



## ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### The God of Second Chances

Dear Parishioners, have you sometimes hoped that you could be given a chance to begin afresh again after having made a big mistake in one of your life's decisions, or after having chosen the wrong path in life? If so, I think this thought from Jack Zavada is for you:

"One of the most effective people in the Bible received a second chance from God. In fact, he received many, many chances. We can draw hope from the story of Moses, found in the book of Exodus. Moses killed an Egyptian taskmaster who was abusing Hebrew slaves. When Pharaoh found out, he tried to kill Moses. Escaping to Midian, Moses became a shepherd, married, and started a family. He had given up and "settled" for the life he had. Does that sound familiar? But God gave Moses a second chance. God wouldn't listen to any excuses. He ignored the fact that Moses had failed before. He didn't care about Moses' low [self esteem](#) or speech [disability](#). God had a job for Moses to do, and he was going to give him as many chances as he needed to do it...

Maybe you've failed at something in life, and you think that dream is lost. I can tell you, though, from my own [experience](#), that we serve the God of second chances... Whether it's...a job, a relationship, or your finances, God hasn't given up on you. He wants to heal you, make you right, and guide you into the [purpose](#) he has for your life...

We all tend to expect too little from God. We tend to imagine that he's angry with us, that he carries a grudge and refuses to give us a second chance. That's not the God of the Bible, and that's certainly not Jesus. Jesus continually reached out to people like you and me, people who need a second chance... See God realistically. See him mending your disappointment. See him running out to meet you, to give you another chance, just like the father of the prodigal son. Your life isn't wrecked for good. The most loving, powerful being in the universe wants to heal it, and he **does** have the power and creativity to do just that.

Will you say "yes" today to the God of second chances?  
God Bless, Fr. Mark



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



- Sun. Nov. 04:** DAY LIGHT SAVINGS - CLOCK BACK 1 HOUR  
1:00pm Dominican 800th Anniversary Mass (Church)  
2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)  
3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
- Mon. Nov. 05:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
- Tue. Nov. 06:** 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)  
6:30pm Teen PREP (Rectory Basement)  
6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)  
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
7:30pm Charismatic Core Group (Rectory Library)  
7:30pm K of C Executive Meeting (School Gym)
- Wed. Nov. 07:** 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex St)  
6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)  
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)  
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Library)  
7:00pm Street Ministry (Rectory Basement)  
7:30pm SMYAC Leaders (Rectory Dining)  
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Nov. 08:** 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)  
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)  
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. Nov. 09:** 10:00pm St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex Avenue)  
3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration  
7:00pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Nov. 10:** 10:00am Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Christian Life Program (Gym)
- Sun. Nov. 11:** 2:00pm Couples for Christ Mtg. (Church Bsmt)

## PARISH NEWS

**AN INTRODUCTION TO JOHN PAUL II's THEOLOGY OF THE BODY**  
Presented by Vito Tinaburri. Did you realize that the meaning of life is not "out there somewhere", but rather is written into the very make-up of our bodies; particularly our sexuality? Find out why as we explore this life-changing teaching of John Paul II every **Thu. Evening, Nov. 8, 15, 22 & 29**. Location: St. Mary's School Seminar Room (enter at the school's main entrance next to the gym entrance) Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm.

### ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Sun. Nov. 18.** Have you made your Christmas Crafts for sale at our Annual Christmas Craft Fair and Pancake Breakfast? Table reservations can be made by contacting John Rudland 604-433-0884.



### ST. MARY'S 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL FAMILY BOWLING

Join the fun as we have our Parish Bowling Fellowship. This will be on **Sat. Nov. 24**, 11am at Rev's. Interested? Pick up a registration form in the foyer and drop it off with your payments at the Parish Office. Need more info? Questions? Call Eli at the Parish Office - extension #6.



### ST. MARY'S STREET MINISTRY - CANDY DRIVE

It's our annual Candy Drive! Thank you for your support over the past years. We saved a lot of candy money because of your donation. We give out candies as an ice-breaker when we approach the women on the street. It works well for us. This year, again, I would like to ask for your generous donation. If you have any leftover Halloween candies, please drop it off in the box at the foyer in the next few weeks. Thank you once again! May God bless you!



### VISITATION OF THE SICK BY HANDS OF VERONICA

If a loved one is a patient in Burnaby General Hospital and would like to have a visit from a member of the Hands of Veronica group, please contact the Parish Office with information.

### NOTRE DAME ANNUAL GALA DINNER/AUCTION

Notre Dame Alumni Foundation invites you to the Annual Gala Dinner/Auction in support of the new facility being built for the parish feeder high school at ND. The event will be **Fri. Nov. 16** -ND Gym - 6:30pm. Tickets \$65 (no host bar) are available through the school office-604-255-5454. Catering by Presto & live music by the Blue Meenies. With your support last year this event raised \$40,000. Please join us in our efforts and thank you for your support.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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

We invite single Catholic men (ages 17 & up) to join us as we look at "**A Calling to Imitate Christ through Scripture.**" The meeting will be held on **Sun. Nov. 4, at St. Andrew Parish 480 E. 47<sup>th</sup> Ave. Vancouver** (In between Fraser and Main Street) which starts at **7:30pm**, in the Luminous Hall. For more info. please call Fr. Hien Nguyen or Fr. Tom Smith at the Vocations Office 604-443-3254. Or visit: [www.vocationsvancouver.com](http://www.vocationsvancouver.com) *Your questions are Very Important to us.*

### HEARING THE VOICES OF PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA

THE CENTRE FOR RESEARCH ON PERSONHOOD IN DEMENTIA (CRPD) SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND FAMILY STUDIES UNIVERSITY OF BC -

Colloquium Presentation by: **Dr. Kerstin Stieber Roger, Assistant Professor - Department of Family Social Sciences University of Manitoba, Thu. Nov. 8, 5:00 - 6:30pm.** This talk will describe empirical qualitative data from a study that asked people with Alzheimer's and Huntington's about their experiences of memory loss. Four main themes: heredity and family, disabling declines, social changes, and thinking to the future. Jack Bell Building, Rm 200 - 2080 West Mall, University of British Columbia. This presentation is free and open to the public. For info. call CRPD at 604-822-6872 or [www.crpdc.ubc.ca](http://www.crpdc.ubc.ca).

### UBC PINOY MOM & DENTAL SURVEY

Attention Filipino Moms! Free dental check up for your child 1-1/2 to 5 years old, at Collingwood Neighbourhood House on **Nov. 18 & Dec. 9.** (Freebies for tots & raffle prizes for moms) Book appointments at 604-812-8960 or [hthf2007@gmail.com](mailto:hthf2007@gmail.com).

### ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS, PRIESTS & RELIGIOUS

The annual Mass for deceased bishops, priests and religious will be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral, **Wed. Nov. 21** at 12noon followed by Lunch(r.s.v.p.). All parishioners are welcome at this special liturgy, to be concelebrated by the priests of the Archdiocese. Kindly remember in your prayers those who have laboured for the Church in Vancouver, and pray that the Lord will send dedicated men and women to continue their work.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008

WYD 2008 package available for anyone wishing to join the youths from Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Burnaby. The 17-day package includes return airfare, all accommodations, transfers & meals. If you are an individual or have a small group and wish to join our pilgrimage, please contact Marivic at 604 525 8843 for more details.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### TOTAL CONSECRATION TO MARY

**Nov. 9** at the Legion of Mary Centre (Holy Rosary Cathedral Hall basement) at 7:00pm with Father Anthony Ho. All interested in consecrating themselves will need preparation. For more information, please phone Dan at 604-251-4070.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY WEEKEND CENACLE PREACHED RETREAT

**Nov. 9-12** at Rivendell on Bowen Island. Jesus invites us to "Remember Me." Come to this peaceful place and "remember" with scripture, prayer, music, and talks by Sister Monica and Sister Kathy. \$250 includes three nights, private room with bath, seven meals, and refreshments. Pre-registration required: 604-266-1611. Sign up early!

### ST. ANDREWS FEAST DAY GOSPEL CONCERT

**Sat. Nov. 24.** By taking part in this event we will help achieve these goals: To encourage youth involvement in parish activities, Evangelize through the art of Music, Support the Gospel Choir to participate and sing for the Pope at the World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney, Australia. Your support for this joyful event in our parish celebration is truly appreciated.

### ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGIATE CRAFT FAIR

An early Merry Christmas from the parents, students & staff of STMC. **Sat. Nov. 24: 10am - 4pm and Sun. Nov. 25: 11am - 4pm.** Kingsway & 12th Avenue, Burnaby. Bring your co-workers, friends and family. We love our craft fair and we would love to share our seasonal celebration and exceptional shopping opportunity with you. We have over 130 crafters with a wide range of products from under a dollar to one of kind artisan pieces. See you soon, Have a blessed Christmas season.

### HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL VOCAL CONCERT

**Sun. Dec. 2 at 7pm.** Classical & Contemporary Songs & Poems about Mary's Life. Program Includes: A Celtic Prayer, Breath of Heaven, Children's Music, Vergin Tutto Amor, Balm In Gilead, Udvozlegy Maria, Bells of Bethlehem, Ave Maria. Sacred Classical Soloist: Adeleina. Marianministries@gmail.com. Also singing for the 8pm Mass: original & new compositions. 646 Richards Street, Downtown Vancouver near the Bay Dept. Store. Please see the BC Catholic Newspaper for a list of all H.R.C. concerts.

### DO YOU WANT TO HELP OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE IN GREAT NEED IN MEXICO ?

Join Project Brotherhood in this missionary opportunity to help the needy in Mexico from **Jul. 7 to Jul. 25, 2008.** For info contact: Mario at 604-537-2311, 604-589-2870 or [gardunom@projectbrotherhood.com](mailto:gardunom@projectbrotherhood.com). Registration deadline is **Jan. 31, 2008.**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### BIBLICAL LANDS PILGRIMAGE AND CRUISE

24 days Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Holy Land & Jordan Pilgrimage **October 7 - 31, 2008** (32pax) Tour cost \$5950.00. Following St. Paul's missionary journey in Greece & Ephesus + 3 day Greek Islands - Turkey cruise. Journey to the cities addressed by St. John from the Island of Patmos / Churches of revelation. Exodus (Egypt, Holy Land & Jordan) customized, escorted, spiritual & cultural land/cruise tour. Spiritual Director: Fr. Mark Hoo, O.P. For more information please call 604-436-0985.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### MASSES

Mon. - Fri. 8:00am; Sat. 12:00 pm

Wed. - Fri. 7:00pm followed by Adoration & Benediction at 9:15pm

Saturday - 5:00pm (**Anticipation**)

Sunday - 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 7:00pm

**RECONCILIATION** Sunday & Weekdays - Before and after all Masses.

Saturday - 11:15-11:45am; 4:15-4:45pm;

(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  
7:00pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Benediction: 9:15pm

**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 and Joseph D'silva

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 9:00am - 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