



**ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 5251 JOYCE STREET  
 VANCOUVER, BC, V5R 4G8  
 TEL: (604) 435-9611 FAX: (604) 439-9413  
 EMAIL: stmarys@telus.net  
 WEBSITE: www.stmarysvancouver.ca

April 11, 2010

Pastor's  
Corner

**ARE YOU ALREADY RESURRECTED?**

Does the Risen Christ have the power to change our lives now or only after our death? Can we experience resurrection during our earthly life? Yes, Jesus said in the Gospel of John that we have eternal life now, not only after our deaths. Jesus said in the Gospels of Mark, Luke and Matthew that the kingdom of God is already happening in us and among us. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC654) teaches us that "by His resurrection, Jesus opens for us the way to a new life."

One of the ways we experience this new life is through the changes the Holy Spirit does in our own being. People will say to you that you have changed so much that you become an icon of Jesus Christ. But you yourself feel that you are just the witness of the changes in you. You are not the direct source of them. They are done in you and they surprise you with joy. Despite these changes, you still sin but the Lord is telling you "OK, you may choose to sin, but it is only for a time. You will come back to me". Then you realize that the temptation and even the sin have lost their power to damage you deeply. You recover faster after sinning. You don't lose peace. After falling, you don't lose all the ground that you had gained.

How does this work? The Catechism (CCC811) tells us, "It is not easy for man, wounded by sin, to maintain moral balance." The stress and fervour that we have after conversion soon fades away in the face of real temptations. So "Christ's gift of salvation (Resurrection) offers us the graces necessary to persevere in the pursuit of the virtues" (CCC1811). After a while of trying in vain to attain by repeated virtuous actions an "habitual and firm disposition to do the good" (CCC1803), the Risen Christ will infuse us in, through the Holy Spirit, the main virtues requested to act in a Christ-like way. We become surprised by grace when we become aware of our ease, promptness and joy in choosing what Christ would choose. We become like an expert skier skiing easily and intuitively through the most treacherous slopes of life.

*Pastor's Corner Continued...*

*Pastor's Corner continued...*

For many years, faith might have been a struggle against incredulity. Then we realize it is becoming a joyful "yes!" to who God is and to the role He is giving us in what happens. Our human nature: "still bears the traces of its former bondage to sin. There remain the consequences of sin— concupiscence, sickness and death. But all the sting, all the hopelessness, is taken from them. They are no longer a brand of guilt, but marks of old wounds left in the redeemed, which by the will of the all-wise God call us to humility and penance. They serve for our protection. In their infirmity our power is made perfect (cf. 2 Cor 12:9). Like the glorious stigmata of the risen Lord, they will be henceforth the witnesses of our victory. And certain as it is that these scars remain, it is equally sure that their root-stock, our greatest guilt, has been torn up." (Fr Karl Adam, Magnificat)

God Bless you, Fr Pierre



**PARISH NEWS**

**JR. YOUTH MINISTRY (gr 6-8) CHRISTOS ANESTI**

ALLELUIA!! CHRIST IS RISEN! And so what? What does that mean to you in your day to day life? What if He had not risen? Would anything be different at all? Join the Jr. Youth Ministry as we discuss the mystery and the meaning of the Easter Miracle on Monday, April 12 at 6:30pm in the Church Basement. Warning: What you find out might change your life forever!



**YOUTH DAY 2010 – MAY 7 & 8**

I cannot believe a whole year has passed and it's time for Youth Day again. Yes, the highly anticipated, impatiently waited for event of the year is almost here. If you have been to Youth Day before then you know what I am talking about and if you have never been there before, well this is your chance. Team up with the St Mary's Sr. Youth Ministry (grades 8-12) who will be joining hundreds of teens for an awesome week-end of faith, fellowship, and fun! Register now with Arda by calling 604-435-9611 ext.6 or email stmarys\_ym@yahoo.com. Early registration deadline is April 26 (you will get a free t-shirt). Don't miss this amazing weekend!



**YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE**

Our Youth Ministry web-site has been resurrected. Have you seen it? Check out [www.saintmarysyouth.com](http://www.saintmarysyouth.com) and send in your questions to the FAQ page and you might be our lucky winner.

**PARISH NEWS**

**HEALING & DELIVERANCE**

Fr Rufus Pereira, a Catholic priest and exorcist from Mumbai, India will celebrate mass at St. Mary's on Sunday April 17 and Monday April 18 at 7pm. Following each mass, he will give a talk and pray with individuals for healing and deliverance.

**ABLAZE**

St Mary's is introducing a new spiritual program recognizing the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Ablaze! is an invitation to connect with the Holy Spirit as a catalyst to serving Christ. This is an 8 week program held Thursdays from April 22-June 10, 7-9pm., featuring guest speakers, music, prayer and discussion to bring inspiration, identity and meaning to our personal lives. For ages 18 and up. Come experience Ablaze! Sessions will be held in the Church basement and attendance at all 8 sessions is required.



**PROJECT ADVANCE 2010**

Calling for volunteers! Our committee requires more volunteers this year to assist in our campaign. If you are a new parishioner, come join us and show your support for the parish. If you have participated in previous years, we need your expertise in assisting us to make this an even more successful campaign. Fill out a volunteer card available in the church foyer and return it by April 18th. There will be a training session on April 19th at 6pm at the rectory. We look forward to working with everyone in this year's campaign.



**ANNUAL YARD SALE**

Thanks to the many people who have donated items for our annual yard sale (Saturday April 24 10am-3pm). So many new, like-new and gently used things will ensure that there are great bargains waiting for everyone. Your donations and purchases will be a big help to women in crisis.

*Please pray for repose of the souls of our dearly departed :*

**Pasqual Reyes-** Funeral: Wednesday April 14 at 10:00am

**Teresita Cailao -** Funeral: Thursday April 15 at 1:30pm

**Ann Roe -** Funeral: Friday April 16 at 1:00pm



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

## PARISH NEWS

### **JEFF CAVINS COMING TO VANCOUVER**

Jeff Cavins, a well-known Scripture teacher and creator of the Great Adventure Bible study, will facilitate an all day seminar on the Gospel of Matthew on May 8 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at St. Patrick's Parish. **Jeff and his associate will also offer an informative and inspirational evening to parish Bible study leaders on Friday, May 7 at 7:00 pm, at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver.** Information and registration at [www.rcav.org/ore](http://www.rcav.org/ore) or call the Office of Religious Education at 604.683.0281.

### **ARC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL**

Join us this Saturday, April 10 at 7:30pm for an evening of worship, healing, prayer and Adoration and confession. ARC is here at St. Mary's every 3rd Saturday of the month.

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

There are still openings in the following grades for Sept 2010: Grades 2, 4, 6 & 7. If you are interested in sending your child to St. Mary's School, please get an information package from the school office during the hours of 8:30am-3:30pm.

### **ENVELOPES**

Parishioners who have recently requested envelopes, are reminded to pick up their envelopes from the church foyer.

## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

*"Perseverance and Fidelity in the Meditation Journey"*, half day retreat of silent prayer, reflection, music and talk by Fr John Barry on Saturday April 17, 10am-2pm at St. Anthony's Church Hall, 2347 Inglewood Ave, West Vancouver. Bring a bag lunch, tea & coffee provided. Admission by donation.




### **MARCH FOR LIFE**

The Knights of Columbus, Pope John Paul II Council is organizing a bus trip to Victoria on May 13, 2010. Depart at 7am from St. Casimir's Parish, 1187 E 27th Ave, Vancouver. Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral at noon and walk to Parliament Buildings. Return to Vancouver app. 8pm. Cost for adults \$55, Seniors \$25. For more info, please call 604-421-7695.

### **LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY**

LFA is accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year for grades 9-12. If you are interested, please call Kathi Wilson at 604-738-9016 or email [wilsonk@lfabc.org](mailto:wilsonk@lfabc.org).

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Apr 11:** 2:00pm CFC (Church Basement)   
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
- Mon. Apr 12:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm Jr Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
- Tue. Apr 13:** 6:30pm PREP (School)  
6:30pm Baptism Prep Class (Church)  
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
- Wed. Apr 14:**  2:00pm Willingdon Mass (4435 Grange St)  
6:00pm Perpetual Help Novena (Church)  
6:30pm PREP (School)  
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration /Confession (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Apr 15:** 7:00pm Mass/ Adoration (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. Apr 16:**  3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
5:00pm Eucharistic Apostolate (Rectory Dining)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration /Confession (Church)  
7:00pm Singles for Christ (Rectory Basement)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Apr 17:** 9:30am Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)  
1:30pm Couples for Christ- SFC (School Gym)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)  
6:00pm CFF FFL (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Couples for Christ (School Gym)  
7:30pm ARC Charismatic Renewal (Church)
- Sun. Apr 18:** 4:00pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Mass with Fr Rufus/Healing Prayer (Church)

### **NOTE: SPECIAL MASS MONDAY EVENING**

- Mon. Apr 19:** 7:00pm Mass with Fr Rufus/Healing Prayer (Church)

## PARISH INFORMATION

**WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES:** Monday - Friday: 8:00am  
Weekday Morning Rosary 7:00am / Weekday Morning Lauds 7:30am  
**WEEKDAY EVENING MASSES:** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7pm  
followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:00pm  
**SATURDAY MASS:** Our Lady's Mass 12:00noon  
**SUNDAY MASSES:** Anticipated Mass Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday: 8:00am / 9:30am / 11:15am / 1:00pm / 5:00pm / 7:00pm  
**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL**  
Thursday: 8:00am & Saturday: 12:00noon  
**FIRST FRIDAY:** Adoration throughout the day after morning mass  
**CONFESSIONS:**  
Weekdays: After all Masses (except Thursday Evening Mass)  
Saturday: 11:15am to 11:55am, 4:15pm to 4:55pm, 6:10pm to 7:00pm  
Sunday: Before & After all Masses  
An appointment for confession may be made through the parish office  
**HOLY COMMUNION:** Available to shut-ins. Contact Parish Office.  
**BAPTISMS:** To register your child, contact the Parish Office.  
**MARRIAGES:**  
One of the couple must be Catholic and a registered parishioner of St. Mary's Parish for at least one year before requesting the sacrament of marriage. Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the wedding date to register for the required diocesan Marriage Preparation Course.  
**BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesday 6:45pm / Friday 9:00am / Saturday 12:45pm  
**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  
Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30pm to 8:00pm  
Coordinator: Eli Bautista E-mail: [stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca](mailto:stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca)  
**ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)**  
Leaders Jason Costa and Jonquil Francis  
Email: [smyac\\_team@yahoo.ca](mailto:smyac_team@yahoo.ca) Website: [www.smyac.com](http://www.smyac.com)  
**YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)** E-mail: [stmarys\\_ym@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarys_ym@yahoo.com)  
Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: [www.saintmarysyouth.com](http://www.saintmarysyouth.com)  
**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Principal: Ms Brenda Krivuzoff 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 / Saturday: 11:00am to 2:00pm  
**PASTORS & STAFF:**

<b>Pastor</b>	Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P.
<b>Assistant Pastor</b>	Fr. Marcel Dumont, O.P.
<b>Executive Assistant to Pastor</b>	Vesna Jankovic
<b>Office Manager</b>	Ossie Fernandes
<b>Youth Ministry &amp; Volunteer Coordinator</b>	Arda Akoglu