



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor's
Corner

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WE ARE SAFE!

"The meaning of Christ's Ascension", writes Pope Benedict XVI, "expresses our belief that in Christ the humanity that we all share has entered into the inner life of God in a new and hitherto unheard of way. It means that man has found an everlasting place in God".

On the day of Christ's Ascension, a human body rose above all the universe, above all angels, and entered into the Father's heart. The flesh, which prevents us to be close to the Father because of its complicity with sin, now begins to be a path towards the Father. In his humanity, Christ is the head of the Body; we are his members. When the head is born, the rest of the body will follow. At the Ascension, Christ, the head of the Body is received into the womb of the Father. In Christ, the whole of humanity is born anew, from the Father. It is just a matter of time for the rest of the Body to be born anew and free. Women giving birth say that when the head of baby is out, the rest of the body will follow through gracefully. So we can say that part of us, our Head is already in the Father, fully alive, fully holy and safe. The seed that was sown in the earth on Good Friday has now blossomed in the Father's heart.

Let us ask for the grace that will make us realize in our heart the definitiveness of our redemption so that our hope becomes joy. That sense of being one with Christ who is in the Father a beginning of heaven. It is heaven on earth. After all, if Jesus is in the Father and we are in Jesus, then we are in heaven. Let us give the last word to Pope Benedict. "We go to heaven to the extent that we go to Jesus Christ and enter into him". Heaven is a person. "Jesus himself is what we call heaven".

God Bless You *Fr. Pierre*

PARISH NEWS

PARENTS' CORNER

Parents, are you doing a good job on raising faithful Christian children? Did you know that the primary responsibility of your children's faith education is yours? But the church is here to help. The Youth Ministry, with its senior and junior groups is a great way to help your youth to learn more about their faith while having fun. Please do your part and register yourself for our Parents' Corner to be kept up to date on all that is going on with the Youth Ministry and encourage youth to attend. Register by contacting Arda at stmatys_ym@yahoo.com / 604-435-9611 ext.6.

PARISH PICTURE DIRECTORY-- It's time to smile

It is not too late to be included in the directory. Book today in the church foyer, or contact tamisiano@yahoo.ca. Please specify date & preferred time (2:30 - 8:30pm). **Available dates are: Tuesday 26th, Thursday 28th, Friday 29th.** You will be given the closest time to your preference that is available. In the e-mail, be sure to include your **name, address, phone number and the best time to reach you.** Thank you for your participation.

ANNUAL MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus will have their annual Marian Pilgrimage to the Grotto in Mission, BC on **Saturday, May 30.** Parishioners are invited to join. There are **20 seats available** (first come, first served) **at \$7.00 per person.** A sign-up sheet is at the info table in the foyer. Write your name and phone number.

WEAR RED!!! WEAR RED!!!

Next weekend, **Sunday, May 30/31,** is Pentecost, the Church's birthday. We celebrate the coming of the Spirit into our lives. Wear RED!, the colour of the Spirit, as an outward sign of this inner gift from Christ!

2009/2010 PREP EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Registration forms for the 09/10 catechism year are still available in the Parish Office and Church foyer. **Discounted registration fees** are available **until May 31.** Register now to save \$\$\$ and be assured of a spot. Regular price registrations resume in August.

WHAT IS A GREAT MARRIAGE?

It is never too late (or too early) to get practical suggestions on how to help enrich your relationship. **Denis Boyd, R.Psych** will present a workshop on **Monday, June 1, here at St. Mary's from 7:00-10:00pm.** The cost of \$20 per person includes handouts and refreshments. **Pre-register and pre-pay, by May 25.** Call Denis Boyd & Associates at 604-931-7211. The poster in the foyer has more info about Denis Boyd and topics.

PARISH NEWS

MONDAY MASS -- SOON TO SWITCH TIMES

Beginning Monday, June 1, daily Mass will return to its regular time of 8:00am and there will no longer be a 7:00pm Mass.

ORDINATION AT ST. MARY'S PARISH

Soon the number of Dominican priests in Canada will increase by one!! On **Saturday, June 6,** Brother David Bellusci, who was born in Vancouver and raised in Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, will be ordained here at St. Mary's by Most Reverend J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver. Please keep Brother David in your prayers as he journeys closer to his vocation. A finger food reception will follow. All are welcome. The 7:00pm ordination takes place within a Sunday Mass and will fulfill your Sunday obligation.

LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

Are you creative? Do you want to put your creativity to the test? St. Mary's Youth Ministry wants a logo design and we are having a contest to choose it. Please submit your design to stmarys_ym@yahoo.com **on or before June 15.** The winner will get the boasting rights and a music CD.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL HAS OPENINGS

St. Mary's School has openings for September 2009 in **Grades 4 and 7.** If you are interested, please contact the school for an application package. Telephone number is 604-437-1312.

THANK YOU FROM OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank you to everyone who supported the sale of carnations on Mother's Day, that was sponsored by St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council 13072. The net proceeds of \$800 will be donated to Talitha Koum Society and the Missionaries of Charity.

MINISTRY IN FOCUS

The Legion of Mary is a group of people (men, women and children), who volunteer their services (spiritual and corporal works of mercy) to Jesus Christ and His Church through the special love and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary; making every action in their lives a conscious effort to evangelize and achieve personal sanctity as enlisted children of God. Sacred obligations of love and service are set up between members and Head and between members themselves. We meet every Saturday at 3:00pm in the church basement. All are invited. For more information please contact Lolita at 604-432-7628 or Caridad at 604-431-6849

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH IN CHINA

In answer to the request of Pope Benedict XVI (that May 24 become a day for all Catholics to be united in prayer with the Church in China), **St. Francis Xavier Church** will celebrate the **World Day of Prayer for the Church in China on Sunday, May 24 at 3:00pm.** The celebration will be presided by Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB. Opening hymn is at 3:00pm, blessing of the statue of Our Lay of China at 3:20, multilingual rosary at 3:25 and multilingual mass at 4:00pm. (604-254-2727)

CHARASMATIC CELEBRATION

Come experience Joy and spiritual Power at the Pentecost Celebration on **Saturday, May 30 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at St. Matthew's Church** (16079 - 88th Ave., Surrey). Prayer, Praise, Healing, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass and Lunch -- NO COST.

INVITATION TO THE FOCOLARE MOVEMENT

The Focolare Movement (Work of Mary) extends an invitation to anyone who would like to know them better. Get all your questions regarding the community answered. Please join us on **Sunday, May 31** from 1:30 - 4:00pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel Auditorium (10460—139th Street, Surrey). A simultaneous program for the children ages 4 - 17 will be provided.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Do you know any hardworking, low income families who might qualify for a Habitat Home? Housing Info/Application Meetings are on **Sat. June 6 at 1:00pm, Wed. June 10 at 7:00pm,** and **Sat June 13 a 1:00pm.** To register call 604-681-5618 ext24.

MENTORING CONNECTIONS

Mentoring connections is a dynamic community initiative from Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISSofBC). This program matches established professionals with skilled immigrants in flexible, career-focused mentoring relationships Mentors share valuable industry-specific advice and encouragement to help equip new immigrants with the knowledge they need to find meaningful work in their field of choice more quickly. If you:

- have 3 years min. professional/technical Canadian experience.
- value diversity and want to learn more about other cultures
- are successful and looking for ways to teach, learn and grow -- then check out www.issbc.org/employers/mentoring if you are interested in helping with this program.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. May 24: 10:15am Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange St)
2:00pm Couples for Christ -- FFL (Church Bsmt)

Mon. May 25: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
7:00pm Mass (Church)
7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)

Tue. May 26: 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

Wed. May. 27: 8:30am Respect Life Meeting (Rectory Dining)
6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)
7:00pm Mass / Adoration / Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)



Thu. May. 28: 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (**cancelled this week**)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)



Fri. May. 29: 9:00am Bible Sharing for Women (Rectory Bsmt)
3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:30pm Youth Band (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Notre Dame Graduation Mass
followed by Adoration / Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)



Sat. May: 30: 12:40pm Bible Study & Sharing (Rectory Dining)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)
3:15pm Baptisms (Church)
6:30pm Couples for Christ - CLP (Gym)
7:00pm Singles for Christ (Church Basement)



**PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL CONTINUE
TO TAKE PICTURES FOR OUR PARISH
PICTURE DIRECTORY THIS WEEK
PLEASE DO NOT FORGET YOUR APPOINTMENT.**

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES : Monday 7:00pm
Tuesday: 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 (**Anticipation**)
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

Email: smyac_team@yahoo.ca

Website: www.smyac.ca

YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)

E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu

Website: www.saintmarysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Kevin Smith (Principal)

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mondays to Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm
Saturdays: 11:00am to 2:00pm

Pastor:

Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P..

Youth Ministry/Volunteer Coordinator:

Arda Akoglu

Parish Secretary:

Margherita Bordignon