



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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26th SUNDAY In Ordinary Time

October 1st, 2006

Dear Parishioners, During Fr. Guy's farewell event a couple of weeks back, I was profoundly touched by members of the 37 different ministries within St. Mary's parish community who were present to give Fr. Guy a blessing. And why was I so profoundly touched? Precisely because here was present before our very eyes, a diversity of ministries flourishing within St. Mary's parish that provided parishioners with the means to share their varied gifts and charisms to the wider parish community and the surrounding community at large. For myself, that evening was symbolic of the fountain of life given to us at baptism, gushing forth and showering each one of us present with its water and spirit of life.

The words of Jesus in today's Gospel highlights the need not only to sustain the diversity of ministries within St. Mary's parish but to foster their development and, God willing, the development of other ministries within the parish as well, if it be the desire of the Holy Spirit that is. And, why so? In order that the opportunity be provided for the gifts and charisms of all within the parish of St. Mary's be realized. Jesus, in today's Gospel reprimands his disciples for not allowing others to realize their unique gifts by noting that his disciples were not the only ones that are being used by the Holy Spirit.

This certainly reminds me of a biking/camping trip that I organized last summer with a group of young adults to Salt Spring Island. At times, I was despairing of the fact as to how disorganized some of the things were. However, during the trip individuals literally popped up to volunteer their gifts at the table so to speak. There was Joy, for example, with her wonderful organization skills, literally labeling the food in the trunk of the car from "a to z". There was Johnathan and his wonderful cooking skills, waking me up at 5 a.m. in the morning to ask me if he could begin preparing breakfast, to my retort that even the birds were not up yet! There was Pablo providing us with the wonderful songs of Taizé for our liturgy.

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There was Vince who helped with fixing the bikes and chopping firewood. And, of course, there was even JQ and co., keeping us awake till the wee hours of the morning with their giggling and laughter!

As you can see, brothers and sisters, if a space had not been provided for these individuals to express their gifts, then we would not have had the opportunity to experience fellowship and friendship in Christ the way we did that weekend. Yes, to be open to allow for the free movement of the Holy Spirit will certainly keep Fr. Pierre and I hopping, but I think, God willing, we are prepared to take up that challenge! The question though is whether or not the rest of St. Mary's parish community is just as willing and desirous of sharing this challenge with us? *God Bless, Fr. Mark.*



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH		
Sun. Oct 01:	2:00pm	Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
	3:00pm	Baptisms (Church)
Mon. Oct 02:	6:00pm	Bingo (School Gym)
	7:00pm	Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
Tue. Oct 03:	12:00pm	Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
	6:00pm	Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
	6:30pm	Teen PREP (Rectory Basement)
	6:30pm	Elementary PREP (School)
	7:15pm	Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
	7:30pm	Charismatic Core (Rectory Library)
Wed. Oct 04:	10:45am	Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex)
	6:30pm	Elementary PREP (School)
	7:00pm	RCIA (Rectory Dining)
	7:00pm	CWL Executive (Rectory Basement)
Thu. Oct 05:	7:00pm	Ballroom Dancing (School Gym)
	7:30pm	Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
Fri. Oct 06:		FIRST FRIDAY
	11:45am	Benediction
	3:00pm	Divine Mercy (Church)
	6:45pm	Line Dancing (School Gym)
	7:15pm	Mass & Exposition (Church)
	8:30pm	SMYAC Coffee Night (Rectory Basement)
	9:00pm	Benediction (Church)
Sat. Oct 07:	8:00am	Tai Chi (School Gym)
	12:30pm	Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
	7:30pm	Couples for Christ Seminar (Church Bsmnt)
	2:00pm	YM's "Saturday Football" <small>(meet in front of the Church)</small>
Sun. Oct 08:	2:00pm	Couples for Christ (Church Basement)



PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARDS IN THE FOYER FOR MORE PARISH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

PARISH EVENTS

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT GROUP (SMYAC) - (Ages 18 - 39)

1. First Friday Coffee Night - Fri. Oct. 6, 8:30pm Rectory Basement. Join us for coffee, hot chocolate and other refreshments as we engage in an enlightening discussion on "Human Relations".



2. Young Adult Book Club "Founding" Meeting Thu. Oct. 12, 7:30 pm, Rectory Basement. Reading books and discussing topics that touch young adults lives such as work, faith, love and relationships. If there are any books you would like to read, bring them to the meeting!! This will be a great opportunity to expand your bookshelf and get you to read books you may have never chosen! For more information, please contact us at smyac_team@yahoo.ca!

YM ANNOUNCEMENT

Do you want to play football instead of watching? Here's your opportunity: St. Mary's YM invites all youth in Grades 6 to 12 to their event entitled "Saturday Football". This will be on **Oct. 7**, from 2pm to 5pm. We will meet at 1:30pm in the Church parking lot. This event is free but permission forms are required. Get yours from the YM bulletin board.



RCIA/FAITH INSTRUCTION

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for:
1. Adult inquirers - non-baptized/ baptized in other faiths (to find out more about Christianity or becoming a Catholic).
2. For adult Catholics, who are baptized, but not catechized and /or did not complete the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.



If you are interested in the Catholic Faith or know someone who is, the RCIA program is the answer! To register for RCIA classes and for more information please contact: Arda Akoglu or Carolina Prada at 604-733-3457 or aakog@yahoo.com.

LIFE CHAIN - GIVE AN HOUR TO SAVE A LIFETIME

St. Mary's Pro-Life Ministry invites all Parishioners and their families to unite for ONE hour: 2pm to 3pm on **Sun. Oct. 1** to stand in solidarity against the greatest evil our nation has known - ABORTION. Help women and help save lives of the children. On Kingsway Between Edmonds Street and Gilley Avenue. For rides meet at 1:10pm in the parking lot, opposite the north end of the rectory(near school bus).



PARISH EVENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. MARY'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

If you are a practicing Catholic man, at least 18 years or older and promote faith and family, then consider joining the Knights of Columbus. Today there are nearly 1.7 million members in over 12,000 councils in the U.S.A., Canada, The Philippines, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Panama, Cuba, The Dominican Republic, Guam, The Virgin Islands, The Bahamas, Saipan and most recently Poland. We have contributed more than 60 million volunteer hours and donated over \$130 million to charitable programs annually. We help members and the society to realize that membership in the order is the experience of a life time. We will be available after all masses on **Oct. 7 & 8** to answer your questions. *Michael Madden - Grand Knight.*



ST. MARY'S CWL HARVEST MOON DINNER & DANCE

Sat. Oct. 21. This is the CWL's first social event and they would really appreciate parish support! Enjoy an evening of dinner, dancing and door prizes. Tickets will be sold after Masses for the next few weeks. Please note that this is a "dry" event."



ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sun. Nov. 19. Start making your Christmas Crafts for sale at our Annual Christmas Craft Fair/Pancake Breakfast. Table Reservations can be made by contacting John Rudland @ 604-433-0884. Stay tuned for further details.



ST. JUDE'S NOVENA MISSION

Oct. 19-27 at St. Jude's Parish & Shrine (3078 Renfrew St., Vcr). 9 days of prayer, preaching, praise, and inner healing. Fr. Frank Fusare, CPM, will speak on key aspects of the Faith applied to life issues. **MASSES: Weekdays:** 9am & 7:30pm. **Oct 21:** 9am & 5pm. **Oct 22:** 9am, 11am, 5pm. All services include mission preaching and Confession will be available ½ hour before and after every service. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following each morning service until the evening service.

PROJECT ADVANCE GRANT APPLICATIONS - Deadline Oct. 21

Project Advance 2007 is now accepting grant applications from groups / organizations in the Archdiocese of Vancouver for consideration in the "Special Needs" category of the Appeal. Download Guidelines for eligibility & the application form from www.rcav.org/project_advance/2006/latestnews.htm.

For more info, please contact Fr. Glenn Dion 604-682-6774 or hrc_rector@shaw.ca.

COMMUNITY NEWS

V.I.P. SESSIONS (VOCATIONS IN PROGRESS)

We invite single Catholic men (ages 17 & up) to join us as we look at **"Ways of Discerning a Vocation: the context, the Key to Successful Discernment, Openness and It's Rivals, Emotions, Elements of Discernment, and Balance in Discernment."** The next meeting will be held **this Sun. Oct. 1,** 7:30pm in the Luminous Hall, at St. Andrew's Parish 480 47th Ave. Vcr. (In between Fraser & Main St.). For more info, please call Fr. Hien Nguyen or Fr. Tom Smith at the Vocations Office 604-443-3254. Your questions are Very Important to us. Or visit our website at www.vocationsvancouver.com.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 1423 E.13th Ave. Vcr. extends an open invitation to participate in the celebrations.



Triduum - **Oct. 4, 5 & 6:** Rosary at 6:30pm and Mass at 7pm.

Sat. Oct. 7: Mass 7pm, Candlelight Procession & Social.

Sun. Oct. 8: Mass 2pm, Procession & Feast. Raffle draw 8pm.

PRO-LIFE MASS & VIGIL

Peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents. **Sat. Oct. 7,** 9am Mass at St. John the Apostle Parish, 5457 Trafalgar St., Vcr., followed by Rosary & Prayers at VGH. Vigils are held each first Saturday of the month under the Chaplaincy of Rev. Hien Nguyen. The Prayer Apostolate was instituted in 1995.

HARVEST DANCE - Sat. Oct. 14

7:30pm at Immaculate Conception Parish. Refreshments, Door Prizes, Fun. Music by the MYSTICS. Sponsored by Surrey-Delta Pro-Life. Tickets \$20.00 per person. Call 604-574-0225/604-576-0268.



MAKE POVERTY HISTORY WALK - Sat. Oct 14

To coincide with global mobilizations around the International Day of Poverty Eradication, Make Poverty History will be holding a Walk & Rally from Peace Flame Park to the Vancouver Art Gallery. Come join us for music and how communities are working to eliminate local and global poverty. - Rain or Shine! Registration: 10am. Walk starts at 11am at Seaforth Peace Flame Park (south end of Burrard Street Bridge). Festivities: Guest speakers, music, NGO booths. Location: Vancouver Art Gallery 12pm. For more info call 604-899-4475 or 778-898-4475.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND - Oct. 20 -22

Helping engaged couples understand their vocation and building stronger marriages. Register at www.ceewest.com/ 604-451-3300.

CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS !!

WEDDINGS

Sep. 30: *Danny Mior & Tarra Patterson*



BAPTISMS

Sep. 24: *Kyle Patrick Godoy Asto, Lourdes Paulina Adante, Raymond Achilles-Paul Bottin, Jacob Christian Boucher, W'yette Yuna Carsola-Sotto, Reece Kyle Conos Catalogo, Luke Fuentesbella, Danika Lise Soleil Fortin, Chole Nicole Mones, Gabrielle Faith Sumabong*



Oct. 1 : *Lemuel Cabrera, Gabriel Harold Abijero Llobrera, Daniel Harold Abijero Llobrera*

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES Mon - Fri 8:00 am; Saturday 12:00 pm
Saturday 5:00 pm (**Anticipation**)
Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 1:00 pm, 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION Saturday 11:15-11:45 am; 4:15-4:45 pm;
Sunday 10:45-11:05 am

(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.smyac.ca

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. Pierre Leblond, OP

Assistant Pastor Fr. Mark Hoo, OP

Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon / Ossie Fernandes

Custodian: Zdravko Jankovic