



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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4th Sunday of Easter
May 7th, 2006



"I will lay down my life for the sheep." Jn 10,15

Dear Parishioners,

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. We take up a special collection to help cover the cost of training seminarians for service as priests in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. More importantly, we celebrate the mystery of **vocation**, in the traditional sense of the term; the mystery of people freely choosing to lay down their lives in a quest for radical imitation of Jesus, the Holy Servant of God.

I take this opportunity to provide a bit of personal testimony, and to make an appeal, especially to the young, and to the perhaps not-so-young, but who nevertheless are in a position to choose to live their lives exclusively for God and Gospel, and Church.

I have been a Dominican for twenty five years, and a priest for eighteen. I have only one regret, and that is that it didn't start sooner, and that I haven't embraced the gift as radically as I could have, as I wish I had. It is a wonderful life, and it could have been even more wonderful, had I been more radical in my embrace of it. For those who are called, I repeat: it is a blessed, wonderful life.

Yes, it is a life that comes with a certain price, but the return on one's investment is far far more than our small minds and hearts can foresee or even hope for. And so, I make this appeal to the young, and to the available: **don't be afraid** to consider religious life or priesthood. **Don't be afraid to try** it, if your discernment takes you there. If it's meant to be, then at some point, you will have that wonderful feeling of having come home. And you simply will not want to be or do anything else. We all want to be happy. Happiness, for some of us in the church, means priesthood and/or religious life. I only hope and pray that those who for whom happiness means religious life or priesthood will be led to it. I hope and pray that all of those who are called will know the happiness I have known.



God bless, *Fr. Guy*

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. May 07:** 2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
4:00pm Liturgy Committee (Rectory Dining)
- Mon. May 08:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
7:00pm Contemplative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
- Tue. May 09:** 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
6:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
6:00pm YM Leaders (Rectory Dining)
6:30pm PREP (School and Rectory Basement)
7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:30pm Young Adults Bible (Rectory Library)
- Wed. May 10:** 10:45am Willingdon Park Mass (4435 Grange St)
6:00pm Girl Guides (School Gym)
6:30pm Baptism Prep Class (Rectory Basement)
6:30pm PREP (School)
6:30pm Marriage Prep (Church Basement)
7:00pm Sr. YM Leaders (Rectory Dining)
- Thu. May 11:** 7:00pm Ballroom Dancing (School Gym)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. May 12:** 3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:00pm Jr. Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
6:00pm Jr. & Sr. YM Narnia Night (Church Basement)
6:45pm Line Dancing (School Gym)
7:00pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:30pm K of C Executive (Seminar Room)
- Sat. May 13:** 8:00am Tai Chi (Church Basement)
12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
2:00pm Sr. YM Event (Rectory Basement)
K of C Mayflower Dance (School Gym)
7:30pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)
- Sun. May 14:** 2:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)

CONGRATULATIONS!! -- BAPTIZED AT ST. MARY'S

Sun. Apr 30/06

*Andrew Griffin Bernardo, Jordan Jupista Chan,
Ethan Chiu, Destry Allyn Berce Gallardo,
Samantha Aquino Laramang, Samantha Gwynne Linklater,
Noah Christian Mejia, Joaquin Lucas L Pineda, Carl Lorenz Tulauan*



Sun May 7/06

*Meyah Odessa Chico, Jennifer Annonuevo Livelo, Jade Anne Simpson
Rolando Ricardo Tellez-Aguirre, Jillian Mae Tobiagon*

PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:

JR. YM & SR. YM journey to NARNIA together

We are inviting all youth in Grade 6 to 12 to join us as we watch the "Chronicles of Narnia". Here's another chance for you to experience the thrill of the journey with Aslan in saving the Land of Narnia. This will be held on **Fri. May 12, 6:00pm** at the Church Basement.



YOUNG ADULT HIKING AT BUNTZEN LAKE (weather permitting)

Sat. May 13 - all young adults (ages 18-39) are invited. Meet at the parking lot at 8:30am for carpool. Please bring a packed sandwich lunch, water, swim suits, hiking boots, emergency rain poncho, sunblock, sunglasses, towel, energy/granola bars/fruits and \$5 for gas. The event will end at 6:30pm. Please email: smyac_team@yahoo.ca or call Dillan 604-657-4936. Hope you can join us!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPRING DINNER DANCE

Sat. May 13 -- Come and enjoy an evening of good food, good music, good fun and great dancing music and fellowship! Tickets are now available to parishioners at \$20.00 per person. For tickets, call Richard at 604-439-9229 or Manny at 604-430-3647.



COME CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE - RENEW YOUR VOWS

Sat. May 13 at the 5:00pm Mass. All married couples are invited to come renew your marriage vows.

MOTHERS DAY CARNATIONS - NEXT SUNDAY MAY 14th.

Express your Love to your Mother by presenting her with a Carnation or two!! Knights of Columbus will be distributing Carnations, by donations, after all Sunday Masses next week. Proceeds will be donated to L'Arche Greater Vancouver. Thanks for your support.



CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of our dearly departed:

- Doug Hollick** - Funeral was celebrated on Saturday May 6th
- Sheila McGill** - Funeral Tuesday, May 9th, 12:00nn
- Justina Bugayong** - Funeral Wednesday May 10th, 10:00am

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



PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

ST MARY'S STREET MINISTRY "PRAYER-RAISING"

Last week we gave out 120 prayer cards. Thank you to all who signed up! We are still looking for more prayer partners to pray for our street women everyday. If you feel you can spare a little time in your busy day to pray for them, please sign up at the foyer and pick up a "daily prayer card" after mass. Let us storm heaven to Bless our Street Women! Thank you.

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE (PEC)

St. Mary's current PEC is calling for nominations for the 2006 PEC. For nomination forms or for more information, please contact either of the following members of the nomination committee -- Mr. Ed Tee at 604-436-4078 or Mr. Minh Doan at 604-433-4475. Completed forms must be received by either Mr. Tee or Mr. Doan by **Thursday May 18, 2006**. Election of members is scheduled to take place on **Sunday May 28, 2006**.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Come for a morning of lively worship songs, enjoy delicious breakfast (catered by Dutchman's Caterer) and listen to a personal testimony by Rev. Fr. Mark Schwab (Chancellor of Archdiocese of Vancouver). The event will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, 555 S. Slocan St., Vancouver on **Sat. May 20 at 9am to 12pm**. Get your tickets (\$10each) early by phoning 604-597-8227 or email: fireblade@shaw.ca.

FOCUS ON LIFE GALA DINNER

Tue. May 23 at the Hyatt Regency, 665 Burrard St., Vancouver, featuring Dr. Alveda King, daughter of slain civil rights leader, Rev. A.D. King - niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.. St. Mary's Parishioners please contact Gert Marquis 604-433-6497.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

May 26 - 28. Helping Engaged Couples build strong marriages. Register at www.ceewest.com or call 604-451-3300. Other dates June 23 - 25 and July 21 - 23.

CENACLE QUIET RETREAT

Jun. 8 - 12 at Rivendell on Bowen Island. Presented by Sr. Kathy Scott and Sr. Monica Kaufer. Come and refresh your body and soul with morning and evening prayer, scripture talks, prayer, music, silence, reading, walks, rest, healthy meals, and magnificent views of the sea and mountains. Private room and bath. Pre-registration required. Please call 604-266-1611.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS HEALING MINISTRY

Wed. May 10th, 7:30pm - 10:00pm Bro. Rommel Salvacion, Servant Leader of the Mary Help of Christian Healing and Deliverance Ministry will conduct a healing seminar at St. Mary's Church. Witness God's blessing touching each heart through the gifts of healing and counsel with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Come and learn how many lives have been transformed, re-awakened and deepened in spirituality and have been returned to the Sacraments of the Church. For more info on this ministry go to www.soulmissionlive.com.

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY-4TH ANNUAL ALUMNAE SPRING REUNION

Thu. May 11 -- 6:00pm - 7:30pm - at Vancouver Lawn Tennis and Badminton Club (1630 West 15th Ave). Reminisce, reunite and catch up with old friends! No host bar. RSVP by May 8 to 604-738-9016 or to alumnae@lfbac.org.

MEET JESUS FACE TO FACE

Fri. May 12 - Sun. May 14 - All Catholic young adults (19-35) are invited to join Father Scott for a weekend at Rosemary Heights, to enhance your faith. Includes inspiring talks, reflection, praise & worship, mass and adoration. For more information, email catholicadults@yahoo.com or call 604-641-0872.

VOCATION LIVE IN

Fri. May 12 - Sun. May 14 -- For boys or young men who are interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life. This weekend event will take place at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more info call 604-826-8715.

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! If you missed this seminar here at St. Mary's on Sat. Apr 22, then you have another opportunity. It will be 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).

MAYFAIR AT VANCOUVER COLLEGE

Sat. May 13 -- 10:00am - 4:00pm -- Come & enjoy the annual Vancouver College Mayfair. Mayfair is an old fashioned Spring Carnival complete with a food fair, games, rides, bingo, flea market, merchandise tents, silent auction, plants & flowers and much more. We hope to see you, your family and guests there. You'll have lots of fun! Come to 5400 Cartier Street (1 block east of Granville & 39th). Info: Francis Yuen at 604-436-6745.

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REDEEMER PACIFIC COLLEGE DINNER/AUCTION

Sat. May 13 -- 6:30pm - Trinity Western University in Langley. Keynote speaker is Senator Gerry St. Germain. The Sweeney Family Singers will provide the entertainment. Info and tickets are available at info@rpcollege.bc.ca or 604-888-7727.

HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL CONCERT

Sun. May 14 -- 7:00pm - "Beautiful Songs of Mary from Around the World..." Songs will be sung in Italian, Hungarian, Latin, Spanish, German and English. Some texts by Vancouver Poet Ilonka Lelkes (2 new works will be introduced). Classical Sacred soloist: Adeleina (contralto). There will also be a tribute to Mother Teresa. Admission is by donation (free Ave Maria CD given for donations and partial proceeds will be given to the Sopron Children's Hospital).

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.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

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