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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Aug. 02: 1:00pm Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)

Mon. Aug. 03: BC DAY (Office Closed)

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)

7:30pm Lay Apostolate (Church)

Tue. Aug. 04: 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)

7:30pm Knights of Columbus Exec (Church Basement)

Wed. Aug. 05: 6:00pm CFC --talk by special speaker (Church Basement)

7:00pm Mass / Adoration / Confession (Church)

7:00pm Exodus Ministry (Rectory Basement)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room / Sacristy)

9:15pm Benediction (Church)



Thu. Aug. 06: 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)

8:00pm Lay Missionaries (Rectory Basement)

9:15pm Benediction (Church)



Fri. Aug. 07: FIRST FRIDAY

8:00am Mass followed by Adoration all day

3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)

7:00pm CCO -- Catholic Christian Outreach (Church Bsmt)

7:00pm Mass / Adoration / Confession (Church)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room / Sacristy)

9:15pm Benediction (Church)



Sat. Aug. 08: FEAST OF ST. DOMINIC

9:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Church Basement)

12:40pm Bible Study & Sharing (Church Basement)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)

Sun. Aug. 09: 2:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)

PARISH NEWS

PREP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Would you like to make a difference in the lives of young people? Do you have the gift of sharing or 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, we need you! Please email our PREP Coordinator Eli Bautusta at stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca.

RCIA/FAITH INSTRUCTION

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is designed for

A) Adult inquirers: the non-baptized or baptized in other faiths who wish to find out more about Christianity or becoming a Catholic.

B) Adult Catholics: baptized but not catechized, and/or did not complete the other Sacraments of Initiation (Communion and/or Confirmation);

C) All others 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 more information, please contact Michael McGrath at 604-431-6076 or mikejudy@telus.net.

RCIA REQUEST

We are looking for volunteers to provide refreshments and/or finger foods (baked goods, sandwiches, etc) for one Wednesday per month for the RCIA to welcome its new members. For information please contact Michael McGrath at 604-431-6076 or mikejudy@telus.net. Thank you and God Bless!

IN THE SCHOOL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Did you sign up for the book "In the School of the Holy Spirit"? Please be advised that they are still on order. We will notify you upon arrival. Thank you.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE GROTTA OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

St. Joseph's Parish in Mission invites you to the historic Fraser River Heritage Park (east end of Fifth Avenue) to celebrate Holy Eucharist at 1:00pm. The main celebrant will be Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB. Confessions will be heard on-site between 11:00am and 1:00pm. Mass will be followed by a Procession to the Grotto where we will pray the Rosary and have Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. A Picnic Social will follow. Please bring your own picnic lunch and chairs. Details are on the poster at the back of the church. We have arranged for a bus to transport people to this event. The bus will leave our parking lot at 9:30am and will return at approximately 6:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet at the registration table. Cost is \$10 per person. We have sold 35 spaces and there are only 13 spaces left. **Please consider leaving the spots for people who do not have ANY means of transportation to Mission. People traveling on the bus should be aware that our bus does not have a baggage compartment. Therefore please do not bring chairs or bulky items on the bus. For safety reasons, these can not be placed in the aisles.** Thank you.

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

TALITHA KOUM SOCIETY -- FOOD DONATIONS

Talitha Koum Society has three houses with a total of 17 beds. They take in women who want to turn their lives around after being: abused, addicted, in trouble with the law etc. Two weeks ago we put a request in the bulletin for food donations because there was a desperate need. The response was very, very generous. The Society is currently taking stock of what they have and will soon let us know what specific items may still be needed. Some items of clothing have also been left by the food donation box. **Please do not leave items of clothing.** They are currently not needed and unfortunately we do not have room to store them. **Thank you for your understanding and generosity.**

NOVENA TO GOD THE FATHER

St. Mary's Church is inviting everyone to pray the 9 day novena to God the Father. This devotional prayer is directed to God the Father and is being said in other churches all over the archdiocese of Vancouver. Pray with us. Let us exalt, glorify and love our God, our Father! Dates: **Wednesday July 29, to Friday, July 31 @ 9:00am. Saturday, August 1 at 1:30pm, Sunday, August 2 at 2:30pm., Monday Aug 3 - Friday Aug 7 at 9:00am.** (This last day is the Private Feast of God the Father under the title Father of All Mankind)

NOVENA TO THE VIRGIN MARY

Are you or someone you know in desire of a special favour from God? Novenas are a traditional and powerful form of prayer. Many favours have been received through the intercession of saints on their feast days. **Start a novena on August 6, 2009 in preparation for the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary on August 15, 2009.** Novena Prayers are available in the church foyer courtesy of the Knights of Columbus.

A DAY OF HEALING

Experience a day of healing on **Saturday, September 12 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Delta.** The day will begin in the school gym from 9:00am to 5:00pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm. Linda Schubert, author of the famous *Miracle Hour* book, will guide us through a day of Healing, through the *Welcome of the Father*, the *Listening Heart of Jesus* and the *Power of the Holy Spirit*. **Tickets: \$20 each (including lunch) will be available after all Masses today.** For more information please call 604-594-7296.

MINISTRY IN FOCUS

CFC Singles for Christ (SFC) aims to provide a Christian support environment for single men and women who are at the crossroads of their life; choosing between marriage, religious vocation or single blessedness. SFC strives to be a support environment that: teaches the right values to build their future with; encourages opportunities to meet potential partners in life who believe in the same Christian goals and values; encourages service that prepares them for their vocation. For more information please contact Rene & Ethel Perez at 604-597-9098 / renthel@shaw.ca or visit <http://cfcsfccanada.com>

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES:

Monday - Friday: 8:00am
Wednesday, Thursday., Friday: 8:00am and 7:00pm**
** followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:15pm
Saturday: 12:00noon; 5:00pm is **Anticipation Mass**
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Sunday: Before all Masses (**except 8:00am**) & **After all Masses**
Saturday: 11:15am to 11:55am, 4:15pm to 4:55pm, 6:10pm to 7:00pm
Weekdays: After ALL Masses (except Thursday Evening Masses)
--- An appointment for confession may be made by phone

HOLY COMMUNION Available to shut-ins. Contact Parish Office.

FIRST FRIDAYS: Adoration Throughout the day after Masses

Masses: 8:00am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Benediction: 9:15pm

BAPTISMS: To register your child, contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGES:

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the wedding date to register for the required diocesan Marriage Preparation Course. One of the couple must be a registered Catholic parishioner of St. Mary's for at least one year before contacting the Parish Office.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Thursdays: 8:00am Saturdays: 12:00noon

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

PREP: Catechism Program for children attending public schools

TEEN PREP: Interactive Catechism Sessions for Teens

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

E-mail: stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leaders: Jason Costa & Jonquil Francis

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YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)

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ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays to Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm

Saturdays: 11:00am to 2:00pm

Pastor:

Youth Ministry/Volunteer Coordinator:

Parish Secretary:

Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P.

Arda Akoglu

Margherita Bordignon