



### ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday June 8, 2008

“God’s Mercy and Ours”



Dear Parishioners,

The following is a short reflection from the late Fr. Thomas Merton, OCD on the mercy of God which in turn is meant to bring about mercy on our part towards others,

“How close God is to us when we come to recognize and to accept our abjection and to cast our care entirely upon Him! Against all human expectation He sustains us when we need to be sustained... Hope is always just about to turn into despair, but never does so, for at the moment of supreme crisis God's power is suddenly made perfect in our infirmity. So we learn to expect His mercy most calmly when all is most dangerous, to seek Him quietly in the face of peril...

Our weakness has opened Heaven to us, because it has brought the mercy of God down to us and won us His love... Even sin has played an unwilling part in saving sinners, for the infinite mercy of God cannot be prevented from drawing the greatest good out of the greatest evil.

When the Lord hears my prayer for mercy (a prayer which is itself inspired by the action of His mercy), then He makes His mercy present and visible in me by moving me to have mercy on others as He has had mercy on me...”

God Bless,  
Fr. Mark



### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. June 8:** 2:00pm Couples for Christ Gen Mtng. (Church Basement)  
**NEW!** 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)  
5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)
- Mon. June 9:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
- Tue. June 10:** 6:30pm Baptism Preparation Class (Church)  
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
7:00pm Theology of the Body (Church Basement)
- Wed. June 11:** 2:00pm Willingdon Park Mass (4435 Grange St.)  
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)  
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. June 12:** 7:00pm Mass & Adoration (Church)  
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)  
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. June 13:** 10:00am St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex Ave.)  
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 14:** 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)  
3:30pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement, LWC Area)
- Sun. June 15:** 2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Ave.)  
2:00pm CFC - FFL General Mtng (Church Bsmnt)  
**NEW!** 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)  
5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)

### FUNERAL MASS FOR THERESA WOLFE

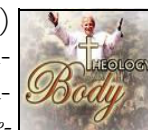
A funeral Mass for Theresa Wolfe is scheduled at 10am on Tuesday, June 10 here at St. Mary's. Theresa was a very active supporter of St. Mary's. She started with the Flower Ministry over 20 years ago and was also active in fundraising for the building of the new church. She continued sewing and crocheting for our craft sales even after moving to the Columbus Residence in Marpole. Theresa was admitted to St. Vincent's Langara Extended Care Hospital 3 years ago, but St. Mary's was always her Parish. Fr. Joe Cuddy presented her with a plaque and a certificate of recognition for her fundraising efforts. She was 94 years old.



### PARISH NEWS

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

Come & join us for 2 more Tuesdays (June 10, 17) in the Church Basement from 7pm to 9pm. Admission is free. St. Mary's Young Adult Community is presenting the final 4-parts 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.



#### A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus would like to thank all the parishioners for all the support and donations during the sale of Mother's Day Carnations last May 10 & 11, 2008. Total net proceeds of \$936.84 were donated to Missionaries of Charity who accommodate Single Pregnant Women.



#### FATHER'S DAY BUTTONS NEXT WEEKEND

Come along all you sons and daughters! Award your dad with an appreciation button. Next 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.

### CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of our dearly departed:

**Theresa Wolfe:** Funeral service will be held on **Tuesday, June 10th**  
**Conchita Enriquez:** Funeral service was held on **Friday, June 6th**

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord,  
Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them,  
May Their Souls Rest In Peace, Amen.*



## PARISH / COMMUNITY 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 9, 16 & 23 in St. Mary's Church. Remember to block off your calendar for these talks. 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](mailto:ipejante@shaw.ca) OR Girlie Umali at 604 783 0203; email [guia\\_umali@yahoo.com](mailto: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!

### **MOM'S BIBLE SHARING AND FELLOWSHIP**

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 are now at 63% of our parish goal and going strong. However, only 11% of registered families have contributed so far. Therefore we encourage everyone to participate in this event (100%). Participation is the "Key" factor in making this event a success! Please pick up a form and show your support! Your generosity is greatly appreciated regardless of the amount.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY FOOTBALL NIGHT**

**Friday, June 13.** Meet in front of the Church at 6pm. Permission Forms are required and are available at the YM Website. Come out & play with us!

## 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.



### **SEPARATION, DIVORCE & ANNULMENT SEMINAR**

Presented by Monsignor Pedro Lopez-Gallo of the Marriage Tribunal, followed by questions and answers. Saturday, June 14 from 10am to 12noon, St. Patrick's (2881 Main St.). Fee is \$10. Contact Catholic Family Services for info or to register at (604) 443-3220. All are welcome.

### **SPECIAL 2ND COLLECTION FOR PRO-LIFE NEXT WEEKEND**

June 15th has been designated a Pro-Life Sunday in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. We are all asked to help this group. Please use the envelopes that will be inserted in next 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.

### **CATHOLIC CAFÉ PRESENTS: A WALK & TALK**

Hike up a local mountain trail & listen to "Hearing our Hearts: St. Ignatius of Loyola and Life's Choices" by Msgr. Gregory Smith. Saturday, June 21. Starts with 9am Mass. Register with Harold Waldock: [hwaldock@yahoo.ca](mailto:hwaldock@yahoo.ca) OR (604) 763-6984 to get more details.

### **HOT DISCO UNDERGROUND PARTY FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS**

(69,000 died, 16 million homeless), Tickets at \$5. **Our Lady of Mercy School Gym, Sunday, Jun29, 6pm.** Tickets & Info: (604) 522-8579. Tickets available after OLM weekend Masses and at OLM Parish Office, Kingsway & 10 Ave. Donations to the disaster regions will be matched dollar for dollar by the Canadian Government and contributions will be doubled. Donations will be forwarded to CCODP. God bless!

## 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.ca](mailto:smyac_team@yahoo.ca) Website: [www.smyac.ca](http://www.smyac.ca)  
**YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)** E-mail: [stmarys\\_ym@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarys_ym@yahoo.com)  
Coordinator: Eli Bautista Website: [www.saintmarysyoung.com](http://www.saintmarysyoung.com)

### **ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Mr. Kevin Smith (Principal) Website: [www.stmary.bc.ca](http://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