



**ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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The Pastor's Two Dogs



Dear Parishioners,

Twice a month, I have a chat with Fr. Lawrence Donnelly, pastor of St. Jude's. He receives me in his living room. His two dogs are watching us. One day Fr. Lawrence said, pointing to the smaller dog, "This one thinks I am God. The other one thinks he is God." I thought I should use this for a homily about prayer. The dog who thinks Fr. Lawrence is God is like Mary of Bethany. She sits at the foot of her Master and waits for any command he will utter. She knows Jesus is one with God and will only say what he hears the Father say, and therefore will only ask what the Father wants to give. She also knows the Father is as good as Jesus is, therefore his will is good beyond imagination. Martha is more like the other dog, who thinks he is God. This dog thinks that he can bend Fr. Lawrence's will as he pleases, and use him to get anything he wants when he wants it. Martha believes that Jesus has the ear of God, the Father, and can use the divine power to heal his friend Lazarus when he pleases, and to delay his dying. Martha is not actually that bad, but I am trying to make my point! Mary, on the other hand, has a union with Christ to go beyond getting prayers answered. She is like Jesus, who only says what she hears Jesus saying, and only asks what the Father is already giving.

Lord, mold my prayer into Mary's prayer. Make my prayer like yours, and you will truly be my God and I will truly be your beloved son. Amen.

God Bless You, *Fr. Pierre.*



**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

- Sun. Mar. 09:** 10:00am RCIA (Rectory Basement)  
 11:15am PREP Special Classes (School)  
 12:30pm Special Class Parents (Seminar Room)  
 2:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)  
**5:00pm Youth & Young Adult Mass (Church)**
- Mon. Mar. 10:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
 7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
- Tue. Mar. 11:** 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)  
 6:30pm Teen PREP (Rectory Basement)  
 6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)  
 6:30pm Baptism Preparation Class (Church)  
 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
 7:30pm PEC Meeting
- Wed. Mar. 12:** 2:00pm Willingdon Park Mass (4435 Grange St.)  
 6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)  
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)  
 7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)  
 7:30pm SMYAC Leaders Mtg. (Rectory Dining)  
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Mar. 13:** 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)  
 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)  
 7:30pm Parish Outreach Mtg. (Rectory Basement)  
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. Mar. 14:** 10:00am St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex Avenue)  
 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
**6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)**  
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)  
 7:00pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
 7:30pm **Confession Service** (Church)  
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Mar. 15:** 9:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Church Basement)  
 9:30am Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
 10:00am 1st Reconciliation-Special Class (Church)  
 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)  
 7:30pm CFC-CLP Seminar (Church Basement)  
 7:30pm CFC-FFL Seminar (School Gym)
- Sun. Mar. 16:** 10:00am RCIA (Rectory Basement)  
 2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Avenue)  
 2:00pm Couples for Christ - FFL (Church Bsmt)

**PARISH NEWS**

**CONFESSION SERVICES AT NEIGHBOURING CHURCHES**

St. Theresa's, 5146 Laurel St., **Tue. Mar. 11** at 7:00pm.  
 St. Francis of Assisi, 2025 Napier St., **Wed. Mar. 12** at 7:00pm.  
 Corpus Christi, 6350 Nanaimo St., **Thu. Mar. 13** at 7:00pm.  
**St. Mary's, 5251 Joyce St., Fri. Mar. 14** at 7:30pm.



**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

AGM for all returning families for Sep. 2008, **Thu. Mar. 13** at 7pm in the school. Information Night for NEW families wishing to enter St. Mary's for Sep. 2008 will be held on **Thu. Apr. 3** at 7pm in the school.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL SHAMROCK DRIVE**

The Knights of Columbus request your support for their annual Shamrock Drive after all masses next weekend **Sat. Mar. 15 & Sun. Mar. 16**, in honour of St. Patrick's Day on Mar. 17. All proceeds go to support Seniors Housing.



**NEXT SAT./SUN. MAR. 15/16 IS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**

To all Volunteers of St. Mary's Parish – please remember to wear your Volunteer tag **next Sat./Sun.** which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, when we will recognize the tremendous assistance and support provided by you to our Parish. Thank you.

**PENNIES FOR HEAVEN**

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting Pennies and other CAD currency in order to support vocations to the Priesthood. Please bring in all your pennies to the foyer before and after all Sunday masses (**Mar. to Apr.**) and put them in the big bottle. Your donations will be used for the education and personal needs of our seminarians. God Bless You.



**CWL RETREAT REMINDER**

For those who registered for the CWL Retreat on "Contemplative Prayers for the Busy Women of Today" by Fr. Gabriel de Chadarevian, OP on **Mar. 15** at Rosemary Heights in Surrey: **We will meet at St. Mary's parking lot by 7:45am.** Please be on time as bus leaves at 8:00am. Queries to Chit at 604-999-8574.

**6TH ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EASTER EGG HUNT**

**Easter Sun. Mar. 23** after the 11:15am Mass, in the school gym. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for all children between the ages of 6 – 11 years. Children below 6 years will receive complimentary giveaways. Bring your children and have fun watching them have a great time.



## PARISH NEWS

### LEGION OF MARY ACIES

**Sun. Mar. 30**, 2pm - 5pm at St. Andrew's Church, 480 E. 47th Ave. Vcr. All active and Auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary together with families and friends are cordially invited. Refreshments will follow in the Church basement.

### PRAYER BREAKFAST

Come and enjoy breakfast with Coadjutor Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB, and listen to his testimony of his walk with God. Food by Dutchmen Caterer. Enjoy lively worship music and fellowship with the Catholic Charismatic. **Mar. 29**, 9:00am-12:00 pm at St. Mary's Parish (5251 Joyce St., Vancouver). Tickets: \$10 – contact 604-597-8227 or fireblade@shaw.ca.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CANDLE MINISTRY

St. Mary's Candle Ministry is in need of volunteers to help clean the candle stands and replace candles in the church on a weekly basis. If you are able to help please call the parish office. May God bless you for your stewardship.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOSPITAL GIFT SHOP

Holy Family Hospital is in urgent need of volunteers for their gift shop. For info. please contact Lorraine 604-434-8900.

### ST. MARY'S RESOURCE CENTER (LIBRARY)

Many of you may not be aware that we have a borrowing facility located in the Church basement in the Children's Liturgy area. Volunteers are available for half an hour after every Sunday Mass (except 5 & 7:00pm). Come and visit us soon.



### LOST AND FOUND

Please note, due to the large number of items in the Lost and Found box, it shall be emptied monthly on the fourth Sunday of the month. All suitable items will then be donated to charity. Please check the box, which is kept at the Registration Table, for any lost items. A reminder to all members of the Hospitality Team: please use the Log book, which is also kept at the Registration Table, to record any Lost and Found items.

### VISITATION OF THE SICK BY HANDS OF VERONICA

If a loved one is a patient in Burnaby General Hospital and would like to have a visit from a member of the Hands of Veronica group, please contact the Parish Office with information.

### NOTRE DAME REG. SECONDARY SCHOOL PRESENTATION

"The Music Man" Free Seniors Matinee **Apr. 15-18!** The show starts at 12noon. Free refreshments. Our elementary students \$5 only. Call Sue Cirillo 604-255-5454. Thanks for your support.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - BOOKKEEPER

A detail-oriented individual with good communication skills and energy needed for office and accounting duties in the Society of St Vincent de Paul Vancouver Central Council Office located at Hastings & Commercial. The Central Council office uses the Simply Accounting system including general ledger, payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, cash receipts recording, reporting and other accounting functions. Works with the Central Council Board to prepare the annual budget, and prepares monthly financial statements. Also works extremely closely with external auditors during the annual audit. Related office duties including filing, typing, receiving and dispatching mail, purchasing office supplies and making bank deposits. Candidates must have a least high school graduation, 2 years book-keeping/accounting experience including Simply Accounting, and a good knowledge of Microsoft Office programs.

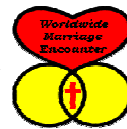
The position is part-time with flexible hours. FAX resume to 604-873-1320 or mail to: The Society of St Vincent de Paul, Vancouver Archdiocesan Central Council, 1738 Hasting Street East, Vancouver, BC, V5L 1S5.

### CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

**Mar. 28 - 30.** Helping engaged couples understand the Sacrament of Marriage and their vocation. Register at [www.ceewest.com](http://www.ceewest.com) or 604-451-3300.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

**The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a great Get-away for just the two of you.** A few spots left for **Mar. 28 - 30.** Steve&Mary 604-876-7298 [sbohnen@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:sbohnen@interchange.ubc.ca)



### SPRING DINNER DANCE

**Sat. Apr. 12.** Doors at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00pm at Holy Spirit Church (244 Lawrence Street, New West). Proceeds to their "Building for the Future" fund. For tickets or info, contact Fr. David Hughes at 604-521-0334.

### "COME BE MY LIGHT"

Retreat in the Spirit of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta with Father Sebastian Vazhakala, MC, Co-founder with Blessed Mother Teresa and International Spiritual Director for the Lay Missionaries of Charity. **May 6 - 9** at Rosemary Heights. All interested in learning about the Charism of Blessed Mother Teresa are invited. For more information, call Imelda at 604-301-0655. Space is limited so register early!



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### BIBLICAL LANDS PILGRIMAGE AND CRUISE

24 days Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Holy Land & Jordan Pilgrimage **October 7 – 31, 2008** (32pax) Tour cost \$5950.00. Following St. Paul's missionary journey in Greece & Ephesus + 3 day Greek Islands - Turkey cruise. Journey to the cities addressed by St. John from the Island of Patmos / Churches of revelation. Exodus (Egypt, Holy Land & Jordan) customized, escorted, spiritual & cultural land/cruise tour. Spiritual Director: Fr. Mark Hoo, O.P. For more information please call 604-436-0985.

## PARISH INFORMATION

**MASSES** Mon. - Fri. 8:00am; Sat. 12:00 pm  
Wed., Thu., Fri. 7:00pm followed by Adoration & Benediction at 9:15pm  
Saturday - 5:00pm (**Anticipation**)  
Sunday - 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

**RECONCILIATION** Sunday & Weekdays - Before and after all Masses.  
Saturday - 11:15-11:45am; 4:15-4:45pm;  
(An appointment for reconciliation may be made by phone)

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

### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Thursday - 8:00am; Saturday - 12:00pm

### FIRST FRIDAY 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

**BAPTISM** 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.

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

**PREP** Religious education program for children attending public schools.  
Coordinator: Eli Bautista Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm

### ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leader: Jonquil Francis and Joseph D'silva  
Contact: [smyac\\_team@yahoo.ca](mailto:smyac_team@yahoo.ca) Website: [www.smyac.ca](http://www.smyac.ca)  
**YOUTH MINISTRY** E-mail: [stmarys\\_ym@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarys_ym@yahoo.com)  
Coordinator: Eli Bautista Website: [www.saintmarysyouth.com](http://www.saintmarysyouth.com)

**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** Kevin Smith (Principal)  
K-Grade 7 (604) 437-1312 Fax (604) 437-1193 Website: <http://www.stmary.bc.ca>

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Pastor : Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP  
Assistant Pastor : Fr. Mark Hoo, OP  
Youth and PREP Coordinator : Eli Bautista  
Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon / Ossie Fernandes