



### ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, June 24th, 2007  
Nativity of John the Baptist

Dear Parishioners,

During my 18-months stay in France with the Carmelite Fathers, I visited a lot of medieval churches. Immediately upon entering the main section of any church, I could tell if it was still used as a catholic worship place or had been turned into a purely historic building owned and operated by the government. All I needed to see was the flame of the sanctuary lamp. Then I knew Jesus Christ was there, body and soul, humanity and divinity. No flame, no Jesus!

Now, we all know the flame is not Jesus. We don't worship the flame but we adore the Sacred Host. We also know that the flame doesn't bring about the Real Presence of Jesus. But the flame is there to testify about the Presence. This is what we are all about in the Church. We are not Jesus Christ, but we testify to his presence. This is what John the Baptist was in regard to Christ. He was not Christ, but being very close to him, he was a sure indicator of his Presence. In this he is a model for us, Christians. We are not the Light of the World but we are the little lamp pointing to the Light of the World. By its nature, Christ, the Light, cannot be seen without faith. But we, the believers, can point to where Christ is, to where "The Way, the Truth and the Life" is.

How can we do that? By walking the Way, believing the Truth, and living the Life. By drawing our life, our vision and our orientation from Christ, we become filled with Christ, through and through.




When Gandhi was asked why he did not become a Christian, he answered, that he had never met one!

C.S. Lewis said: "Christianity has not failed; it has never been tried!"

God bless, Fr. Pierre



### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Jun. 24:** 10:15am Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange St)  
3:00pm Baptisms (Church)  
5:00pm Divine Mercy Novena (Church)
- Mon. Jun. 25:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
7:00pm Divine Mercy Novena (Church)  
7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
- Tue. Jun. 26:** 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)  
1:30pm School Farewell Assembly (Church Basement)  
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
7:00pm Divine Mercy Novena (Church)  
7:00pm Grade 7 Farewell Party (Church Basement)  
7:30pm IMPACT - Faith Studies (Rectory Basement)
- Wed. Jun. 27: LAST DAY FOR ST. MARY'S SCHOOL**
-  8:30am Respect Life Meeting (Rectory Dining)  
9:30am St. Mary's School Mass (Church)  
5:00pm Divine Mercy Farewell Novena (Church)  
6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm IMPACT - Cornerstone (Church Basement)  
7:30pm St. Vincent de Paul (Rectory Library)  
9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Jun. 28:** 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. Jun. 29:** 3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
  6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)  
6:30pm YM Outdoor Sports Night (back parking lot)  
7:00pm SMYAC Book Study (Rectory Library)  
7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Jun. 30:** 10:00am Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
12:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
- Sun. Jul. 01: CANADA DAY - GOD BLESS CANADA**  
12:00pm Parish Picnic

### DON'T FORGET - PARISH PICNIC THIS SUNDAY!!!

St. Mary's Parish Picnic is NEXT SUNDAY, **Jul. 1**, from 12pm - 5:30pm at Fraser Foreshore Park (picnic site 1). The park is located in Burnaby at the south end of Byrne Road, off Marine Way (by the Fraser River). It will start with an Outdoor Mass at 12 noon. Come and join in the fun, share the "potluck", enjoy the games and the live music. If you need a ride on the school bus, please sign up at the registration table in the foyer.



### PARISH NEWS

#### DIVINE MERCY TRAVELLING ICON VISITS ST. MARY'S



Blessed by Pope John Paul II the Divine Mercy Icon will visit all Knights of Columbus councils in BC and the Yukon. St. Mary's K of C will be offering Novena prayers in the Church. Please see "This week in our parish" for timings. All are welcome!

#### PROJECT ADVANCE 2007

We are now at 78% of our parish goal and going strong, however so far only 11% of registered families of the parish have contributed, therefore we encourage every one of you to participate in this event, 100%! participation is the "Key" factor in making this event a success! Please pick up a form and show your support! Your generosity (*any amount*) is greatly appreciated.

#### PREP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Would you like to make a difference in the lives of young people? Do you have the gift of teaching? Do you enjoy sharing your faith? Do you know what catechism means? Are you willing to volunteer your time? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please call Eli at the Parish Office 604-435-9611 x 6.

#### YM OUTDOOR SPORTS NIGHT!

Are you up for some outdoor sports like field hockey, soccer or capture the flag? Then join us this **Fri. Jun. 29 from 6:30pm to 9pm**. We are meeting in front of the Church at 6:15pm. Open to all youth in Grades 6 to 12.

#### YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB

**Fri. Jun. 29**, 7pm Rectory basement. Want to read more about the Catholic Faith? This month, we're reading "Finding God's Will for You" by St. Francis de Sales. Need a copy of the book, and for more info, please contact [smyac\\_team@yahoo.ca](mailto:smyac_team@yahoo.ca). P.S. You need to read parts of the book prior to the meeting for discussion purposes.

#### YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18+) COFFEE NIGHT

**Fri. Jul. 6**, 8:30pm Rectory basement. All young adults are invited to SMYAC's monthly spiritual activity, Coffee Night, as we have discussions based on a particular topic based on the Catholic faith. Light refreshments will be served. For more info, please contact [smyac\\_team@yahoo.ca](mailto:smyac_team@yahoo.ca)



#### ST. MONICA'S PARISH "LADIES CLOTHING SALE" (Not a garage sale)

"SUMMER BLOWOUT" of brand new clothes up to 80% off. **Sat. Jun. 30**, 10am-3:30pm, 12011 Woodhead Rd., Richmond. Also includes Cosmetic sale, entertainment, fashion show, food & door prizes. Part of the proceeds of this event will go to St. Monica's building fund. Food bank donations will be accepted. For more info. please call 604-839-9587.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SEMINARY OF CHRIST THE KING VOCATION LIVE-IN Fri. evening to Sun. afternoon, Jul. 6-8.

The Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC, is planning a weekend LIVE-IN for young men who are interested in the priesthood or the life of a religious brother, and want to see for themselves what seminary life is like. The Seminary of Christ the King has students in high school (Grades 8-12), in college (Arts I-IV), and in theology. The LIVE-IN is open to anyone who is thinking of entering the seminary in the next few years. The LIVE-IN provides an opportunity to spend two days at the Seminary and to become acquainted with other young men who have the priestly or religious vocation in mind. Those attending should arrive any time Friday evening, preferably between seven and eight o'clock. Bring a sleeping bag, school clothes, and some old clothes for sports, a towel, etc., and your high school transcript or your last report card. The suggested fee is \$25. Dates of future LIVE-IN: **Nov. 2-4.** The program will include interaction with priests, brothers and seminarians, daily Mass and prayer, recreational activities, sports, and some reflective reading. Anyone planning to come should fill in the application form, available on the notice board in the foyer, and forward it to: Vocation Live-In, Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC V2V 4J2, or the info may be phoned to 604-826-8715 or faxed to 604-826-8725 or e-mailed to: rector@sck.ca.



### 36TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RENEWAL COMMUNITIES CATHOLIC RENEWAL CONVENTION

5 DAY RETREAT, Aug. 30 – Sep. 3. Enjoy a spirit-filled 5 days of prayer, praise and worship amidst the incredible sights and sounds of Anaheim! Guest speakers include Linda Schubert, Linda Koontz, Fr. John Hampsch, Francis & Judith MacNutt and more! For details please take a flyer from the registration desk in the foyer. For further information on the tour contact Lennie David 604-597-8227 / 604-594-7296.



### RETRouvaille : A PROGRAM OF HOPE DESIGNED TO HELP COUPLES IN HURTING MARRIAGES

Next Vancouver weekend **Sep. 14 - 16.** Space is limited. For more information please call: 604-530-6710 or visit our website at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org). To pre-register on-line, go to [www.retrouvaille.org/dates.php](http://www.retrouvaille.org/dates.php).



# Happy Canada Day!!!

# God Bless Canada!!!



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### THE 18TH ANNUAL MARRIED COUPLES' RETREAT

Will be held on the weekend of **Sep. 14-16**, at Westminster Abbey, Mission and will be directed by Rev. Paul Curtin, CSsR. (Redemptorist). Retreat theme: "FOLLOWING JESUS: EUCHARIST AS FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY." Cost per couple \$295.00. To register call Anne 604-464-1958 or Marg. 604-921-7136. Space is limited.



## 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.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 9:00am - 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