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**Pastor's  
Corner**

**Sunday, July 1st, 2007**



Dear Parishioners, Many of us will have our vacation during this month of July. It is a good opportunity to practice living the present moment.

Jesus says, "Do not look back at your past, it would prevent you from heading in the right direction." This is so true. Have you ever tried to ride a bicycle while looking backward? You end up swerving to the left or the right; you cannot ride straight unless you look forward. Same with life.

We are sometimes obsessed with getting even with people who have hurt us in the past. If we try to get even, we cannot get ahead! We ruin our vacation time, or even our life, trying to undo the past and reconstruct it in our imagination. We say to ourselves, "I should have answered him this or that; I should have reacted this or that way." But we cannot really reshape the past.

We may also be obsessed with the things and persons we had to leave because of our choice. And this prevents us from being committed to the present. For example, we may miss our native country and always compare life in Canada with the life we had in our former homeland. We may so regret our former girlfriend or boyfriend that we cannot see the goodness of our present spouse.

If we are to choose Christ, we need to let go of our sinful past and accept the new life-style of the Holy Gospel. We may have to "burn our ships" to avoid the temptation of sailing back to the past. Elisha burned his farming equipment in order to follow the call of God. Of course, you don't have to burn your belongings to follow Christ. But you must be ready to leave everything behind. If you don't have this radical commitment you won't enjoy the freedom of serving God. It took me a lot of time to commit my life to Christ. I really did it not many years ago. Don't wait that long. You may be wasting your life and going astray because you are holding on to the past.

God bless, *Fr. Pierre*



**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**



**Sun. Jul. 01: GOD BLESS CANADA**

**!!! RAIN or SHINE!!!** → 12:00pm Parish Picnic (Foreshore Park)  
 2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)

**Mon. Jul. 02: Parish Office Closed (Canada Day Holiday)**

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

**Tue. Jul. 03:** 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)

6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
 7:30pm Charismatic Core (Rectory Library)  
 7:30pm IMPACT - Faith Studies (Church Basement)

**Wed. Jul. 04:** 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex Avenue)

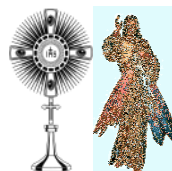
6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)  
 7:00pm Street Ministry (Rectory Basement)  
 7:00pm IMPACT - Cornerstone (Church Basement)  
 9:30pm Benediction (Church)



**Thu. Jul. 05:** 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)

**Fri. Jul. 06: FIRST FRIDAY**

8:00am Mass followed by Adoration (all day)  
 3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
 6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)  
 7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
 9:30pm Benediction (Church)



**Sat. Jul. 07:** 10:00am Legion of Mary (Church Basement)

12:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)

**Sun. Jul. 08:** 3:00pm Baptisms (Church)



**Have a blessed**



**CONDOLENCES**

**Please pray for the souls of our dearly departed:**

**George Javier Tecson:** Funeral was held June 16th.

**Editha Mangaoang:** Funeral was held June 29th.

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord,  
 Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them,  
 May Their Souls Rest In Peace, Amen.*



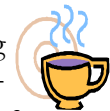
**PARISH NEWS**

**PREP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Would you like to make a difference in the lives of young people? Do you have the gift of teaching? Do you enjoy sharing your faith? Do you know what catechism means? Are you willing to volunteer your time? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please call Eli at the Parish Office 604-435-9611 x 6.

**YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18+) COFFEE NIGHT**

**Fri. Jul. 6, 8:30pm** Rectory basement. All young adults are invited to SMYAC's monthly spiritual activity, Coffee Night, as we have discussions based on a particular topic based on the Catholic faith. Light refreshments will be served. For more info, please contact [smyac\\_team@yahoo.ca](mailto:smyac_team@yahoo.ca)



**VISITATION OF THE SICK BY HANDS OF VERONICA**

If a loved one is a patient in Burnaby General Hospital and would like to have a visit from a member of the Hands of Veronica group, please contact the Parish Office with information.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION PRAYER GROUP**

Meetings will be suspended during the summer and will resume on **Mon. Sep. 10.**

**CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS !!**

**BAPTISMS**

**June 24:** *Joel Kabota Bangura, Isabella Sophia Domingo, Kalen Ashley Lee Dy, Sophia Sherly Heck, Jayla Huynh, Jade Lauryn Huynh, Shane Lorenz Lucerna, Christian Andre Villanueva Mendoza, Kristina Angelita Olah, Skyler Morgan Pactanac, Matthew Yan Wai Moi,*



**WEDDINGS**

**June 9:** *Bradley Eric Lee and Sonia Cristina Lee Demee*



**June 16:** *David Christopher Esmeria and Anna Lisa Mercader*

*Steven Alexander Cuesta and Agnes Tyloch*

**June 30:** *Joyal Pararajasingam and Noeline Joseph*



## PARISH/COMMUNITY NEWS

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Knights of Columbus thank all who donated towards the Fathers' Day buttons. A total of \$275.77 was collected and forwarded to Luke 15 House. God Bless.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL - GIFT SHOP

Holy Family Hospital, 7801 Argyle St., Vancouver, is in urgent need of volunteers for the gift shop. If you are able to donate your time please call Lorraine Vuch at 604-434-8900.

### PRO-LIFE MASS & VIGIL

Peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents on **Sat. Jul. 7.** 9:00 am Mass at Immaculate Conception Parish (8842 -119th Street, Delta) followed by Rosary at Surrey Memorial Hospital.

### SPANISH MASS AT HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL - SUN. JUL. 8 & 22

Beginning in July, there will be 2 Masses in Spanish, held at the Holy Rosary Cathedral (Richards & Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver), on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month, at 6:30pm.

### CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS OF VANCOUVER (CISVA) EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Administrative Assistant:** Must have excellent interpersonal skills; attention to detail; bookkeeping; proficient in data entry; knowledge of group pension/benefits; detailed knowledge of Office 2003 and the ability to work well under pressure.

**Receptionist/Secretary:** This job will provide reception, switchboard, data entry, mail and courier, photocopying, filing, database management and general office support services. Proficient in Office 2003 and the ability to work well under pressure is essential.

These are full-time positions, five days per week. Intended start date: August 20, 2007. Please submit your application to: Superintendent, CISVA, 150 Robson Street, Vancouver, BC, V6B 2A7. **Application deadline is July 13, 2007.**

### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL - MON. JUL. 16

A special celebration will be held at Guardian Angels Parish, 1161 Broughton St., Downtown, Vancouver. Holy Mass at 7:00pm with Fr. John Horgan as main celebrant with the Discalced Carmelite Fathers. Reception follows at the Millennium Parish Hall. All are welcome!

### CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

**Jul. 27-29.** Helping engaged couples understand the Sacrament of Marriage and their vocation. Register at [www.ceewest.com](http://www.ceewest.com) or 604-451-3300.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SEMINARY OF CHRIST THE KING VOCATION LIVE-IN

**Fri. evening to Sun. afternoon, Jul. 6-8.**

The Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC, is planning a weekend LIVE-IN for young men who are interested in the priesthood or the life of a religious brother, and want to see for themselves what seminary life is like. The Seminary of Christ the King has students in high school (Grades 8-12), in college (Arts I-IV), and in theology. The LIVE-IN is open to anyone who is thinking of entering the seminary in the next few years. The LIVE-IN provides an opportunity to spend two days at the Seminary and to become acquainted with other young men who have the priestly or religious vocation in mind. Those attending should arrive any time Friday evening, preferably between seven and eight o'clock. Bring a sleeping bag, school clothes, and some old clothes for sports, a towel, etc., and your high school transcript or your last report card. The suggested fee is \$25. Dates of future LIVE-IN: **Nov. 2-4.** The program will include interaction with priests, brothers and seminarians, daily Mass and prayer, recreational activities, sports, and some reflective reading. Anyone planning to come should fill in the application form, available on the notice board in the foyer, and forward it to: Vocation Live-In, Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC V2V 4J2, or the info may be phoned to 604-826-8715 or faxed to 604-826-8725 or e-mailed to: [rector@sck.ca](mailto:rector@sck.ca).



### 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](http://www.retrouvaille.org). To pre-register online, go to [www.retrouvaille.org/dates.php](http://www.retrouvaille.org/dates.php).



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### 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.

### 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)

Leader: Jonquil Francis and Joseph D'silva

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

Coordinator: Eli Bautista Website: [www.saintmarysyouth.com](http://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