



**ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Pastor's  
Corner**

**GIVE GOD PERMISSION!**

Do you feel guilty about wasting your time? Do you lack purpose for your life? A good, lasting purpose? Are you satisfied with your daily routine? Are you satisfied with your prayer life? With your relationship to God? Do you feel bad about the walls that have been erected between you and your spouse, you and your friends, you and your children, you and God? There is nothing wrong in admitting these things. Personally I am still unsatisfied with many things in my life, including my prayer life. I believe God is waiting to give me more, before I die.

But it is getting better as the years pass, especially since May 2004, when I gave God permission to do something about it. Yes, we have to give God permission! He said it in the Book of Revelation, 3:20, "Look, I am standing at the door, knocking. If one of you hears me calling and opens the door, I will come in." And this is not done only "once for all." Each step towards more freedom, more purpose, more joy is preceded by the knocking of Christ at our door, asking permission to do something about it.

What do I mean by giving God permission? I mean by this, saying to God, "there are things in my life that are not right. I have tried to fix them but failed. I don't want to postpone living forever. Come now. I give you freedom to do what you know needs to be done and to do it the way you want to do it."

There are two things that I asked the Lord, in May 2004, when I was prayed over to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. The first was, "Lord, please, give me a sign that you are real. A sign that you answer prayers, that you not only listen quietly, but that you do something real. I will open my eyes and ears and watch expectantly." The second thing I asked was, "Lord, I want to be used by you. So far, I have not really used much of my talents. It is about time I do so. Make me an instrument to carry out some important mission of mercy for you. Please use me to spread your joy."

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Both these prayers were answered the following day. I still have to give God permission daily. But it is something I enjoy doing, more and more.

I know He will not abuse the "permission" I give Him. He knows what is best for me and He wants to do it lovingly, like a real friend, a true Spouse, a caring Father.

God Bless you! Fr. Pierre

p.s. If you are afraid to give God permission, give Mary permission...or your favourite saint!

Come to Mission Ablaze, next weekend, Friday Oct 28 and Saturday, Oct 29. Register in the foyer.

**PARISH NEWS**

**SPARK (grades 6-8) – LORD, HELP ME!**



Youth Ministry has been on a roll with loads of fun and laughter! But after the events are over and if things are not working out for us then what do we do? Who do we turn to? Do you have a help button you can press? Join us on Monday, October 24 at 6:30 pm in the church basement for another fun-filled event! Come and see what your leaders have in store for you!

**YOUTH MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



Youth Ministry is looking for generous parishioners who can contribute to the Youth Ministry Scholarship Fund which will support our youth in their education. Every year two youth (one from Jr. YM & one from Sr. YM) will be chosen based on attendance, positive participation and development to receive an annual sponsorship. Will you share your treasure with us? If so please contact Arda at 604-435-9611 ext.6 or arda@marysyoung.com

**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Do you know someone who loves serving Christ and His Church? Don't you think they should be recognized for their efforts? We want to encourage everyone to volunteer by recognizing those who dedicate themselves to the work of the Church. If you know someone who exhibits such passion for their volunteer work please fill out one of the blue 'Volunteer of the Year Nomination' forms from the church foyer and deposit it into the red box. Only one nomination can be made per person.



**PARISH NEWS**

**MISSION ABLAZE**

Broken, wounded, tired, hopeless, unsure of the future, angry, defeated? Come to the Mission Ablaze Seminar on Oct. 28, 7pm-9pm and Oct. 29, 9am-5pm. Seminar is free with snacks and drinks; please bring bag lunch. St. Mary's Church basement. More info 604-435-9611 ext. 230 or www.stmarysvancouver.ca.



**LIVING ROSARY**

Join our parish in this very special way of praying the rosary! This living rosary will be on Saturday, October 29 at 6:15pm in the Church. In unity with our fellow parishioner and friends, let us show our love for our Blessed Mother Mary by joining this powerful human chain of prayer. All are welcome!



**LOVE WORKS**

Will you be an angel for Mariel? Love Works Charity humbly ask for your support in our fundraising effort to provide for the heart surgery needed by 16yr old Mariel Mendoza, who has congenital heart disease. After all Masses on Nov 5/6, we will be selling rosaries, the proceeds of which will be used for his surgery. Thank you and May God bless you!

**STREET MINISTRY SEEKING SUPPORT**

St. Mary's Street Ministry is seeking financial support to enable a volunteer missionary to work with us for 3 months. We need money for her food, health insurance and bus fare. We will be available after Mass to answer your questions and to collect donations. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

**THANK YOU!**

St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank parishioners for their generous donations in the annual collection of \$5800. We have seen the thanks and relief on the faces of the needy because of your support. It is indeed greatly appreciated by the people we serve, and continues to successfully develop our organization here at St. Mary's! God Bless!

**RCIA NEEDS HELP**

Do you enjoy preparing, or providing, food for others? St. Mary's RCIA is looking for volunteers to provide evening refreshments (baked goods, sandwiches, juice, etc.) one Thursday of each month for the duration of the RCIA program year. Please contact Stefan at 604-435-9611 ext. 400 for more info.

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

### **ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED PRIESTS**

The annual Mass for deceased bishops, priests and religious will be concelebrated by Archbishop Miller, with the priests of the Archdiocese at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Nov. 3, 12:10pm. All parishioners are welcome. Kindly remember in your prayers this month those who have laboured for the Church in our Archdiocese and pray that the Lord will send more dedicated men and women to continue their work.

### **ARCHDIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

All are invited to the Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress on Sat. Nov. 5, at St. Matthew's, Surrey. Mass at 9am with Archbishop Miller. Victoria Bishop Richard Gagnon and Fr Tien Tran will give presentations. All day exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, exhibit of Vatican Eucharistic miracles, and benediction at 3:30pm. \$15 includes lunch and break. Register at [www.rcav.org/eucongress](http://www.rcav.org/eucongress). Info at 604-683-0281 or [eucongress@rcav.org](mailto:eucongress@rcav.org).



### **VOCATION LIVE IN**

On the weekend of November 4-6 there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more info call 604-826-8715.



### **IS JESUS CALLING YOU?**

A Silent Live-In Retreat for women interested in discerning a call to religious life hosted by the Sisters of the Child Jesus. The retreat will be held at Mary's Mountain, 48368 Elk View Road, Chilliwack from 7pm, Nov. 11 to 3pm, Nov 13. Suggested donation \$50. For further information or to register contact Linda 604-824-4184 or Sister Denece 604-985-4872. Register early since space is limited.

### **HANDEL'S MESSIAH "CHRISTMAS AT THE ORPHEUM"**

Archbishop Miller extends a heartfelt invitation to all parishioners and friends to join him for a performance of the world's perennial Christmas favourite, Handel's Messiah. Visit [www.rcav.org/messiah2011](http://www.rcav.org/messiah2011) to purchase tickets online.

### **REGISTER FOR AN ENDOW STUDY GROUP**

Register now for one of the upcoming ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) Study Groups on Blessed John Paul II's Letter to Women. Visit the Respect Life Office at <http://rcav.org/rlo>.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sun. Oct 23:** 10:00am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)  
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
2:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)  
5:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)

**Mon. Oct 24:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:00pm Knights Installation Mass (Church)  
6:30pm Jr YM SPARK (Church Basement)

**Tue. Oct 25:** 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)  
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

**Wed. Oct 26:** 8:30am Respect Life (Rectory Dining)  
3:00pm St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex)  
6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



**Thu. Oct 27:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Ignatian Spirituality (School Gym)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



**Fri. Oct 28:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
6:30pm Dev & Peace (Rectory Dining)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:00pm **Mission Ablaze** (Church Basement)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



**Sat. Oct 29:** 8:30am Mass (Church)  
9:00am **Mission Ablaze** (Church Basement)  
9:00am D & A (Rectory Basement)  
10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)  
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)  
3:00pm Baptism (Church)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)  
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)  
7:00pm CFC (Church Basement)

**Sun. Oct 30:** 1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)  
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

## PARISH INFORMATION

**WEEKDAY MORNING MASS:** Monday - Friday: 8:00am

Weekday Morning Rosary 7:00am / Weekday Morning Lauds 7:30am

**WEEKDAY EVENING MASS:** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7pm followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:00pm

**SATURDAY MASS:** Our Lady's Mass 8:30am

**SUNDAY MASS:** Anticipated Mass Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am / 9:30am / 11:15am / 1:00pm / 5:00pm / 7:00pm

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:**

Wednesday 6:00pm

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:**

Thursday: 8:00am & Saturday: 8:30am

**FIRST FRIDAY:** Adoration throughout the day after morning mass  
**CONFESSION:**

Weekdays: After all Masses (except Thursday Evening Mass)

Saturday: 9:00am to 9:30am, 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.

**BAPTISM:** To register your child, see website or contact Parish Office.

**MARRIAGE:**

One of the couple must be Catholic and a parishioner of St. Mary's Parish 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 / Saturday 9:45am

**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

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**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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