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Pastor's
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Dear Parishioners,

As summer progresses, quite a few parishioners have also mentioned to me about their going camping. Here is another potentially wonderful and refreshing activity to spiritually renew you. I did some of that during my three weeks holiday, relished it, and am hoping for more during my last remaining week in August, as I too search for solitude and the beauty of God in nature...

Now, if you are still sitting on the fence and haven't quite decided what you want to do for the summer, perhaps this letter written some 1000 years ago by *Saint Bruno*, founder of the Carthusian Order, will whet your appetite:

"I am living in the wilderness of Calabria [Italy], far removed from any habitation. I can't begin to tell you how charming and pleasant it is. The temperatures are mild and the air is healthy; a broad plain stretches between the mountains along their entire length bursting with scented meadows and flowery fields. One can hardly describe the impression made by the gently rolling hills on all sides, their cool and shady valleys tucked away, and such an abundance of refreshing springs – brooks and streams... What benefits and what divine exultation the silence and solitude of the desert hold in store for those who love it."

-- Saint Bruno, *Letter to Raul le Verd*

God bless, Fr. Mark



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. July 27:** 10:15am Willingdon Park Mass (4435 Grange St.)
 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
 3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)
 8:00pm IEC Presentation (Church Basement)
- Mon. July 28:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
- Tue. July 29:** 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
- Wed. July 30:** 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. July 31:** 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. Aug. 1:**  **8:00am First Friday Mass (Church)**
 3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)
 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Aug. 2:** 10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Church Bsmt)
 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
 3:30pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
- Sun. Aug. 3:** 2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
 2:30pm Bible Sharing (CANCELLED until Sept. 7)
 3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)

SCHOOL NEWS

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL VACANCY FOR GRADE 7
 St. Mary's Catholic School has one vacant spot in Grade 7 for this coming September (School Year 2008-2009). Families/Parents who are interested to apply are requested to contact Mr. Kevin Smith at the School office from July 28th to August 1st, between 9am & 4pm.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

"Truly I love your commandments more than gold, more than fine gold," says the Psalmist today. Does your stewardship of your finances suggest that you can honestly say the same? Stewardship of treasure is not just about what you give - how do you steward that which you keep for your needs?

PARISH NEWS

WEDNESDAY TEEN PREP STARTING THIS SEPTEMBER

Due to a lot of requests, we are opening one more night of Teen PREP. Starting this year, teens will have a choice between Tuesday nights OR Wednesday nights. This program is open to all youths in Grades 8 to 12 who want to learn more about their faith, or to prepare to receive the Sacraments, or just 'hang out' with other Catholic teens. Registration opens on Aug. 5th.

PREP REGISTRATION STARTS ON AUGUST 5th

Our Catechism program will start accepting registrations for all grades from Aug. 5 to Sept. 5. Since most classes are almost full (because of the Early Registrations in May), parents/guardians are encouraged to register early and not wait for late August or early September. Registration forms are available in the Church foyer or at the Parish Office.

ST. MARY'S INTERNATIONAL FAMILY FAIR

Look forward to a fun-filled event on Sunday, **August 31, 2008!** St. Mary's CWL (in coordination with all Parish Groups) is hosting the **International Family Fair**. This will start at **10:00am**. There will be food, entertainment, kids' corner, silent auctions, plants & crafts, grand door prizes and many, many more. Crafters in the parish who would like to sell their products at the Fair, please contact Christina Liew-Johannus at (604) 759-9150 or email:christina_johannus@yahoo.com.

LAY APOSTLES PRAYER MEETING

The monthly Lay Apostle Prayer meeting will be on August 4th at 7:30pm in the Church. For those who are unfamiliar with this, please contact Karen at (778) 990-0123 visit: www.directionforourtimes.com for more information.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS PRESENTATION

Last month, there were close to 40 St. Mary's Pilgrims who went to the International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City. Many had a profound experience of Christ in their lives. **This Sunday (July 27), from 8:00pm to 9:30pm in the Church Basement**, one of the pilgrims will take the opportunity to share what the Eucharistic Congress was all about, share some of the powerful teachings and testimonies that took place there, and answer any questions that you may have. Come and find out a little more what the International Eucharistic Congress was all about, and it may encourage you to attend the next one in Dublin, Ireland!



PARISH/COMMUNITY NEWS

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR APPLICATION DEADLINE-EXTENDED

This position will be responsible for organizing and directing efforts to involve volunteers in the Parish with the various ministries and groups. The requirement will be around 10 hours per week, for a 1-year term (likely to be renewed). **Please submit your résumé and a cover letter to the Parish Office or email: stmarys@telus.net. Deadline of submission is on Monday, August 11th.**

ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE GROTTA

On Saturday, August 16th. The St. Mary's school bus will be available if you need transportation. To reserve a seat (first-come, first-served) please call the Parish Office. A non-refundable payment of \$5 will be due.

CATHOLIC BIBLE SEMINAR

On September 12, 13 & 14 in the Church Basement. Fr. Jim Nisbet, a noted Bible scholar from California will talk about the **1st & 2nd Letters of Peter**. Registration forms are available in the foyer. Gerry (604) 882-9205 for info.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Knights of Columbus, St. Mary Council 13072 will sponsor the 5th Annual Fr. McGivney Memorial Golf Tournament on **Saturday, August 16 at Mylora on Sidaway**. Official Entry Forms and Payments should be given to Ryan Bauzon (604) 603-8870, Adel Aguilar (604) 837-6945, Manny Mendoza (604) 430-3647 or Rene Montilla (604) 454-9679. **100% of funds raised will go to the candidates to Priesthood and Religious Life who come from St. Mary's Parish.**

THE WESTERN CANADIAN CHINESE CATHOLIC LIVING CAMP

WCCCLC will be held on the Labour Day long weekend (August 29 to Sept. 1) at Camp Jubilee in North Vancouver. The title for this year's Camp is **"Got Gifts? God Gives!"** We welcome those between the age of 17 and 35 to join us. For more information, please call Simon Kwok at (604) 780-2889 or visit: www.wccclc.net

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

On Sept. 26 & 27. This year's Conference Theme is taken from 2 Timothy 4:2 "... Proclaim the word... be persistent..." The keynote speaker is Deacon Alex Jones from the Diocese of Detroit. Archbishop Roussin will celebrate the closing Mass. For tickets and more information, please call (604) 597 8227 or email: fireblade@shaw.ca

ARCHDIOCESE/COMMUNITY NEWS

VANCOUVER ARCHDIOCESAN SUMMER INSTITUTE

On August 22 & 23, 2008 at Holy Cross Secondary in Surrey. Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education, it offers catechetical and adult faith formation courses for all interested adults. Pre-registration is required. For all course descriptions and to register, please visit: www.rcav.bc.ca/ore and click on "Summer Institute" or call (604) 683-0281.

PRO LIFE MASS & VIGIL

Peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children & their parents. Saturday, Aug. 2 at All Saints Parish, 821 Fairfax St., Coquitlam. Followed by the Rosary at Eagle Ridge Hospital.

YOUTH SUMMER TRAINING

Register now for the Youth Ministry Office's popular Youth Summer Training events: **Youth Leader** (August 4 to 8) at Summit Pacific College in Abbotsford and **Searching in the Spirit** (August 18 to 22) at Camp Jubilee at the base of Mt. Seymour. Check out www.youthmin.com for more info.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2009

Application for a "Special Needs" grant for 2009 is now available on the Project Advance website: www.rcav.org/project_advance/2008/latestnews.htm. Deadline for applications is on September 30, 2008. For more information, please contact the Project Advance Office at (604) 683-0281 or Fr. Glenn Dion at (604) 682-6774.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Desk Clerk - Catholic Charities Men's Hostel. One full-time position available. Must demonstrate a positive attitude towards the less fortunate, good interpersonal skills, ability to work with minimal supervision, ability to maintain confidentiality, high school education or equivalent. Deadline of submission of application is August 8.

Dicta-Typist - Regional Marriage Tribunal. Two part-time positions or one full-time position available. High school graduation or equivalent, 1-2 years experience, ability to type 50wpm, experience with MS Office, excellent command of the English language, ability to exercise tact, discretion & confidentiality.

If you or someone you know is interested in any of the 2 openings, please visit: www.rcav.bc.ca/employment/index.htm or contact mruggierandrews@rcav.bc.ca

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES

Mondays to Fridays: 8:00am
Wed., Thurs., Fri: 7:00pm**
** followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:15pm
Saturdays: 12:00noon; 5:00pm (**Anticipation**)
Sundays: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Sundays: Before & After ALL Masses
Saturdays: 11:15am to 11:55am, 4:15pm to 4:55pm, 6:10pm to 6:40pm
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: 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.

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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

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leader: Joseph D'silva

Email: smyac_team@yahoo.ca

Website: www.smyac.ca

YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)

Coordinator: Eli Bautista

E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

Website: www.saintmarysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Kevin Smith (Principal)

Website: www.stmary.bc.ca

Office Phone: (604) 437-1312

Office Fax: (604) 437-1193

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mondays to Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm

Pastor: Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P.

Assistant Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoo, O.P.

YM & PREP Coordinator: Eli Bautista

Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon/Ossie Fernandes