



**ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Dear Parishioners,

A Saint once asked God what hurts him the most, among all things we do or don't do? God answered that it was lack of gratitude from our part. I have been thinking about this for a while..... It does make sense. God has given us everything. Most of the time we use everything without a conscious awareness of what he has done and is doing for us. We use the gifts without relating personally to the Giver. We are precisely missing the point of his gifts. He created everything and us so that we can relate to him by faith, in this life, and by vision, in the next. Why did God create you? The Baltimore Catechism answers, "So that you may know him, love him and serve him, and be happy with him forever in the next life. We may add that he created you because HE wanted to know you (*Psalm 139*), to love you (*Psalm 138*) and to serve you (*Psalm 23 & 127*), and to be happy with you forever in his Kingdom.

Think about yourself. When you do something beautiful for your spouse, you expect him/her to relate in a deeper and more personal way to you. If your spouse comments on the gift without relating it to you, you feel hurt. Your spouse has taken advantage of your gift without giving what you wanted most. You feel abused. God too can feel abused by us. He wants to give himself to you, to surrender himself to you. He showers his gifts on you so as to draw your attention towards him. Even when he is asking you to do service, or to fulfill a mission for his People, he is drawing you to himself. He never uses you only as a simple means to a greater goal. You are always included in his ultimate goal. You will never be abused by God (even though it could feel so at times.)

God Bless, Fr. Pierre



**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

- Sun. Oct. 14:** 2:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)
- Mon. Oct. 15:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
- Tue. Oct. 16:** 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. Oct. 17:** 5:00pm L'Arche Mass (7401 Sussex St)  
6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)  
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)  
7:00pm CWL Meeting (Seminar Room)  
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Oct. 18:** 7:00pm Pastoral Council Mtg. (Rectory Dining)  
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)  
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)  
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. Oct. 19:** 3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration  
7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Oct. 20:** 10:00am Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)  
5:00pm YM Leaders (in front of school)  
6:15pm Rosary Prayer Service SMYAC (Church)  
6:30pm K of C/CWL Oktoberfest Dance(Gym)  
7:00pm CFC Christian Life Program (Gym)
- Sun. Oct. 21:** 2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Avenue)



**PARISH NEWS**

**YOUNG ADULT (Ages 18+) KARAOKE NIGHT**

**Fri. Oct. 19.** Meet at the parking lot at 8pm. We will decide on the spot as to which karaoke venue we decide to sing our little hearts out. For more info, contact [smyac\\_team@yahoo.ca](mailto:smyac_team@yahoo.ca).



**YOUNG ADULT SPECIAL ROSARY PRAYER SERVICE**

**Sat. Oct. 20,** 6:15pm in the Church. A special video on the Rosary will be shown, followed by a Rosary Prayer Service to honour our Blessed Virgin Mary. All are welcome!



**PARISH NEWS**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OCTOBERFEST DINNER & DANCE - FUNDRAISER FOR CHARITY!**

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 fellowship. **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. All proceeds will be donated to Charity.



**YM BOOOOOOOFEST!!!**

Come and join St. Mary's Youth Ministry in their Boooofest!!! It will be a night of fun, pumpkins, pizza, games and even a movie. Please wear something **orange and black**. This is open to all youth in Grades 6 to 12. It will be on **Fri. Oct. 26** from 6:30pm to 9:00pm in the Church Basement.



**SMYAC (Ages 18+) MULTICULTURAL NIGHT**

**Sat. Oct. 27.** Meet at front parking lot at 7pm. This month's theme: Thai. We'll be "breaking bread" at the Green Basil Thai Cuisine (4623 Kingsway, Burnaby). For carpooling and r.s.v.p, please contact [smyac\\_team@yahoo.ca](mailto:smyac_team@yahoo.ca) by Thu. Oct. 25.

**ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Sun. Nov. 18.** Start making your Christmas Crafts for sale at our Annual Christmas Craft Fair and Pancake Breakfast. Table reservations can be made by contacting John Rudland 604-433-0884.



**YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB**

Once again, the Book Club is back. We have picked "Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light" for this edition. If you are interested in obtaining a copy (or you would like more info), please contact [smyac\\_team@yahoo.ca](mailto:smyac_team@yahoo.ca). Stay tuned for the announcement of the starting date.



**ROSARY FUNDRAISER FOR PILGRIMS THIS WEEKEND**

After the **11:15am, 1pm and 7pm Sunday Masses**. Since October is the month of the Holy Rosary, a limited number of special rosary bracelets and rosary prayer cards will be on sale in the church foyer. By donation. All proceeds will go to support two groups of pilgrims, who will go on pilgrimages to either Quebec City (International Eucharistic Congress) or Australia (World Youth Day) next summer.

## PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

### NEXT SAT./SUN. OCT. 20/21 - VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

To all Volunteers of St. Mary's Parish – please remember to wear your Volunteer tag **next Sat./Sun.** which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, when we will recognize the tremendous assistance and support provided by you to our Parish. Thank you.

### ST. MARY'S PROPERTY AND SECURITY - IMPORTANT

Dear Parishioners, You will notice that we now have New Hard Cover "Journey Songs" Hymnals with Inserts of "Choose Christ" Booklets placed in the pews. Please do not remove the "Choose Christ" inserts from the plastic booklet holder. We have invested in these expensive hymnals so that they will last for a longer period of time. Please handle the books with care and replace them gently back in the pew slots with the pages facing upwards. Recently we have had break-ins in the Church/Basement and property stolen. This is YOUR CHURCH - PROTECT IT. Please be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to any of the Ushers or regular Parish Volunteers. Thank you for your cooperation.

### GREG MAGIRESCU WILL BE RETURNING TO ST. MARY'S

Award-winning Catholic composer, singer and recording artist, Greg Magirescu will lead the music for the weekend liturgies on **Oct. 20 & 21** at all the Masses. Greg has just released his brand new CD entitled: *"Kyrie Eleison – Meditations From The Heart"*, which will be on sale after every Mass. A portion of all sales will go to further the work of Prison Fellowship International – a ministry which Greg is involved with worldwide.

### RUMMAGE SALE

St. Theresa's Parish, Burnaby will hold its annual rummage sale on **Fri. Oct. 19 - from 10am to 8pm, and Sat. Oct. 20 - from 10am to 12noon.** Proceeds from the popular annual sale, sponsored by the CWL of the parish, go to local and overseas charities. The event will be held in the parish hall at Fulwell St. & Canada Way, Burnaby. Refreshments available.

### CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

**Oct. 19 - 21.** Helping engaged couples understand the Sacrament of Marriage and their vocation. Register at 604-451-3300 or visit [www.ceewest.com](http://www.ceewest.com).

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

**Oct. 19 - 21.** Attention Married Couples! You deserve to give each other a weekend to enhance your couple love. For more info. or to register, call Steve & Mary Bohnen 604-876-7298 or [sbohnen@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:sbohnen@interchange.ubc.ca).



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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](mailto:molly.jonsson@livingsystems.ca). Living Systems:Counselling, Education, Training & Research Society.

### PREVENTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Implications for 2010. Keynote speaker: Victor Malarek, Canadian Journalist, author of *The Natashas*. **Nov. 2 - 3**, at the Polish Community Center, 4015 Fraser Street, Vcr. To register please see brochures in the foyer or [www.humantraffickingforum.ca](http://www.humantraffickingforum.ca).

### VOCATIONS LIVE-IN

On the weekend of **Nov.2 - 4** there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more info, call 604-826-8715. Forms are available on the notice board in the foyer.

### DIVORCED, SEPARATED, WIDOWED?

Beginning Experience is offering a healing weekend for those who have experienced the end of a relationship through divorce, separation, or death. It is a caring, accepting, reflective, program allowing spiritual and emotional renewal. The next weekend will be **Nov. 2-4**, at the Huston Camp and Conference Center in Gold Bar, WA. The program begins on Friday evening and ends late Sunday afternoon. For information or to register, visit our website at [www.seattlebe.org](http://www.seattlebe.org), call (206) - 527-1180, or e-mail [registrar@seattlebe.org](mailto:registrar@seattlebe.org).

### FALL MARKETPLACE

**Sat. Nov. 3**, from 9am to 3pm at St. Paul Parish, 8251 St. Alban's Road, Richmond. *New Craft and Distributor tables available at \$25.00 each.* For application, call 604-277-3213.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER

Catholic Charities Men's Hostel needs a full-time, male desk clerk for the evening team. You are personable and eager to work with the poor. Please send resume to [mruggieran-drews@rcav.bc.ca](mailto:mruggieran-drews@rcav.bc.ca) by Oct. 18. Please See Ad on Notice Board.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Assistant Administrator (Part-Time Contract) - Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre in Surrey. The position requires a commitment of approximately 2 to 3 days per week and every 3rd weekend. Full cycle accounting in Quick Books, knowledge of Advanced Excel & Word and the ability to provide superior customer care is essential. Demonstrated experience in organizing and coordinating events would be an asset but willing to train right candidate. This is a contract position that can lead to permanent part-time. Call Mari Lalana for more information at 604-576-8802 or please fax resumes to 604-574-4787.

## PARISH INFORMATION

**MASSES** Mon. - Fri. 8:00am; Sat. 12:00 pm  
Wed. - Fri. 7:00pm followed by Adoration  
& 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

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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