

COMMUNITY NEWS

VANCOUVER ARCHDIOCESAN SPRING INSTITUTE

April 21 & 22 -- at Rosemary Height Retreat Centre. The Spring Institute offers catechetical & adult faith formation courses for all interested adults, including *Basics of the Faith (Section B)* and several courses for catechists and teams in parish ministry for PREP, RCIA, and LWC. Also, Msgr Stephen Jensen will present the theology course *Scriptures I*. For registration and course description, call 604-683-0281 or www.rcav.org/ore/spring/index.htm.

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SINGLES' CLUB SPRING DANCE

Sat. Apr 22 -- at Holy Family Parish Hall (4851 Beatrice Street, Vancouver). Doors open at 7:30pm and then dance to a live band at 8:00pm. Tickets at the door: members \$10, non-members \$13. Call Lina at 604-945-1059 for more information.

NOTRE DAME PRESENTS -- "GUYS AND DOLLS"

This spectacular Broadway musical hit will be presented by ND High School. The stories in this musical comedy are based on the colourful life of the New York City streets in the 1930's. Memorable songs and dazzling production numbers will be featured in the Fr. Joe Cuddy Auditorium at 2855 Parker Street. **Free matinees for seniors on April 25 and 26 at 12:00noon.** Beverages and goodies included!. Evening performances are at **7:30pm on April 25, 26, 27 & 28.** Tickets are \$10 each. Questions? Call Sandra Patrick at 604-255-5454. Hope to see you.

WOMEN OF FAITH AND PEACE

Sat. Apr 29 -- 9:00am - 4:00pm at St. Augustine's Elementary (2145 W 8th Ave, Vancouver. Registration (\$15 regular, \$10 seniors and students) includes entry to all presentations, lunch, and two coffee breaks. Cheques payable to: Sisters' Association - Archdiocese of Vancouver and send to Sr. Vikki Marie, OSC, 1143 E Pender St, Vancouver, BC V6A 1W6. To help us estimate our lunch order, please register by April 17. (See poster in foyer or call: Sr. Vikki 604-255-1555 for a registration form).

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE SPRING COURSES

Registration is now underway for Spring 2006 (May 8 - June 21). The following university transfer credit courses are open to CCC students, other post-secondary students, graduating high school students, and qualifying members of the public. Limited enrolment. Sign up today!

ENGL 224 (3) Creative Writing I: Mon & Wed 9am-12 noon:

prerequisite: 6 credits of first year English.

POLI 201 (3) International Politics & Human Rights: Mon & Wed 6-9pm

CPSC 101 (3) Elements of Computer Science: Tue & Thu 6pm - 9pm.

For further information, please contact the Corpus Christi registrar at budnikas@corpuschristi.ca or 604-822-6862.

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WCCCLC 10TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING REUNION DINNER

Western Canada Chinese Catholic Living Camp (WCCCLC) invites you to the "10th Anniversary Fundraising Reunion Dinner" on Saturday May 6 in the school gym of St. Paul's Parish in Richmond. Buffet dinner starts at 7:00pm and will be followed by various activities including entertainment, silent auction and raffles. Tickets are \$22/peroon. Children under 5 are free. For more information, please contact Joseph Lee at 604-839-5193 or Patricia Ma at trishama@yahoo.com.

ATTENTION ALL MARRIED COUPLES

You deserve a weekend to enhance your relationship. Spaces are available for the Marriage Encounter weekend for **Jun. 2 - 4.** Info and registration: call Steve & Mary Bohnen 604-876-7298.

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES	Mon - Fri 8:00 am; Saturday 12:00 pm
	Saturday 5:00 pm (Anticipation)
	Sunday 8:15 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm
RECONCILIATION	Saturday 11:15-11:45 am; 4:15-4:45 pm;
	Sunday 11:30-12:00 pm

(An appointment for reconciliation may be made at any time)

HOLY COMMUNION Available to shut-ins. Contact Parish Office.

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Thursday - 7:55 am; Saturday - 11:55 am

FIRST FRIDAY

Mass & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am and 7:30 pm
Benediction 11:45 am and 9:00 pm

BAPTISM To register your child, contact Parish Office.

MARRIAGES One of the couple must be a registered Catholic parishioner of St. Mary's. Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to your wedding date and prior to registering for the required diocesan Marriage Preparation Course.

PREP Religious education program for children attending public schools.
Coordinator: Eli Bautista Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30-8:00 pm

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leaders: Jonquil Francis and Eileen Carlson

Contact: smyac_team@yahoo.ca Website: www.stmarys-smyac.com

YOUTH MINISTRY E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

Coordinator: Eli Bautista Website: www.saintmarysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Kevin Smith (Principal)

K-Grade 7 (604) 437-1312 Fax (604) 437-1193 Website: <http://www.stmary.bc.ca>

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Pastor: Fr. Guy Rivard, OP

Assistant Pastor: Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP

Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon/Ossie Fernandes

Custodian: Zdravko Jankovic



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Easter Sunday

April 16th, 2006

"Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene, but she did not recognize him at first. Jesus said to her 'Mary!' Only then did she realize it was Jesus." John 20:16.



The way we say our lover's name doesn't change much ... unless our love changes. When Mary Magdalene heard Jesus call her by her name with that unique accent of love, respect, and acceptance, she knew it was him, even though he looked different. *"This knowing is much more than a simple recognition of a familiar person. It is a rediscovering of a long intimate relationship which has grown during years of listening, speaking, eating and sharing the joys and pains of everyday life."* (Henri Nouwen)

When Jesus calls Mary by her name, he is doing much more than speaking the word by which everybody knows her, for her name signifies her whole being: present, past, and future. Jesus knows Mary of Magdalene. He knows her story. *He has cast seven demons out of her. (Mark 16:9)*, which means she had a very dissolute life. Jesus knows all about her, the good and the bad, the fears and the love. *"Nothing in her is hidden from him. He knows her even more deeply than she knows herself. Therefore, when he utters her name, he brings about a profound event. Mary suddenly realizes that the one who truly knows her, truly loves her."* (Henri Nouwen)



Don't you sometimes think: *"If my friend, my family or my spouse really knew me, they would not love me?"* But Mary realizes that Jesus does not reject her, but is coming to her, offering his unconditional love. Mary does not have to run away from him. *"The division between what she feels safe to show and what she does not dare to reveal no longer exists. She is fully seen and she knows that the eyes that see her are the eyes of forgiveness, mercy, love, and unconditional acceptance."* (Henri Nouwen)

This is a true religious moment, an experience of living intimacy with God. This is the joy of the resurrection. *"What a joy to be fully known and fully loved at the same time! It is the joy of belonging through Jesus to God and being there, fully safe and fully free."* (Henri Nouwen)

God bless you Henri! God bless each and every one of you!

Happy Easter. Fr. Pierre

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Apr 16: EASTER SUNDAY**

 8:15am Mass (Church)
 10:00am Mass (Church & Church Basement)
 12:00pm Mass (Church & Church Basement)
 1:00pm Easter Egg Hunt (School Gym)
 2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Ave)
 7:00pm Mass (Church & Church Basement)
- Mon. Apr 17: EASTER MONDAY (Parish Office Closed)**
 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
- Tue. Apr 18:**
 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
 6:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
 6:30pm PREP (School and Rectory Basement)
 7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
 7:30pm PEC Meeting (Rectory Library)
 7:30pm Young Adults Bible (Rectory Library)
- Wed. Apr 19:**
 6:00pm Girl Guides (School Gym)
 6:30pm PREP (School)
 7:00pm Sr. YM Leaders (Rectory Dining)
 7:00pm CWL Meeting (School Seminar Room)
- Thu. Apr 20:**
 9:30am St. Mary's School Mass (Church)
 7:00pm Pastoral Council (Rectory Dining)
 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. Apr 21:**
 3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)
 6:00pm Jr. Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
 6:30pm Jr. YM Cosmic Bowling (Old Orchard)
 6:45pm Line Dancing (School Gym)
 7:00pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
 7:30pm K of C Executive (Rectory Basement)
- Sat. Apr 22:**
 8:00am Tai Chi (Church Basement)
 10:00am Respect Life Yard Sale (Parking Lot)
 10:00am Seminar - Vernon Robertson (Church Bsmt)
 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
- Sun. Apr 23:**

 10:15am Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange St)
 2:00pm Sr. YM Event (Meet in Front of Church)
 3:00pm First Communion Celebration (Church)

**MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT OF OUR
 RISEN LORD, BLESS YOU AND
 YOUR FAMILIES TODAY AND ALWAYS**
Wishing everyone, a Holy and Happy Easter !

PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

2005 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS - available for pick-up in the foyer!!

4th ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EASTER EGG HUNT

Sun. Apr 16 -- after the 12:00 noon Mass, in the school gym.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting an Easter Egg hunt for all children between the ages of 5 - 9. They will also be giving Easter Eggs to all children aged 4 and under. Bring your children and have fun watching them have fun.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Jr. YM Cosmic Bowling Night

Fri. Apr 21 -- 6:30pm at Old Orchard Bowling Lanes. All students in Grades 6 - 9 are invited to ready their bowling skills and join us in another bowling night. Get your permission forms from the Youth Ministry Bulletin board.

Sr. YM Goes to Cliffhanger

Sat. Apr 22 -- Meet in front of the Church at 1:00pm. This Sr. YM event is not for the faint-hearted. Join us in experiencing different kinds of team and faith building exercises. Youth from Grades 9 - 12 who are up for the challenge are invited.

HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR SONS, DAUGHTERS AND LOVED ONES

Have your loved ones stopped practicing the faith? Do they no longer believe in God? Then this seminar is for you! From 10:00am - 4:30pm on **Sat. April 22 here at St. Mary's Parish.** It is also offered from 10:00am - 4:15pm at **St. Luke's Parish in Maple Ridge on May 13.** Contact Vernon to pre-register for materials (seminarofhope@hotmail.com or 604-929-4511).

ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE YARD SALE

The annual Respect Life yard sale will take place this coming **Saturday April 22, from 10:00 am until 3:00pm** in the Church parking lot. Come out to get yourself some bargains. At the same time you will be supporting the Respect Life Group in assisting others. If you would like to donate household items, you may bring them to the parking lot before 10:00am, or call Gert at 604-433-6497 to arrange for pick-up before Saturday. **NO CLOTHING PLEASE.**



VISITATION OF THE SICK BY HANDS OF VERONICA

If a loved one is a patient in Burnaby General Hospital and would like to have a visit from a member of the Hands of Veronica group, please contact the Parish Office with information.

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DO YOU LIKE TO PLAY SOFTBALL?

If you are a young adult (aged 18-39) and are interested in being on a team that encourages Christian fellowship and fun, then you are invited to play for St. Mary's. For more information, please e-mail smyac_team@yahoo.ca.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPRING DINNER DANCE

Sat. May 13 -- Tickets are now available to parishioners at \$20.00 per ticket. For tickets, call Richard at 604-439-9229 or Manny at 604-430-3647.



PROJECT ADVANCE 2006 -- UPDATE

Time sure flew by quickly, and our committee is once again preparing for this year's Project Advance event. Thank you for your continuous support and participation. There will be more information regarding this year's event in the next bulletin, and beginning next weekend, after each Mass, our committee members will be collecting the pledge cards. If you contributed money to St. Mary's in 2005, pledge cards have already been mailed to you. (If you did not receive one, please let us know if you have changed your address, as the Post Office has returned a few to us). There will be pledge forms available for new donors, or for those who did not receive one in the mail. Thank you in advance for your support and participation in this important event.

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KAROL, THE POPE, THE MAN

CBC Television will televise the world premiere of a two-part mini-series on Pope John Paul II entitled *Karol: The Pope, The Man* on **Easter Sun. April 16 and Mon. April 17** at 8:00pm. This four-hour series is a sequel to last season's broadcast of *Karol, the Man Who Became Pope*, which focused on Karol Wojtyla's life prior to becoming Pope. This year's series dramatizes his 27-year pontificate. According to a CBC news release, part one of the mini-series "explores his unconventional papacy and shows how it changed the course of history by helping to topple Communism" Part two dramatizes the Pope's courage despite debilitating illness. "His message is always: "There is nothing more sacred or precious than a single life." the CBC release says.

PILIPINO MASS

Mon. Apr 24 -- 7:30pm at Corpus Christi Parish (6350 Nanaimo Street). The monthly Monday Pilipino Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Mario Marin and co-celebrated by Fr. Amador Abundo. All are welcome. Coffee and tea follows.