



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

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**28th SUNDAY In Ordinary Time**

**October 15th, 2006**

**Shelter or Prison?**

**Possessions or Obsessions?**



Dear Parishioners, For the longest time, I had a feeling that something was missing in my life. I could not pinpoint it. God was there, but not really there. I was good, but not that good. I knew I was missing a joy and a peace that come from above. But how to get it? At one point, the Holy Spirit began to enkindle my prayer life and slowly showed me, in the midst of my daily activities and prayers, that the real problem was not something lacking, but something too much! Possessions, attachment to things, attitudes, mind sets, bad habits. I had unconsciously believed all these things were necessary to protect me, but they were cutting me away from true life, true relationships, true joy. Far from being protective, these things were hurting me and hurting others. Through them, I was putting Christ to death again and again. These "security" devices, far from protecting me, were forms of passive aggression and active retaliation.

The following lines, borrowed from the great Patriarch Athenagoras, exemplify what I am talking about:

*We need to succeed in disarming ourselves.*

*I have fought this war. For years and years. It was terrible.*

*But now I'm disarmed.*

*I am no longer afraid of anything, because "love drives out fear."*

*I am disarmed of the will to overcome,*

*to justify myself at the expense of others.*

*I am no longer on the alert, jealously grasping my riches.*

*I welcome and I share. I am not attached to my opinions, to my plans.*

*If other better proposals come to me, I accept them willingly.*

*Or rather, not better, but good. You know, I have given up comparisons..*

*That which is good, true, real, wherever it is, it is the best for me.*

*Therefore, I am no longer afraid.*

*When you no longer possess anything, you no longer have fear.*

*"Who can separate us from the love of Christ?"*

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*But if we disarm ourselves, if we divest ourselves, if we open ourselves to the God-man who makes all things new, then it is he who cancels our evil past and gives back to us a new time where everything is possible.*

God can do the same thing for you. Ask him what is the first step you have to take. He will do ninety percent of the work. The first step is the most difficult. Once you have started, you will not want to look back anymore.



*God Bless you. Fr. Pierre*

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

<b>Sun. Oct. 15:</b>	2:00pm	St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Ave)
<b>Mon. Oct. 16:</b>	6:00pm	Bingo (School Gym)
	7:00pm	Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
	7:00pm	Mary Help of Christians (Rectory Dining)
<b>Tue. Oct. 17:</b>	12:00pm	Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
	6:30pm	Teen PREP (Rectory Basement)
	6:30pm	Elementary PREP (School)
	7:15pm	Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
	7:30pm	PEC Committee (Rectory Basement)
<b>Wed. Oct. 18:</b>	6:30pm	Elementary PREP (School)
	7:00pm	RCIA (Rectory Dining Room)
	7:00pm	CWL Meeting (Church Basement)
<b>Thu. Oct. 19:</b>	1:30pm	Saint Mary's School Mass (Church)
	7:00pm	Pastoral Council (Rectory Dining)
	7:00pm	Ballroom Dancing (School Gym)
	7:30pm	Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
<b>Fri. Oct. 20:</b>	3:00pm	Divine Mercy (Church)
	6:45pm	Line Dancing (School Gym)
	7:00pm	Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
<b>Sat. Oct 21:</b>	8:00am	Tai Chi (School Gym)
	10:00am	Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
	12:30pm	Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
	7:00pm	CWL Dinner/Dance (School Gym)
	7:30pm	Couples for Christ Seminar (ChurchBsmt)
<b>Sun. Oct 22:</b>	10:15am	Willingdon Park Liturgy(4435 Grange St)

**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)**

**Karaoke Night - Fri. Oct 20, 8pm.**

Meet at the Parking Lot. We'll meet at the parking lot for carpooling purposes, and we'll decide which place to go. Join us for an evening of musical fun. Come and sing your hearts out with us!



**Rosary Sat. Oct 21 & 28, after the 5pm Mass**

October is the month in which Mary, Most Holy Queen of the Holy Rosary, is venerated. SMYAC will sponsor the Rosary after the 5pm (anticipated) mass every Saturday this month (21,28).



All are welcome!

**Open Gym Sun. Oct 22, 2:30 - 5:00pm**

In the School Gym. We have an assortment of indoor sporting activities all lined up just for you. Come for an afternoon of full of awesome games. Keep fit and have fun!



**CWL - SENIORS SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION TALK**

St. Mary's CWL have invited guest speakers to their general meeting on **Oct. 18** at 7pm in the Church basement. All are welcome to attend. The guest speakers have spoken to a lot of groups and have received great commends from their audience about crime prevention tips. Presentation will be approximately 1 hour including questions and answer period, so come and don't miss out on this great learning experience.

**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 all Masses this weekend. 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.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SAFE TEEN

All parents of Notre Dame students are invited to a **SafeTeen Presentation** introducing “**Powerful Alternatives to Violence**” on **Thu. Oct. 19**, 7pm - 8pm in the Notre Dame Reg. Sec. School Auditorium. *Safeteen programs give youth, skills to deal with verbal violence, emotional violence, sexual violence and threats of physical violence; they teach teens to stand up for themselves and what they believe in, without violence.*

### 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.

### 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](http://www.ceewest.com/604-451-3300).

### SALVE REGINA

Glorious sacred music by Handel, Buxehude, Bohm, and Bach at 8pm on **Oct. 21** at St. Jude's Church (E.15th & Renfrew). Tickets are available at the door, the parish office 604-434-6700 ext 231, or [www.baroqueplayers.com](http://www.baroqueplayers.com) for \$20 general admission / \$15 students & seniors.

### 2 DAY DIVINE MERCY SYMPOSIUM

**Oct. 21 & 22** Our Lady of Lourdes, Coquitlam.

For info call Christi 604-931-2726 or email: [cfausto@cw.bc.ca](mailto:cfausto@cw.bc.ca).

**Oct. 28 & 29** Our Lady of Good Counsel, Surrey.

For info call Nerie 604-507-3448 or email: [hhombrebueno@shaw.ca](mailto:hhombrebueno@shaw.ca).

**Nov. 4 & 5** St. Monica Church, Richmond. For info call Mario 604-521-7753 / 604-512- 0179 or email: [marest@shaw.ca](mailto:marest@shaw.ca).

### ARCHDIOCESAN CONGRESS

Fr. Stephen Penna is the keynote speaker at this year's Archdiocesan Congress on **Sat. Nov. 4**. Fr. Penna is a speaker you won't want to miss. To register call Office of Religious Education 604-683-0281 or for more info go to [www.rcav.org](http://www.rcav.org).



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### DRUG ADDICTION! HOW CAN WE PLAY A ROLE IN PREVENTION?

Guest Speakers: *Pat & Vicki Conroy* founders of Agape Street Ministry, will share with us their compelling stories in bringing the **Love of Jesus** to the working women on the streets of East Vancouver and Surrey.

- Find out their views as to how “we can all play a role in prevention
- This talk is most suitable for young adults, parents and guardians

**Thu. Oct. 26**, 7:30 to 9:30pm, at St. Joseph the Worker Parish (School Gym), 4451 William Street, Richmond. Brought to you by St. Paul Parish Prevention Ministry, Richmond. Contact Bessie 604-272-4693/email: [preventionministry@stpaulparish.ca](mailto:preventionministry@stpaulparish.ca).

### NOTRE DAME GRAD '86 - 20 YEAR REUNION

**Sat. Oct. 28** at The Denman St. Free House 1780 Davie St. (on English Bay) at 8pm. Tickets are \$30. For tickets and more info please call Dino at 604-816-5157 or Dennis at 604-649-5008.

### VOCATION LIVE-IN

For boys or young men who are interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, on the weekend of **Nov. 3 - 5**, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, B.C. For more information call 604-826-8715.



### LUKE 15 HOUSE - 15th BIRTHDAY

Concert & Silent Auction **Sat. Nov. 4** at 7pm. Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 8842 119th St. Delta (doors open at 6:30pm). 2 Music groups, International Food Fair, Skit & Testimonies by Residents & Silent Auction. Advance tickets \$15. Call Joe 604-434-2960.

### LOST IN TRAFFIC

*Lost in Traffic* is an interactive play raising awareness of the underground trafficking of women and children for the purposes of exploitation. Le Theatre Parminou invites us to counter this network of organized crime by building another type of network that rises up to say: It is enough!

**Sun. Nov. 12:** 7:30pm at Notre Dame Secondary School, 2855 Parker St., Vancouver

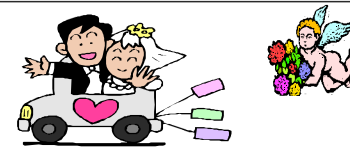
**Mon. Nov. 13:** 7:30pm at Hellenic Community Centre, 4500 Arbutus St., Vancouver

Tickets and info available from CWL members and the Sisters Association at 604-272-4779 and 604-517-8895. \$12 for regular admission, \$10 for seniors and students.

## CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS !!

### WEDDINGS

**Oct. 14:** *Jose Sumang & Irene Lara*



### FALL FAIRS

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FALL FAIR** - 2025 Napier St. Vcr. 604-255-8855

**Fri. Oct. 20:** 4pm-8pm, **Sat. Oct. 21 & Sun. Oct. 22:** 10am-3pm

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL** - 541 West Keith Rd. N.Van.

**Sat. Nov. 4 & Sun. Nov. 5:** 10am - 4pm. Tel: 604-987-4431

### 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.

**RCIA** Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.  
Contact: Parish Office

**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](mailto:smyac_team@yahoo.ca) Website: [www.smyac.ca](http://www.smyac.ca)

**YOUTH MINISTRY** E-mail: [stmarys\\_ym@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarys_ym@yahoo.com)

Coordinator: Eli Bautista Website: [www.saintmarysyouth.com](http://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