenue. For 'Jumpball' info. call student coordinators Mayumi:604-438-9535, Elliot:604-430-9025, Melvin:604-435-2661 or Fermin:604-430-0263. Come out and connect deeply to your creative spirit and share. The reward is far beyond everyone's expectation.



FATHERS DAY BUTTONS

Come along all you Sons and Daughters! Award an appreciation to your DAD. This weekend the Knights of Columbus will be providing "Father's Day Buttons" at the Church entrance after all Sunday Masses. All proceeds will go to Luke 15 House.



YOUNG ADULT MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

Sat. Jun. 23, 7:00 p.m. This month, we'll be exploring authentic Indonesian cuisine at the Pondok Indonesia Restaurant, 2781 Commercial Drive, Vancouver. If you are interested, please r.s.v.p. us at smyac_team@yahoo.ca.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB

Fri. Jun. 29, 7pm Rectory basement. Want to read more about the Catholic Faith? This month, we're reading "Finding God's Will for You" by St. Francis de Sales. Need a copy of the book, and for more info, please contact smyac_team@yahoo.ca. P.S. You need to read parts of the book prior to the meeting for discussion purposes.

PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

PLEASE JOIN US!!!

St. Mary's Parish Picnic: Sunday, Jul. 1, from 12pm - 5:30pm at Fraser Foreshore Park (picnic site 1). The park is located in Burnaby at the south end of Byrne Road, off Marine Way (by the Fraser River). It will be a **potluck** picnic which will begin with outdoor Mass at 12:00pm. Come and join in the fun, share the "potluck", enjoy the games and sing Happy Birthday to Canada. **If you need a ride on the bus, please sign up at the registration table in the foyer.**



IMPACT! "DISCOVER JESUS" & "DISCOVER COURAGE" RETREATS

Does God really love me? If so, why don't I always feel it? How can I know God better? Does God even want to know me? Who is Jesus? Why do I bother going to Mass on Sunday?

These questions are common in the world today, and even in the Church. Many of you may be asking them right now, or can relate to a questioning attitude with regards to even the basics of our faith. Consider seeking out answers to these questions, the most important you ever ask. The Impact Vancouver "Discover Jesus" retreat is coming to a Parish near you. Take the first steps to a better relationship with God and try one out. Maybe you have already found the answers but a friend or relative is still seeking. Invite them to come with you so that they too can "Discover Jesus." Join us on **Sat. Jun. 23** at any of the following Parishes: St. Francis Xavier (Vancouver) or St. Patrick's (Vancouver). They will run from 9am -9pm. Please RSVP to Amber at impact@cco.ca or 778-883-7467, check out our website at www.cco.ca/impact.

*Have you ever wanted to share your faith but don't know how? Are you in love with God and want others to know Him? Have you encountered opposition in your faith journey? Come to Impact Vancouver's "Discover Courage" retreat and learn the skills and strength you need to carry the hope you have within you to others. Experience God's love and bring that experience to your friends and family this summer with Impact. Don't miss this chance to bring lasting change to those you love. This retreat is a follow-up to the 'Discover Jesus' retreat held Jun.9 and will happen on **Sat. Jun. 23** at Our Lady of Fatima Parish (Coquitlam) and the same retreat on **Sat. Jul. 7**, at St. Ann's (Abbotsford), Good Shepherd (White Rock), & St. Francis Xavier (Vancouver). Each "Discover Courage" retreat will run from 9am till 4:30pm. Please RSVP to Amber at impact@cco.ca or 778-883-7467 and check out our website www.cco.ca/impact.*

COMMUNITY NEWS

FATHERS' DAY SPECIAL!

A powerful book, **Miracles of John Paul II** by Paul Zuchniewicz, and an emotional, inspirational movie on 2 DVDs: **Karol: The Pope, The Man**. If you would like to purchase a memorable gift for your dad, please visit: www.catholicradio.ca or call 416-588-0555.



VOCATIONS IN PROGRESS

We invite single women between the ages of 17-35 to join us to **"LIGHT OUR WAY"**. This is the theme of the Catholic Single Women's retreat: **on Jun. 22 - 24**. 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 604-443-3254 or email: vocations@rcav.bc.ca

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Jun. 22-24. Helping engaged couples understand the Sacrament of Marriage and their vocation. Register at www.ceewest.com or 604-451-3300.

VOCATION LIVE-IN

Jul. 6 - 8, for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission BC. For more information, call 604-826-8715.



36TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RENEWAL COMMUNITIES CATHOLIC RENEWAL CONVENTION

5 DAY RETREAT, **Aug. 30 - Sep. 3**. Enjoy a spirit-filled 5 days of prayer, praise and worship amidst the incredible sights and sounds of Anaheim! Guest speakers include Linda Schubert, Linda Koontz, Fr. John Hampsch, Francis & Judith MacNutt and more! For details please take a flyer from the registration desk in the foyer. For further information on the tour contact Lennie David 604-597-8227 / 604-594-7296.



RETRouvaille : A PROGRAM OF HOPE DESIGNED TO HELP COUPLES IN HURTING MARRIAGES

Next Vancouver weekend **Sep. 14 - 16**. Space is limited. For more information please call: 604-530-6710 or visit our website at www.retrouvaille.org. To pre-register online, go to www.retrouvaille.org/dates.php.



COMMUNITY NEWS

THE 18TH ANNUAL MARRIED COUPLES' RETREAT

Will be held on the weekend of **Sep. 14-16**, at Westminster Abbey, Mission and will be directed by Rev. Paul Curtin, CSsR. (Redemptorist). Retreat theme: "FOLLOWING JESUS: EUCHARIST AS FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY." Cost per couple \$295.00. To register call Anne 604-464-1958 or Marg. 604-921-7136. Space is limited.



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.

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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)

Leader: Jonquil Francis

Contact: smyac_team@yahoo.ca Website: www.smyac.ca

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 9:00am - 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