



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WHY SHOULD WE ADORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT?

When I was a teenager, I had a hard time accepting the Church, the hierarchy, the sacraments and the Mass. Yet, it is before the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle, that I found an answer to my disbelief. There, in His Presence, under the appearance of the bread, I received so many graces, so many "certitudes" that I could not resist. Many converts had the same experience. Many saints too. When the great theologian Thomas Aquinas could not find an answer to a doctrinal question, he would go into the chapel and lean his forehead on the Tabernacle, begging God for an answer. At the end of his life, he said he learned more from the Blessed Sacrament than from all the books he had read. Mother Teresa said she and all her sisters could not do what they were doing without a daily hour of adoration. The same applies to John of the Cross and Therese of Avila, and hundreds of other saints.

How can we explain all this? Pope Benedict, on September 24, 2008, said that Jesus in the Eucharistic Mystery "*is a dynamic presence that takes hold of us to make us His, to liken us to Him. He attracts us with the force of His love, bringing us out of ourselves to be united with Him, making us one with Him*". Yes, Christ likens us to Him, conforming our heart, our mind, our emotions, our desires into His likeness.

But "the radius of action" of the Eucharistic Presence extends beyond the Church, towards each and every human being, past, present, and future. Pope Benedict said: "*In every time and every place, Christ wants to meet human beings and bring them the life of God. And this is not all. The Eucharist also has a cosmic property: the transformation of the bread and wine into Christ's Body and Blood is in fact the principle of the divinization of creation itself.*"

For this reason, the Feast of Corpus Christi is characterized particularly by the tradition of carrying the Most Holy Sacrament in procession, an act full of meaning. By carrying the Eucharist through the streets and squares, we desire to immerse the Bread come down from heaven in our daily lives. We want Jesus to walk where we walk, to live where we live."

Please read our insert about Eucharistic Adoration.

God Bless You Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU FROM THE DOMINICANS

The Community of the Dominican Fathers of St. Mary's wishes to heartily thank the parishioners of St. Mary's for their great generosity in their varied involvement during the celebration of the priestly ordination of Brother David Bellusci OP on **Saturday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m.** We wish to specifically mention the Dominican Laity, the Catholic Women's League (CWL), the Choir members, the Knights of Columbus, the altar servers, and a few parishioners who were very helpful. Thanks to each and all of you for this wonderful gift to God's People of a new priest

PROJECT ADVANCE UPDATE

We would like to give a quick reminder that volunteers will at the foyer to collect returned pledges and assist new donors with the pledge forms after all masses until the end of June. We encourage every one of you (100%) to participate in this event. Participation is the KEY factor in making this event a success! Your generosity is greatly appreciated regardless of the amount. Thank you, from the Project Advance Team.

SR. YOUTH MINISTRY -- (Grades 8 - 12)

Yes it's that time of the year again; exams and more exams. We need to get good grades so we have to study. But who says that it has to be boring? Come and join the Study Hall and have fun as you study to ace those exams. Get help from YM leaders and your peers when you are stuck and fill up on delicious pizza. If you have to study, then do it in style with the Study Hall. When: **Monday, June 15 @ 6:30pm** Where: **Rectory Basement.**

SMYAC NIGHT AT THE VANCOUVER ART GALLERY

On **Tuesday, June 16**, we will meet in the church parking lot at **6:30pm** and take the Sky Train to the Vancouver Art Gallery. Tuesday night is "pay by donation" night, so the 16th makes for a great night to visit the Gallery. Paintings from Rembrandt and Vermeer will be on display. Housings from decades past will be seen in the Rotunda, and many more sights to see. For more information please contact us at smyac_team@yahoo.ca.

ST MARY'S STREET MINISTRY ANNIVERSARY

You and your family and friends are cordially invited to the 5th anniversary celebration of St. Mary's Street Ministry. This will take place on **Wednesday, June 17 from 6:30 - 9:00pm in the church basement.** Program includes: *Testimony, Mass, Potluck, Social, Sharing and Games.* Bring your favourite food and see you there!!

PARISH NEWS

ST MARY'S GARAGE SALE AND FOOD FAIR

Ah, summer's here. There is no better way to roll the fun, food, family, friends and bargains into one event, than by spending the day at St. Mary's Garage Sale and Food Fair on **Sunday, June 21 from 11:00am - 3:00pm at the School Gym.** This is a perfect event for bargain hunters and food lovers. There will be good deals on books, plants, knick-knacks, yummy food, and the place to look for a Father's Day gift. Plus... a Grand Prize awaits the lucky winner. Go on, set the date on your calendar!!

PRO-LIFE SUNDAY - JUNE 21 - SECOND COLLECTION

Inserted in today's bulletin is an envelope for Vancouver Right to Life Society. **Next Sunday's second collection** will be taken up to help pro-life organizations in our Archdiocese. Proceeds support our local Pro-life/Right to Life groups, Birthright, and Crisis Pregnancy Centers, Campaign Life Coalition as well as the anti-euthanasia groups. Please take the envelope and remember to bring it back next week. If you are donating by cheque, make it payable to Vancouver Right to Life Society. (not St. Mary's) If you require a receipt, clearly write your name and address on the envelope. Thank you for your generosity.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! 4TH ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC!!

Join your fellow parishioners on Canada Day, **Wednesday, July 1st** at Fraser Foreshore Park in Burnaby. The festivities begin with **outdoor mass at 12:00 noon**, followed by a potluck lunch, games, entertainment and much more! More details next week.

JEFF CAVINS IS COMING TO ST. MARY'S

Jeff is one of the Catholic Church's most well-known and effective Bible-teachers. He is an international speaker, author, and TV personality, and he is coming to our parish on **Tuesday, July 28 at 7:00pm.** His talk, **The Power of Praise and Thanksgiving** is responding to the problems in our life and how the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith in the very place where we fight our battles. **A few tickets are still available for \$10.**

PARENTS CORNER

Do you want to raise faithful Catholic children? Do you know about St. Mary's Youth Ministry? Join the Parents' Corner to receive our monthly newsletter and don't be left in the dark. With many interesting tid-bits and pointers on how to help your youth grow in their faith, our monthly newsletter will be a valuable resource. To register, please call Arda at 604-435-9611 ext 6 or e-mail him at stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

MINISTRY IN FOCUS

Several years ago, “Anne” a wife and mother of six, started receiving messages from God the Father, Jesus, Mary and the Saints. These messages, received in the form of inner locution, are spoken with divine love, clarity and authority. Anne has received permission from her bishop to publish the works. **Lay Apostles of Jesus Christ** meets monthly to pray the luminous mysteries of the Rosary and to read the monthly message. All are welcome. If you are interested please contact Albert Quilay at 778-552-3036 or aquilay88@shaw.ca .

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

SUMMER DANCE

St. Paul’s Catholic Singles Club host at the Croatian Catholic Parish Hall (3105 East 1st Avenue). Music is by Night Moves. Doors open at **7:30pm on Saturday, June 20**. Tickets are available at the door -- members \$12 / non-members \$15. Call Lina at 604-433-0055 or Barry at 604-327-5425.

SHOULD ANYONE BE APOLOGIZING?

“Should anyone be apologizing for The Crusades and The Inquisitions”. These well known but little understood historical events are two of the issues that anti-Catholics typically use to bash the Church. North Shore Catholic Seminar Series gives us a presentation by Peter Nation who is Dept. Head of Religion at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Cost is \$6 per person. Event on **Friday, June 26, 7:30 - 9:30pm at Christ the Redeemer Parish** (599 Keith Road, West Van). More info: 778-839-4884.

ST. PATRICK’S COMMUNITY FAIR

All are invited to Barrio Fiesta (a community fair) at **Saint Patrick’s Parish** (Main & 13th Avenue) on **Saturday, June 27** from 10:00am - 4:00pm. This is a fund-raising event for the Church’s Centennial Celebration in 2010. Tables are available for rent. Contact Nap 60-727-5609 or Ynez 604-809-7376.




CHARITY GARAGE SALE SUPPORTING L’ARCHE

Get bargains and support a great cause. On **Saturday, June 27**, L’Arche would love to see you. L’Arche is a faith-based not for profit organization providing residential care and day programs for adults with developmental disabilities. Event: **7401 Sussex Ave, Burnaby** from **11:00am - 2:00pm**. No early birds please!!

VOCATIONS IN PROGRESS (VIP)

On the weekend of **July 3 - 5** there will be a Vocation Live-in for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life. This will take place at the Seminary of Christ the King, in Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Jun 14:** 2:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)
- Mon. Jun 15:** 8:00am Mass (**returning to this morning time slot**)
6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:00pm Youth Band (Church Basement)
6:30pm Sr. Youth Ministry (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)
- Tue. Jun 16:** 6:30pm Mass for CWL (Church)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm CWL Meeting/Pot Luck (Church Bsmt)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
- Wed. Jun 17:** 5:30pm Street Ministry (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass / Adoration / Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
-  **Thu. Jun 18:** 6:30pm YM Leaders (Rectory Library)
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (**now cancelled Thursday**)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
-  **Fri. Jun 19:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:30pm Eucharistic Apostolate (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm CFC - Bible Sharing (Church Bsmt)
7:00pm Mass/ Adoration /Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/.Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
-  **Sat. Jun: 20:** 9:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Church Bsmt)
12:40pm Bible Study & Sharing (Church Basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
6:30pm Singles for Christ (Church Basement)
- Sun. Jun 21:** 2:00pm Couples For Christ (Church Basement)
11:00am-3:00pm CWL Garage Sale & Food Fair in the School Gym

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSSES:

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.

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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

E-mail: stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca

ST. MARY’S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leader: Joseph D’silva

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YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)

E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu

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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

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Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P..

Youth Ministry/Volunteer Coordinator:

Arda Akoglu

Parish Secretary:

Margherita Bordignon