



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Pastor's
Corner**

Sunday September 16th, 2007

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Mark Link S.J. tells this story about the parable of the lost sheep:

“A teacher asked her students to update Jesus’ Parable of the Lost Sheep. One student wrote: ‘Suppose you finish typing a 100-page term paper. Then you discover one sheet is missing. What do you do? You search for it. When you find it, you are so happy that you throw the other 99 sheets into the air, saying, *Yippee! I found my lost sheet!*’ That’s how God feels when you start back to church again.

Have I tried to help an inactive Christian become active again? How?”

Jesus told the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son to reveal to us how God feels! You get a glimpse of the joy of God and of all the hosts of heaven! What makes them cheerful and joyful is when you repent and come back home again; it is when you bring back another lost sheep to them.

People think that God rejoices when sinners are punished and condemned. People make God into their own image. We, human beings, rejoice when the criminal gets the maximum penalty. We rejoice when the evil doer is put to shame publicly. God does not rejoice in that. He rejoices when the evil doer repents and comes back home. The punishment is only a way to bring him back.

Whenever you want to make God rejoice in you, come back to him and bring the sinners to him.

God Bless you. *Fr. Pierre*



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Sep. 16:** 1:00pm YM Sports Day (1pm in front of the school)
2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Avenue)
- Mon. Sep. 17:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
7:00pm Christian Meditation Prayer (Rectory Bsmt)
- Tue. Sep. 18:** 9:30am St. Mary's School Mass (Church)
12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
6:30pm Teen PREP (Rectory Basement)
6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:30pm PEC Meeting (Rectory Library)
- Wed. Sep. 19:** 5:00pm L'Arche Mass (7401 Sussex Avenue)
 6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)
6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm CWL Meeting (School Seminar Room)
9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Sep. 20:** 7:00pm Pastoral Council (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Meet the Teachers Night (School Gym)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. Sep. 21:** 3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)
 6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration
7:15pm Bible Sharing (**CANCELLED**)
9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Sep. 22:** 10:00am Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
6:30pm YM Cards & Games Night (School Gym)
7:00pm Christian Life Program (School Gym)
- Sun. Sep. 23:** 10:15am Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange St)



ADDITIONAL WEEKDAY EVENING MASS AND TIME CHANGES

Starting **Wed. Sep. 26** all the weekday evening Masses will **start at 7:00pm** instead of 6:30pm. An additional evening weekday Mass will be introduced on Thursdays, effective **Thursday Sep. 27** followed by Adoration and Benediction at 9:15pm. All parishioners and visitors are invited to avail of this opportunity, to receive and meditate in the presence of the Holy Eucharist at the daily evening Masses. God Bless.

PARISH NEWS

RCIA/FAITH INSTRUCTION

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is designed for:
1. Adult inquirers, that is, for the non-baptized/baptized in other faiths (if you wish to find out more about Christianity or becoming a Catholic).



2. Adult Catholics, who are baptized, but not catechized and/or did not complete the other Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion and/or Confirmation).

3. All are welcome, so if you are interested in the Catholic Faith or know someone who is, the RCIA program is the answer! You may register for RCIA classes which begin this coming September. For further info. please contact: Arda Akoglu or Carolina Prada at 604-733-3457 or aakog@yahoo.com.

RCIA - AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE IN THE LORD'S WORK!

We are looking for volunteers to provide refreshments or bake for one Wednesday a month for the RCIA group to welcome its new members. For more information, please contact Arda at 604-733-3457. Thanks & God bless.



YM SPORTS DAY – TODAY!!!

St. Mary's Youth Ministry invites all youth in Grades 6 to 12 to join them in their SPORTS DAY today, **Sept. 16, from 1pm to 4pm.** They will meet in front of the School at 1pm.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

You are invited to join the Dominican Family at St. Mary's Parish for Mass and Prayer for Peace on: **Fri. Sep. 21** (International Day of Peace) at: 6:30pm Mass followed by prayer and Eucharistic adoration May our communion in prayer promote peace in the world!



YM CARDS & GAMES NIGHT

Join us in a night of cards, games and a whole lot of fun next Saturday, **Sept. 22 from 6:30pm to 9pm in the School Gym.** This event is free and is open to all youth in Grades 6 to 12.

THANK YOU FROM ST. MARY'S JUMPBALL YOUTH

Thank you St. Mary's parishioners for all the support you have given us: The Jerseys: the uniforms for our proud identity, The St. Mary's gym: a wide open door for learning. The Game: where all the energy and skills that the students have, just come into play. **Sept. 22, 'JUMPBALL 07/08'** official games begin. Please contact Student coordinators: Mayumi - 604-438-9535, Melvin - 604-435-2661, Fermin - 604-430-0261, Janille - 778-327-9562.

PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: ST. MARY'S - MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Would you like to become an active member of a women's ministry, focused on serving and supporting the needs of our parish in a fun environment? CWL members will be available in the foyer after all masses this Sunday and the next, to provide information and answer any questions about our organization. Sign up sheets will be available. Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. New members are always welcome. The next CWL general membership meeting will be on **Wed. Sept. 19** from 7-9pm in the seminar room in the school.



VOCATIONS

We invite single Catholic men (ages 17 & Up) to join us as we look at **Vocation through scripture** (Romans 6). The first meeting of the new cycle will be held on **Sun. Sep. 16** at St. Andrews Parish, Luminous Hall at 7:30pm. (480 E. 47th Ave. Vcr. -between Fraser & Main St.). For more info please call Fr. Hien Nguyen or Fr. Tom Smith at the Vocations Office 604-443-3254. Or visit our website: www.vocationsvancouver.com. Your questions are very important to us.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AND COPING WITH ADDICTION

Sat. Sep. 22, 7pm at St. Mary's Church basement. We live in a society which encourages addictions in many forms. One path of liberation is through the practice of Christian Meditation. The BC Christian Meditation Community invites you to hear Fr. Joe Pereira, a Catholic archdiocesan priest from Bombay, India. He founded "Kripa" a foundation which helps people suffering from chemical dependencies & HIV infection. Admission is by donation. All are welcome!

DIVINE MERCY SYMPOSIUM

2 day Divine Mercy Symposium at St. Patrick's Parish. **Sat. Sep. 22** - 8:00am to 4:00pm, **Sun. Sep. 23** - Start with 9:00am Mass, to 6:00pm with Benediction at 3:00pm. Free admission. Light lunch and refreshments will be served.



FILIPINO FIESTA

A special Filipino celebration and Mass in honour of San Lorenzo Ruiz, the only canonized Filipino saint, will be held **Sat. Sep. 29** at St. Patrick's Parish, 2881 Main St. (at 13th Ave.), Vcr. Mass in Tagalog and English at 4:40pm followed by a procession and pot-luck reception.

COMMUNITY NEWS

DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES VOLUNTEER TRAINING COURSE

OUR VALUE: Providing Compassion, Safety, Understanding, Confidentiality, and Hope In a Christian Environment. Volunteer Training Course for Domestic Abuse Services, Our Lady of Good Counsel Society will start **Mon. Sep. 24** for 10 weeks at Immaculate Conception Parish, Delta. For more info and registration call 604-640-7549 or 1-888-883-7733.

CHRISTOPHER LEADERSHIP COURSE

Starting **Mon. Sep. 24** at 7pm at Immaculate Conception, Delta. This 10 week course is designed to successfully enhance speaking skills, encourage leadership, deal with nervousness and build your **CONFIDENCE!** For more info call 604-268-6298 or go to the web site www.christopherleadership.org Meet new people and have fun at the same time.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

"The Fulfillment of all Desire" - a journey to complete union with God - that's the theme of this year's Catholic Charismatic Conference on **Sep. 28 & 29**. Ralph Martin, a well-known international speaker and writer will be the keynote speaker with Archbishop Roussin celebrating the closing mass. It will be held in the Broadway Church, Vancouver. For tickets (\$10ea.)/info., phone 604-597-8227 or email fireblade@shaw.ca



"MAKING MOTHERHOOD SAFE" LECTURE

On **Sat. Sep. 29**, Dr Robert Walley will give the annual Christ the King Lecture on the topic "Making Motherhood Safe" at the Seminary in Mission, B.C. The free lecture begins at 10am and finishes at 3pm, with a 90-minute lunch break. The lecture is open to all. For more info, call 604-826-8975.

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE: SHOULD THE TWO BECOME ONE?

Attachment & Differentiation in Marriage **Fri./Sat. Oct. 26 & 27**. Douglas College, New Westminster, BC. Speaker: Dr. Daniel Papero, Ph.D. LCSW, Bowen Center for the Study of the Family, Washington, DC. How do we maintain who we are as a person when in a committed relationship without destroying the relationship? How do we enhance the relationship without losing ourselves in the process? This conference explores this topic from a family systems perspective. For conference and public lecture details visit <http://www.livingsystems.ca> or contact the conference registrar 604-215-0675, molly.jonsson@livingsystems.ca. Living Systems: Counselling, Education, Training & Research Society.

PARISH NEWS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE OCTOBERFEST DINNER & DANCE - BOOK YOUR DATE NOW!

This year the St. Mary's K of C & CWL are joining hands together in bringing to you wonderful Parishioners and Friends of St. Mary's a joyful evening of good food! good DJ dancing music! and friendship. **Sat. Oct. 20**, in the school gym. Reception at 6:30pm, Dinner at 7pm followed by dancing. So put on your dancing shoes, come with a voracious appetite and a Fun mood! Tickets \$20 per person. Stay tuned for more details!!!!!!



PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES Mon. - Fri. 8:00am; Sat. 12:00pm
Wed. & Fri. 6:30pm followed by Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament & Benediction at 9:15pm

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 Before and after all Masses.

(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: 9:15pm

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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

Coordinator: Eli Bautista Website: 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