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Pastor's  
 Corner

**WHAT THE SPIRIT WILL TEACH US**

John of Saint Thomas died in 1644 and was a Dominican priest and an outstanding professor of theology in Spain. The following quote is so relevant to our times that it could have been taken for a contemporary theologian:

"The first condition for discerning spiritual [people] is explained as an interior disposition through the gifts of the Holy [Spirit]. They make a man feel exceedingly free, voluntary, and unimpeded in his operations. They remove confusion, impediments, and restrictions, since where the *Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty*. For each man is constrained by the bonds of sin. He stumbles upon the shackles of his own soul. The first thing that the Spirit does upon entering a heart is to break the bonds of sin, with which man is tied, and to crush the iron covering of his hardened heart. A man then feels as though he were relieved of a great weight and ready for action. Indeed, like a dove, he takes wing and flies, and rests in solitude. Truly there is no rest for the heart which has not flown to God..."

"Now lest anyone should err by thinking that those born of the Spirit are agitated by a frantic impulse, like those possessed by an evil spirit, the Lord requires as the very first step in the way of the Spirit that birth from the Spirit contribute to man's freedom of choice rather than take it away..."

Another priest, Fr. Isaac Hecker, who died in 1888 and was a convert to Catholicism wrote that when a soul becomes more and more conscious of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in itself, it receives "a force surpassing all human strength, a courage higher than all human heroism, a sense of dignity excelling all human greatness." (quoted in Magnificat May 2007, page 168).

So my friends, let us learn "how to remove the hindrances in the way of the action of the Holy Spirit and how to cultivate those virtues which are most favourable to his solicitations and inspirations." (Fr Hecker)

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You will need to read the New Testament and the Church's teachings.

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

**PARISH NEWS**

**JR. YOUTH MINISTRY (gr 6-8) – MY MOTHER**

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers but especially to the best mom of all, my mother. Well OK she is your mother too! Join the Jr. Youth Ministry as we celebrate the Mother's Day by devoting it to our Blessed Mother Mary. We'll be talking about Mother Mary, making rosaries, praying together, enjoying the beautiful music of the Youth Band and so much more. Don't miss this event on Monday, May 10 at 6:30pm in the Church Basement.



**CONCERT - GRACE & GRATITUDE**

St Mary's Youth Ministry presents the PS98 band in the Gospel Concert Grace & Gratitude on May 29 at 7:30pm. The concert will be here at St Mary's and the tickets are \$10. You can get your tickets from the parish office and/or after the morning Masses on May 16. Proceeds from the concert will benefit St. Mary's Youth Ministry's World Youth Day 2011 fund drive. Come and enjoy a night of inspiring and exciting music and support our youth in their journey of faith.



**MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH MAY 9, 11AM-2PM**

If you haven't made plans for your mothers, come celebrate Mother's Day with a luncheon from 11am to 2pm, in the Church Basement, hosted by the Catholic Women's League. With good food, door prizes, beautiful flowers, music, and very affordable prices: \$18/per adult; \$9 for kids 6-12 years; and FREE for children 5 years & under. Please come and enjoy!



**SPRING DANCE**

The Beatles Are Coming To Our Spring Dance! It's time to dust off those dancing shoes. Jive to the Beatles & '60s music on **Saturday, May 15 from 6:30pm-11:30pm in the School Gym**. Tickets are only \$20, available from Kerr Tomayao at 778-868-6838 or [kerrlt@shaw.ca](mailto:kerrlt@shaw.ca) or Teresa Lung at 604-437-7745 or [teresa.lung@telus.net](mailto:teresa.lung@telus.net).



**PARISH NEWS**

**MARIA VADIA HEALING SERVICES:**

Maria Vadia, dynamic international speaker & evangelist from Miami, Florida will conduct Healing Services at St. Mary's Parish on **Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22 at 7:30 pm**. Come and experience this powerful prayer ministry and receive freedom through healing.

**SMYAC COFFEE NIGHT**

SMYAC invites all young adults to its next spiritual event, coffee night, on Friday May 14th at 8:00pm in the school seminar room. The topic of discussion will be Mary's role in our lives as May is the month dedicated to Mary.



**RESPECT FOR LIFE THANKS YOU!**

A big Thank You to all those who helped make our recent Pro Life yard sale a great success by donating goods and also by assisting with sales. A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their help with set up and take down!



**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.

**FOCUS ON LIFE GALA TO TAKE PLACE AT HYATT**

This annual fundraising event which helps abortion vulnerable and post-abortive women with a message of hope through TV ads will take place on Monday, May 31 2010 at the Hyatt Regency. Our featured speaker is Raymond Arroyo, an internationally known journalist, producer, bestselling author and TV host on EWTN. Tickets for this event are \$75 per person or \$750 per table. Please call 1-877-7-SIGNAL to order tickets.

**DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

**ARC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL**

The Archdiocesan Renewal Committee of the Vancouver Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services is inviting you every **3rd Saturday of the month at 7:30pm, right here at St. Mary's**. The evening includes Adoration, Praise and Worship, Intercessory Prayer and Confession. There are also Prayers for Healing and Intercession conducted by people trained and experienced in praying for the needs of people. All are welcome!

## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### **NOTRE DAME OPEN HOUSE & TOUR**

Notre Dame Regional Secondary School is hosting an OPEN HOUSE and TOUR of the new school facilities. All members of the Archdiocese are welcome to come and see the **Fr. Joseph Ponti Academic Wing** on Tuesday, May 11th from 4:00pm - 8:00pm at 2880 Venables Street.



### **ORDINATIONS TO TAKE PLACE ON MAY 22**

Edwin Kulling, Swann Kim and Rodney Nootebos will be ordained to the priesthood on May 22, 2010 at 10am at Holy Rosary Cathedral.

### **ADULT CONFIRMATIONS**

Confirmation preparation classes will be held on four consecutive Wednesday evenings, May 12, 19, 26, and June 2, from 7-9 pm at Holy Rosary hall basement, 650 Richards Street, Vancouver. Confirmation will take place at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, June 20, 2010. Call or email the parish office for registration: 604.682.6774 ext 5 or [hrc@shaw.ca](mailto:hrc@shaw.ca).



### **MARCH FOR LIFE THURSDAY MAY 13**

Join with thousands of others across Canada to remind our government that abortion hurts women and kills innocent babies. For more info, please call Gert 604-433-6497.

### **JOURNAL WORKSHOPS COMING TO OBLATE HOUSE**

A two-part journal workshop series will be held May 21-24 at the Oblate House in Vancouver. The sessions allow participants to learn about and experience a Life Context workshop, as well as sections of the Progoff Intensive Journal workbook. For further information please contact Rev. Bernard McCosham, OMI, 604.736.4399 or [bmccosham@telus.net](mailto:bmccosham@telus.net).

### **ST. FRANCIS DE SALES TO HOST SPRING FAIR**

St. Francis de Sales is hosting their fourth annual Spring Fair Fundraiser on May 29 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Come for pony rides, children's games, BBQ, plant sale, bouncy castle, cotton candy and more. Call 604.434.1328 or visit [www.sfds.ca](http://www.sfds.ca) for info.

### **MOTHER'S DAY CD FOR SALE**

Adeleina's new MOTHER'S DAY CD (songs about Mary from around the world) is now available online at [standrewschurchsupply.com](http://standrewschurchsupply.com) & at their store 305 West 8th Ave. Vancouver.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES WE ARE NOT ABLE TO DISPLAY THIS COLUMN. PLEASE VISIT OUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE**

## 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)

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Mondays to Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm / Saturday: 11:00am to 2:00pm

**PASTORS & STAFF:**

**Pastor**

Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P.

**Assistant Pastor**

Fr. Marcel Dumont, O.P.

**Executive Assistant to Pastor**

Vesna Jankovic

**Office Manager**

Ossie Fernandes

**Youth Ministry & Volunteer Coordinator**

Arda Akoglu