



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

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**Pastor's Corner**

Dear Parishioners, on this great feast day that is Trinity Sunday, we celebrate the three persons of the One God, that is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How do we appreciate, much less celebrate such a profound mystery, you may ask? Well, the beautiful thing is that when God created heaven and earth and before He rested, God said that all His work is *very good*. In other words, all of heaven and earth and all that is in them is *very good* and is a taste of the Goodness that is God. In other words, even our familial relations towards one another as spouses, parents and children, can be a taste, or can reflect the Goodness that we call God. It is not for nothing then that the Church upholds good, strong, holy families as examples for us to follow – families that are a taste or that reflect this *Goodness*, such as the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. When we reflect on the Holy Family, what do we see? We see Mary and Joseph giving their *all*, out of love for God, the family and one another. Joseph was willing to suffer ridicule for marrying a pregnant Mary, and was willing to surrender his very career and life for God and family by escaping to Egypt just so that Mary and Jesus would have a chance to survive the wrath of King Herod. Mary sacrificed her very dignity as woman and wife, and the possibility of her very own life, just so that Jesus could be conceived in her womb. Her “yes” to God and to the child Jesus in the womb meant that she was at risk of divorce from Joseph, at risk of ridicule from her women folk, and at risk of being stoned to death for bearing a child out of wedlock. Jesus’ “yes” meant that he, who is God, was willing to give up all the implications of being God, by taking on human form, being born in a lowly manger, and being obedient to his mother, Mary and foster father, Joseph. Why? As a testament of his love for *all* humanity, including, and, especially, Mary and Joseph.

So, what is in the relations of the Holy Family that reflects the relations of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit? We see in the relations of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, a profound “self-emptying” love for one another. A “self-emptying” love that provides and builds up, in turn, the “respect” that Jesus accorded to his parents, Mary and Joseph. And, it is precisely this self-emptying love and the respect that arises from it, that reflects the self-emptying love of God the Father, for His Son, Jesus, and the self-emptying love that Jesus, in turn, gives to the Father; a self-emptying love that *is* the Holy Spirit. It is for this reason, therefore, that the Church asks Catholic families to empty of themselves first to God through prayer, and then to one another in love and mutual respect. (Contd.....)



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So that in so doing, not only do Catholic families learn to emulate the Holy Family, but ultimately learn to emulate and taste from the Goodness and Happiness that can only be derived from the One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit in that mutual relationship of self-emptying love and respect that they have for one another. A Blessed Trinity Sunday, and *God Bless*. Fr. Mark.



**PARISH NEWS**

**INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2008- COLLECTION**

This is a national collection as decided by the Bishops of Canada in order to support the International Eucharistic Congress 2008. The collection will be held on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Our Lord, next **Sat. & Sun. Jun. 9-10**. Special envelopes will be distributed at all Masses for the collection and donation amounts will be included in the 2007 Tax receipts.

**PROJECT ADVANCE 2007**

Committee members and volunteers will be available until the end of June to collect all returned pledges at the church foyer after each mass. We also welcome new donors; participation from all parishioners is most important (regardless of the amount) and is one of the key factors in order to achieve our parish goal. We thank you in advance for your generous support in making this a successful campaign.

**ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)**

SMYAC Is looking for enthusiastic young adults to be a part of their leadership team! If you know a young adult between the ages of 18 - 39 that would like to be a part of the SMYAC leadership team, please complete the nomination forms which are available in the Church foyer and put them in the ballot box.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

From the Development & Peace St. Mary's Parish Committee and the Development & Peace Diocesan Council: A heartfelt thank you to everyone at St. Mary's for making our 40th anniversary celebrations a success. Special thanks to Fr. Pierre and Fr. Mark, Lolita Malimban and the Legion of Mary, Tim Diwold, Margaret Glynn, the Knights of Columbus, Margherita and Ossie. God bless you!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**PARISH PICNIC ON JULY 1**

It's time for our Parish Picnic once again. Put it on your calendars. There will be an outdoor Mass, food, fun and fellowship. **Jul. 1** from 12 noon to 5:30pm. More announcements to follow.



**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

- Sun. Jun 03:** 2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)  
3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
- Mon. Jun 04:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)  
7:00pm Visioning Committee (Rectory Library)
- Tue. Jun 05:** 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)  
6:30pm PREP Staff (School)  
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
7:30pm Charismatic Core Team (Rectory Library)  
7:30pm IMPACT - Faith Studies (Church Basement)
- Wed. Jun 06:** 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex Ave)  
6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Library)  
7:00pm Exodus (Rectory Basement)  
7:00pm IMPACT - Cornerstone (Church Basement)  
9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Jun 07:** 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. Jun. 08:** 10:00am St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex Ave)  
3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)  
6:30pm YM Friday Night Football(see announcement)  
7:00pm K of C Executive (Rectory Basement)  
7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Jun. 09:** 10:00am Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
- Sun. Jun. 10:** 2:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)



PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARDS IN THE FOYER FOR MORE COMMUNITY NEWS.

**CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS !!**

**BAPTISMS**

**May 27 :** *Amarachukwu Angelina Aliozor, Braydon Deshawn Dagg, Gabriela Mackinzie Dagg, Marie Josephine Dela Cruz, Nathan D.J. Lewis Delorme, Miguel Balais Gapas, Mandolyn Agape Navarro, Natalia Blossom Navarro, Evangelina Isabel Navarro, Samantha Junette Chung*

**June 3 :** *Isaiab Timothy Aquilaro, Carmina Isabel Liqueste Javier, Rachel Anne Rosuman Ronque*

**WEDDINGS**

**May 12 :** *Allan Wysynski and Eun Jung Park Aldrin Ancheta and Olga de Vera*



## PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

### PREP EARLY REGISTRATION CLOSED!

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) Early Registration is now closed. Regular registration will resume in August. Watch out for further announcements.

### YM FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Open to all youth in Grades 6 to 12. A night of outdoor fun and sports. **Fri. Jun. 8, at 6:30pm** (meet in front of the Church). Permission forms are required and are available in the YM Bulletin Board or in the YM website.

### IMPACT! "DISCOVER JESUS" & "DISCOVER COURAGE" RETREATS

*Does God really love me? If so, why don't I always feel it? How can I know God better? Does God even want to know me? Who is Jesus?*

*Why do I bother going to Mass on Sunday?*

These questions are common in the world today, and even in the Church. Many of you may be asking them right now, or can relate to a questioning attitude with regards to even the basics of our faith. Consider seeking out answers to these questions, the most important you ever ask. The Impact Vancouver "Discover Jesus" retreat is coming to a Parish near you. Take the first steps to a better relationship with God and try one out. Maybe you have already found the answers but a friend or relative is still seeking. Invite them to come with you so that they too can "Discover Jesus."

Join us on **Sat. Jun. 9** at any of the following Parishes: St. Ann's (Abbotsford), Our Lady of Fatima (Coquitlam); Good Shepherd (White Rock) and the same retreat on **Sat. Jun. 23** at St. Francis Xavier (Vancouver) and St. Patrick's (Vancouver). They will run from 9am -9pm. Please RSVP to Amber at [impact@cco.ca](mailto:impact@cco.ca) or 778-883-7467, check out our website at [www.cco.ca/impact](http://www.cco.ca/impact).

*Have you ever wanted to share your faith but don't know how? Are you in love with God and want others to know Him? Have you encountered opposition in your faith journey? Come to Impact Vancouver's "Discover Courage" retreat and learn the skills and strength you need to carry the hope you have within you to others. Experience God's love and bring that experience to your friends and family this summer with Impact. Don't miss this chance to ring lasting change to those you love. This retreat is a follow-up to the 'Discover Jesus' retreat and will happen on **Sat. Jun. 23** at Our Lady of Fatima Parish (Coquitlam) and the same retreat on **Sat. Jul. 7**, at St. Ann's (Abbotsford), Good Shepherd (White Rock), & St. Francis Xavier (Vancouver). Each "Discover Courage" retreat will run from 9am till 4:30pm. Please RSVP to Amber at [impact@cco.ca](mailto:impact@cco.ca) or 778-883-7467 and check out our website [www.cco.ca/impact](http://www.cco.ca/impact).*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### AGAPE STREET MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Did you know that Agape Street Ministry operates **Sancta Maria House**, the ONLY women's Catholic Recovery Home in the Lower Mainland. We need your support. Please share of your time, Talents and Treasure. For more information please call us at 604-590-2460.

### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA 9-DAY MASS/NOVENA

**Jun. 5 -13** at St. Anthony's Parish (Marpole), 1345 W.73rd Ave. Vcr. Mass/Novena Weekdays at 7:30pm; Weekends at 5:00pm.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

**Jun. 8-10.** Attention Married Couples! You deserve to give each other a weekend to enhance your love. For more information or to register, please contact Steve & Mary Bohnen (604-876-7298 or [sbohnen@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:sbohnen@interchange.ubc.ca)).

### INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE 4 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The Infant Jesus of Prague was enthroned by the late Msgr. Donald Neumann at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. Holy Mass will be held on **Sat. Jun. 9**, at 12:10pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral to celebrate the 4 year anniversary.

### NOTRE DAME'S 5TH ANNUAL FUND RUN

Formerly 'The Relay' - **Jun. 10** - 10:00am start. Less time commitment. Walk/run a 5km route together from ND, to the PNE, through the PNE grounds and back to ND for a BBQ - Pasta Party. Live entertainment, prizes, free kids activities, flea market, beer garden & great food. Register on line @ [www.ndrs.org](http://www.ndrs.org) or contact Lucia DeCotis through the school office 604-255-5454. All proceeds to the ND School Building Fund. Donations over \$20.00 will receive a tax receipt.

### CENACLE RETREAT

**Jun. 14-18.** Five-day quiet Cenacle retreat at Rivendell on Bowen Island with Sister Monica and Sister Kathy. Conferences, prayer, silence, and time for rest, reading, etc. Private room with bath, 12 meals, and retreat: \$425. For inf./reg. : 604-266-1611.

### L'ARCHE GARAGE SALE

L'Arche Greater Vancouver ([www.larchevancouver.org](http://www.larchevancouver.org)), an ecumenical and inter-faith community for people with developmental disabilities, is holding a garage sale to raise funds for its needs on **Sat. Jun. 16** from 1 to 4pm at 4845 Sardis Street, north of Kingsway. On sale will be household items, clothes, herbs and flowers, baked goods, and crafts. There will also be a display of modular pine shelving, candle holders, coat racks, wine racks, and meditation benches made by members of the woodworking shop operated by L'Arche ([www.larchewoodproducts.com](http://www.larchewoodproducts.com)), for which orders can be made. For more information, please call Doug Moore at the Crossing: (604) 432-9057 or e-mail to [crossinglarche@yahoo.ca](mailto:crossinglarche@yahoo.ca).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### TALK ON "SEPERATION, DIVORCE AND ANNULMENT"

Rev. Bruce McAllister, J.C.L., of the Marriage Tribunal will speak on "Separation, Divorce and Annulment" on **Sat. Jun. 16** from 10:00am to noon, at St. Patrick's Parish, 2881 Main St. (corner 12th Ave.), Vcr. Fee \$10.00. Contact Catholic Family Services for info or to register 604-443-3220. All are welcome.

### CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

**Jun. 22-24.** Helping engaged couples understand the Sacrament of Marriage and their vocation. Register at [www.ceewest.com](http://www.ceewest.com) or 604-451-3300.

## PARISH INFORMATION

**MASSES** Mon. - Fri. 8:00am; Sat. 12:00 pm  
Wed. & Fri. 6:30pm followed by Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament & Benediction at 9:30pm

Saturday 5:00pm (**Anticipation**)  
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 7:00pm

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

(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 - 8:00am; Saturday - 12:00pm

### FIRST FRIDAY Adoration Throughout the day after Masses

Masses: 8:00am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
6:30pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Benediction: 9:30pm

**BAPTISM** To register your child, contact the 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. Contact the Parish Office.

**PREP** Religious education program for children attending public schools.

Coordinator: Eli Bautista Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm

### ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leader: Jonquil Francis

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

Coordinator: Eli Bautista Website: [www.saintmarysyoung.com](http://www.saintmarysyoung.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 9:00am - 5:00pm

Pastor : Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP

Assistant Pastor : Fr. Mark Hoo, OP

Youth and PREP Coordinator : Eli Bautista

Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon / Ossie Fernandes