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*[One day Jesus asked his disciples,
"Who do you say I am?"*

*Simon Peter answered,
"You are the Messiah
the Son of the living God."*

Matthew 16:15-16

A poem describes six blind people wondering what an elephant looks like. One feels the animal's side and says, "It looks like a wall."

Another feels the elephant's leg and says, "It looks like a tree trunk"; and so on. Some people say, "When it comes to God, the various religions of the world are like the blind people in the poem. Each is partly in the right; each is partly in the wrong."

What convinces me that Christianity is different from other religions and is right about God?

*Muhammad said he was a sinner.
Buddha said he wasn't God.
Jesus said, "Whoever has seen me
has seen the Father" (John 14.9)
If Jesus was who he said he was,
then Christianity does, indeed, possess
a privileged, personal knowledge
of God and God's will.*

PARISH NEWS

RCIA/FAITH INSTRUCTION

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is designed for:

- A) Adult inquirers: the non-baptized or baptized in other faiths who wish to find out more about Christianity or becoming a Catholic.
- B) Adult Catholics: baptized but not catechized, and/or did not complete the other Sacraments of Initiation (Communion and/or Confirmation);
- C) All others are welcome.

So, if you are interested in the Catholic Faith or know someone who is, the RCIA program is the answer! You may still register for RCIA classes which began on September 2. For more info, call Michael McGrath at 604-431-6076 or mikejudy@telus.net.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We at St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Mary's Conference would like to thank all parishioners for the generous donations to our annual collection taken up last weekend. Approximately \$5000 was collected. Your help and support is greatly appreciated by the people we serve, and continues to successfully develop our organization here at St. Mary's. God Bless!!

JR & SR YOUTH MINISTRY - SCAVENGER HUNT & MOVIE

Back with a blast! Youth Ministry is kicking off the new school year with fun. On **Monday, September 14** join us for Scavenger Hunt and roam for clues. Meet us at 6:30pm in the Church Basement. And then, on **Saturday, September 19** join us for the Movie of the Month - Twilight - at 4:00pm in the Rectory Basement. Both events are for Jr. & Sr. Youth Ministry and both events will be lots of fun. Don't miss out and bring a friend!



SUMMIT

Join Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) and other young adults for an evening of adoration, worship and the sacrament of reconciliation followed by a time of fellowship! Best of all, it is happening here at St. Mary's. Summit will take place on **Saturday, September 19, at 7:30pm in the Church**. There will be a social gathering time with snacks afterwards in the Church Basement. Come out, join your fellow St. Mary's Young Adults and experience an evening of adoration and worship.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST - Christian Life Program

The next CLP program begins on **September 19 at 7:30pm** in the school gym. Open to all adults regardless of age or marital status (married, single, widowed, separated) it is intended to reinforce our present relationship with Jesus and to share our faith and life experience with those who are struggling in their relationship with Jesus.

PARISH NEWS

OPENINGS AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

St. Mary's School has openings in **Grades K, 1, 4, and 7**. Call the school at 604-437-1312 for a registration package.

FAREWELL PARTY FOR STREET MINISTRY COORDINATOR

In early October **Mildred Moy** will leave to join a religious community in Nebraska. Her **farewell party on Saturday, September 19**, begins with the noon Mass and ends with a potluck in the Church Basement. Please bring finger food. **Please continue to pray for Mildred.** To take part in a prayer spiritual bouquet please sign up at the foyer.

CONFERENCE: EXPLAINING AND DEFENDING THE FAITH

Have you ever been asked questions about the Faith by your children or friends but didn't know how to answer? Maybe you know what the church teaches, but not why. This conference is designed to do just that -- explain clearly and convincingly what the Church teaches and WHY, focusing especially on where we find these teachings in the Bible and the Early Church. Topics will include Papal Infallibility, the Eucharist, the Blessed Mother, How are We Saved?, and much more. Graham Osborne will give a presentation here at St. Mary's on **Saturday, October 3 from 9am - 4pm**. Holy Mass at Noon.

PROJECT ADVANCE UPDATE

"Can you skip two cups of Starbucks coffee for the week?" A donation for as little as \$5 to this campaign will surely make a difference. Only 12% of all registered members of our parish have participated in the project, so we NEED the other 88% of our fellow parishioners to help out in order for our parish to achieve our goal!! It's also a great opportunity for you to give your assistance to those who are in need. We are now at 87% of our Parish goal so please send in your pledges or register as new donors. Please continue to drop off your pledges through the Sunday collection basket. Thanks for your generous support.

MINISTRY IN FOCUS

St. Mary's Young Adult Community (SMYAC) is a vibrant ministry for young adults aged 18 - 39 years. Throughout the year, we host spiritual, social and outreach activities. Whether you are in college, university, career-oriented, single or married, this is the group for you. One way to be in touch with us is via our weekly email updates of our activities. If you wish, please contact us at smyac_team@yahoo.ca. This is a great place to meet Catholic young adults from St. Mary's and also other parishes. For more information contact Jonquil @ 604-720-0969.

 This page is entirely taken from "Vision" by Mark Link, S.J.
 God Bless You, *Fr. Pierre*

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

THE TRAVELLING EXHIBIT OF THE PILGRIM POPE

On September 18, 1984 Pope John Paul II made his historic visit to Abbotsford and Vancouver. To commemorate the 25th anniversary, the Archdiocese has assembled a travelling exhibition of artifacts and memorabilia. The kick off will be on **Sun., Sep. 13 at 2:30pm**. Holy Rosary Cathedral will have Mass celebrated by Most. Rev. J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver and will be attended by other BC bishops and many people who helped with the Pope's visit. The exhibit includes digital photos, artifacts from the event, and six large banners to be displayed in Churches across the Archdiocese in the coming weeks. To get a taste to the exhibit, visit www.raav.org/jp2visit.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE? Only a week until Retrouvaille.

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **September 18, 2009**, email 1009@retrouvaille.org OR call 604-530-6710 OR visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

THE MESSAGE OF THE DIVINE MERCY

September 19, from 10am - 4pm at St. Bernadette's Parish, 6543-132 Street in Surrey. Keynote speaker is Dr. Bryan Thatcher. Please call Ruby at 604-507-0657 to register.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

Deacon Alex Jones will be at this year's Vancouver Catholic Charismatic Conference, on **Sep 25/26, at Broadway Church**, 2700 East Broadway. Encourage others to attend. Tickets are \$10. Info: Lennie at 604-597-8227 / www.vccrs.ca under Events.

COULD RELIGIOUS LIFE BE FOR YOU?


Calling women who dare! You are invited to a Day of Conversation on Religious Life with sisters of several communities, led by Sister Toyleen Fook, SP, on **Saturday, September 26** from 10am to 3pm at 789 Alderson Avenue, Coquitlam (next door to the Convent). Easy transit access. For info and registration, call Sr. Anne-Marie Fransoo, SEJ, 604-936-2875, a-mfransoo@shaw OR Sr. Veronica Tang, SIHM, 604-936-3455, sihm@telus.net. Sponsored by: Sisters Association of Vancouver Archdiocese.


THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Sep. 13: 2:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)

Mon. Sep.14: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:00pm Jr/Sr Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)

Tue. Sep. 15: 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm Catholic Women's League (Church Bsmt)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

 **Wed. Sep. 16:** 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass / Adoration / Confession (Church)
7:30pm D&P Diocesan Council (Rectory Dining)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)

 **Thu. Sep. 17:** 7:00pm Pastoral Council (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)

 **Fri. Sep. 18:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
5:00pm Eucharistic Apostolate (Rectory Dining)
6:00pm Youth Band Practice (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC - FFL (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Mass/ Adoration /Confession (Church)
7:30pm Couples For Christ Bible Study (Gym)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room / Sacristy)
8:00pm SMYAC Meet & Greet (Church Basement)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)

Sat. Sep 19: 12:40pm Mildred Moy Farewell (Church Basement)
2:30pm Knights of Columbus Council (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
4:00pm Youth Ministry Movie (Rectory Basement)
6:30pm Couples for Christ Meeting (School Gym)
7:00pm SUMMIT -- hosted by
Catholic Christian Outreach (Church Bsmt)

Sun. Sep. 20: 2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Avenue)

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES:

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: Jason Costa and Jonquil Francis
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

Ms Brenda Krivuzoff (Principal) Website: www.stmary.bc.ca
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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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Youth Ministry/Volunteer Coordinator: Arda Akoglu
Parish Secretary: Margherita Bordignon