



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday June 15, 2008

Father Guy and other summer dreams.



Dear Parishioners, Father Guy Rivard, OP, pastor from August 2000 to July 2006, will be having a few weeks of holidays with the Dominican friars of Vancouver and of course, with you also. He will be here the last week of June and the first two weeks of July. I know he will preside the Mass at the parish picnic, on July 6th. This will be great opportunity to chat with him. I presume Fr. Guy will be able to preside a few masses during the last weekend of June and the first weekend of July.

Father Mark is now at the International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec until June 24th. Then he will take three weeks of holidays until July 14th. Have a good rest, Mark! You will need it, because you will be all by yourself from July 15th to August 15th. During that month, I will be in Kelowna, at the Seton House of Prayer. There is a little cabin, waiting for me, for a thirty day retreat of silence and solitude - I do need it.

Maybe I will have time to dream of new ministries for our parish.... Please, forward your dreams for a more evangelizing parish to one of our staff members, Margherita, Ossie, Eli, Mark or myself, and to any one of the pastoral council members. In September, we will review our goals and objectives. Personally I think we should be more creative in the field of faith education and spirituality.

We are also looking for a way to welcome and integrate more volunteers into the different ministries and services. To achieve this, we created a parish volunteers coordinator position. You can read about this in the bulletin. We will open the parish office every Saturday, from 11:00am to 2:00pm. It will also be a paid position. More information in this bulletin. This opening of the parish office will not start before August. Note that the priests will not likely be at the office for "on - the - fly" appointments. Saturday is busy for us, with confession, masses, weddings, bible study etc.

Have a good rest with your loved ones. Try to catch the dreams God has in store for you.



God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. June 15: HAPPY FATHERS DAY DADS!**
2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Avenue)
NEW 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)
- Mon. June 16:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Talk by Br. David Bellusci (Church)
- Tue. June 17:** 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm Theology of the Body (Church Basement)
7:00pm PEC Meeting (Rectory Library)
- Wed. June 18:** 5:00pm L'Arche Mass (7401 Sussex Avenue)
6:30pm CWL Meeting (School Gym)
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)

- Thu. June 19:** 7:00pm Mass & Adoration (Church)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)

- Fri. June 20:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
7:00pm Mass & Adoration (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)

- Sat. June 21:** 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
3:30pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement, LWC Area)
7:30pm CFC-Christian Life Program (Church Bsmt)
- Sun. June 22:** 2:00pm Couples for Christ-FFL (Church Bsmt)
NEW! 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)

JOB POSTINGS FOR ST. MARY'S

1. Volunteer Coordinator Position: St. Mary's Parish has an immediate part time job opening for a volunteer coordinator. This position is responsible for organizing and directing efforts to involve volunteers in the parish with the various ministries and groups. It will be approximately 10 hours a week, for a one year term ending June 30, 2009 and likely to be renewed. A detailed job description is available at the Information Desk in the church foyer or from the parish office. Please submit a covering letter and resume to the parish office by June 30, 2008

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2. Part-Time Secretary - Saturdays from 11:00am to 2:00pm
St. Mary's Parish has an immediate job opening for a Part-Time Secretary. Responsibilities include, recording mass intentions, attending to visitors for Pick ups & Drop offs of documents etc., responding to voice mail and email messages and other related duties. The position is for an indefinite period. Please submit a covering letter and resume to the parish office by June 30, 2008.

FATHER'S DAY BUTTONS THIS WEEKEND

Come along all you sons and daughters! Award your dad with an appreciation button. This weekend, the Knights of Columbus will be providing "Father's Day Buttons" outside the Church after all Masses. All proceeds will go to Luke 15 House.



ST. MARY'S INTERNATIONAL FAMILY FAIR

Look forward to a fun-filled event on **August 31, 2008!** St. Mary's CWL (in coordination with all Parish Groups) is hosting the **International Family Fair**. This will start at **10:30am**. 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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

IEC & WYD pilgrims would like to thank all the sponsors and donors of the 30-hour Adoration Relay that happened 2 weeks ago. We had a spirit-filled and memorable event! We diligently prayed for all the prayer requests that were given to us. If you have any answered prayer, please let us know by contacting Mildred (email: mmoy_ca@yahoo.com, tel: 604-728-4284, or send your testimony to St. Mary's Parish, Attention: Mildred Moy Thank you & God bless!

OUR PETITIONS BEAR 'FRUITS'

Earlier this year, St. Mary's Street Ministry and CWL have held two petition campaigns against decriminalization of brothels, and against legalization of prostitution. In May, the government has announced to provide 20 more detox beds for addicted women in Vancouver. A quote from the reply we received from our MP: "Like you, we too believe that prostitution victimizes the vulnerable, typically women ..." Let us Thank God that our voices have been heard!

PARISH NEWS

BROTHER DAVID BELLUSCI, OP VISITS ST. MARY'S

Have you always wanted to know more about the *IMMACULATE CONCEPTION*, *DEATH AND THE AFTER LIFE*, and *JESUS as SACRIFICE*? If so, Brother David Bellusci, OP will be presenting these topics from 7 – 9 p.m. on Monday, June 16 & 23 in St. Mary's Church. Br. David, a Dominican Friar, recently completed his Doctoral Degree in Philosophy at the Dominican University-College in Ottawa, and is presently awaiting ordination to the Priesthood.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD)

Single? Divorced? Separated? Widowed? Join us in our upcoming Christian Life Program (CLP). The CLP brings forth a personal relationship with God and a renewed faith in Jesus. It will be on Saturdays starting on June 28, 10am in the Church Basement. The sessions consist of teachings, group discussions, and fellowship with refreshments. This program is FREE! For more info, contact: Irene Pejante at 778 883 9091; email ipejante@shaw.ca OR Girlie Umali at 604 783 0203; email guia_umali@yahoo.com OR Mila Zipagan at 604 728 4635.

LAY APOSTLES OF JESUS CHRIST, THE RETURNING KING

Information Evening on Monday, June 30 at 7pm in the Church Basement. Contact Karen at 778 990 0123. God bless!

BIBLE SHARING AND FELLOWSHIP FOR MOMS

Are you a mother at home during the day with young children, and searching for Catholic bible sharing and fellowship? If so, keep an ear out for our upcoming **Bible Sharing For Mothers**, starting this fall. This will be a time for moms and children to get together for both faith building and socializing. More information will be available in the coming weeks.



PROJECT ADVANCE

We apologize for the recent error, of mailing out duplicate pledge forms from the Archdiocesan office. Please disregard the second pledge form if you have already made your donation. If you have not yet donated, just return one of the forms. Your generosity is greatly appreciated irrespective of the amount.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FAITH SERIES AT ST. MARY'S

Come & join us for 1 more Tuesday (June 17) in the Church Basement from 7pm to 9pm. Admission is free. St. Mary's Young Adult Community is presenting the final part of *Created and Redeemed*, a faith series based on Pope John Paul II's universal teaching, Theology of the Body. Not to worry if you missed the first half, it is still worth coming out.



PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC (3RD YEAR) MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Our Parish Picnic this year will be on Sunday July 6, from 12noon to 5:30pm at Fraser Foreshore Park. The park is located in Burnaby at the south end of Byrne Road, off Marine Way. Like in the past 2 years, it will be a potluck picnic which will begin with an Outdoor Mass at 12noon (**Fr. Guy Rivard will celebrate this Mass with us**). Come and join in the fun, share the "potluck", enjoy the games and fellowship and sing Happy Birthday to Canada. More details to follow in the coming weeks.



IT'S TIME TO BOOK YOUR MEETING SPACE

All parish ministries, prayer groups, choirs, organizations etc. that need space to meet for the 12 month period from September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009 are asked to submit their request to the Parish Office by June 30. You may submit this request on paper to the office or by e-mail to stmarys@telus.net and please type "Request for Space" in the Subject Line. When making your request, please refer to a calendar. Be specific by listing the month and date of each meeting instead of saying (for example) every Tuesday at 2:00pm. Also let us know your preferred meeting space.

THANK-YOU TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's Pilgrims to the International Eucharistic Congress want to take this opportunity to thank-you, the Knights of St. Mary's, for your generous contribution in aid of this pilgrimage. Your contribution has provided the means for at least 3 individuals to come to the Eucharistic Congress, one of which is a Seminarian for the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Thank-you once again for your generous aid!

SPECIAL 2ND COLLECTION FOR PRO-LIFE THIS WEEKEND

June 15th has been designated as Pro-Life Sunday in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. We are all asked to help this group. Please use the envelopes that are inserted in this week's bulletin.

VOCATION LIVE-IN SEMINAR

On the weekend of July 4 - 6, for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life. This will be at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more info, call (604) 826-8715.

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES

Mondays to Fridays: 8:00am
Wed., Thurs., Fri: 7:00pm**
** followed by Adoration at 8pm & 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

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.

HOLY COMMUNION Available to shut-ins. Contact 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
Coordinator: Eli Bautista Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30 to 8:00pm

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leader: Jonquil Francis and Joseph D'silva
Email: smyac_team@yahoo.com Website: www.smyac.ca
YOUTH MINISTRY (YM) E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com
Coordinator: Eli Bautista Website: www.saintmarysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Kevin Smith (Principal) Website: www.stmary.bc.ca
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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