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Pastor's
Corner

Sunday April 20, 2008



Dear Parishioners, here's a thought from Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI in light of today's Gospel: "Jesus said: 'In my father's house there are many rooms!' Almost every year I attend a religious education congress in Anaheim, California. One little sub-theme there that I've always enjoyed is the placing of some of the book displays in the pavilion. Invariably you find, side by side, the booths for the Catholic Worker and Ignatius Press. They're miles apart ideologically (Michael Moore would shop at the former, Mel Gibson at the latter) yet here they are, in the same faith event, both representing something important in the same tradition, neither bent on excluding the other.

There's something important to be learned from this... We cannot build either a society or a Church with just liberals or just conservatives... Any community or Church built with just the like-minded is not worth belonging to because it reflects neither what's best inside the human spirit nor, for those of us who are Christians, the inclusive embrace of Christ... But that doesn't come naturally. What does come naturally is the proclivity to huddle together in fear and like-mindedness, like the disciples before Pentecost, barricaded behind a locked door with our own kind - paranoid, suspicious of all who are not of our own mind. Not that all of this is bad.

Sometimes we need nurturing and healing inside a more intentional community so hearts and nerves that have been frayed by division within family, community and Church have a chance to be more gently massaged and nurtured. Intentional community of this sort, in essence, is the "upper room" the early Church retired to, in pain and fear, as it waited for Pentecost.

But it didn't stay there forever. Indeed, no real community was formed in that room.

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(Pastor's Corner continued...) They huddled together for awhile for a purpose, in fear, in loneliness, consoling each other within a certain fragility; but when they finally felt the real power of God's spirit, they burst out of those narrow confines. Their narrowness and fear gave way to an inclusivity and a courage which enabled them to speak different languages, languages of both the left and the right, languages of both the liberal and the conservative, languages that both Mel Gibson and Michael Moore could hear and take to heart." *God bless, Fr. Mark.*



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Apr. 20:** 2:00pm CFC - FFL General Mtg (School Gym)
 2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (4435 Grange St.)
 3:00pm Grade 2 First Communion (Church)
5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)
- Mon. Apr. 21:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
 7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
- Tue. Apr. 22:** 6:30pm Teen PREP (Rectory Basement)
 6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)
 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
- Wed. Apr. 23:** 6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:00pm RCIA (Rectory Basement)
 7:30pm Marriage Prep. Class (Church Basement)
 7:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Mtng (Rectory Dining)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Apr. 24:** 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:30pm Life in the Spirit Seminar (Church Basement)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. Apr. 25:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
 6:30pm YM "Combo Night" (Church Basement)
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:00pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Apr. 26:** 9:30am Legion of Mary (Church Basement, LWC Area)
 9:30am Confirmation Retreat (Church Basement)
 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Basement)
 7:30pm CFC - Christian Life Program (Church Basement)
 7:30pm CFC-FFL Seminar (School Gym)
- Sun. Apr. 27:** 10:15am Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange St.)
 3:00pm Baptisms (Church)



PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE 2008

There will be more information regarding this year's project available plus a video presentation detailing this year's goal on April 26th and 27th at each Mass. For parishioners who have contributed in the past, pledge cards are mailed to you again this year. There will also be bank pledge forms available for new donors. Thank you in advance for your support and participation in this important event.

FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY

This weekend, **Apr. 19/20**, we have 70 Grade 2 students and 32 students in Grades 3 & up who are receiving their First Communion. Some of them you will see in the regular Masses. Let us pray for these children that this may be the start of their hunger for the Eucharist.



CWL's ANNUAL MOTHERS' DAY LUNCHEON - May 11th, 2008

CWL is again hosting the Mother's Day Luncheon on May 11th, 2008. A great opportunity to treat your lovely mother or a special lady (ladies) to a fabulous lunch and show them your appreciation. We have a great menu at a very low cost so buy your tickets now before it's sold out!!! Ticket price is \$20 per adult, \$10 for children 7-10 yrs. Old, FREE for children under 6yrs old. Committee members will be selling tickets at the foyer after each mass for the next few weeks, so come buy your tickets and enjoy a great Mother's day lunch with your family.

YOUNG ADULTS' COFFEE NIGHT FAITH DISCUSSION

Friday, May 2, at 8pm in the Rectory Basement.

Since May is the month of Mary, we will be basing our discussion on the Blessed Virgin Mary. Have you ever wondered how different religions or cultures view Mary? Have you ever heard of common controversies surrounding Mary or how Mary ties into feminism? These are just some of the topics that will be discussed in our next Coffee Night. Light refreshments will be served. For everyone ages 18 and above.



YOUTH MINISTRY "COMBO NIGHT"

Do you want to know why it's called "Combo Night"? Do you want to hang out with other Catholic Youth but you're not sure what you want to do? Watch a movie? Play games? Chat? Have popcorn & chips?



OR a little of everything all in one night? Come & join us this **Friday, April 25th at 6:30pm in the Church Basement.** Be a part of the fun!

PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

THIS WEEKEND APR. 19/20 IS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

We take this opportunity this week to once again thank and honour the so many Parish volunteers that we have here in our community. We are truly blessed to have very generous members and that is why our Parish is continually growing. If you see a volunteer this weekend, please extend a smile and a "thank you". To all the Parish volunteers, God bless you in all that you do.



PENNIES FOR HEAVEN

The Knights of Columbus are accepting Pennies and other Canadian currency in order to support vocations to the Priesthood. Please bring in all your pennies to the foyer before and after all Sunday masses in **April** and put them in the big bottle. Your donations will be used for the education and personal needs of our seminarians. God Bless You.

STEWART FORUM 2008: TIME, TALENT, TREASURE & THE ROLE OF EVERY PARISHIONER

Forum Panel with Coadjutor Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB; Rev. Robert Wong, SJ; Ms. Neysa Finnie; Mrs. Robin Newton; Very Rev. Glenn Dion (host). **Wed. April 23** at 7:00 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral Hall. Admission is free.

ST. MARY'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPRING DINNER / DANCE

Book your tickets now to avoid disappointment! This annual fundraiser for Charitable distribution will be held on **Sat. May 3** in the school gym. Doors open 6:30pm, Dinner at 7:00pm followed by Super DJ dancing music and prizes galore. No alcoholic beverages will be served. Tickets \$20 per person: call Rene 604-454-9679, Adel 604-433-9772, Manny 604-430-3647 or Ossie 604-433-7548. Bring your friends and family for a joyful evening!

DOMINICAN "COME AND SEE" WEEKEND: THE WAY OF THE PREACHER: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT DOMINIC.

For men interested in exploring a vocation with the Dominicans of Vancouver, you are invited to a Dominican "Come and See" Weekend to be held from **5:30 pm Fri. May 16 to 1:30 pm Sun. May 18, 2008. Presenters are: Dominican Master of Novices, Fr. Yves Bériault, OP and the Dominican Novices. The event will be held at the Rectory of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Deadline for registration will be Wednesday, May 14, 2008.** Cost will be \$25/person. For more information, please contact Fr. Mark Hoo, OP at frmarkhoo@yahoo.com or at (604) 435-9611 ext. 5.

PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

MOVIE "BELLA": HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

Bella, a Pro-Life movie with very good reviews came out last weekend. Showings are limited to very few theatres. High viewer turnout this weekend will increase the chances of Bella being shown at more theatres. They will need our support, especially in the first 2 weekends, in order to make a successful run in Canada. This movie became the #1 rated movie of 2007 and is one of the most honoured films of the year winning the highly-coveted People's Choice Award at the Toronto Film Festival, Best Picture & Best Actor at the 2008 Movie Guide Awards, and the prestigious Legacy Award from the Smithsonian Institute's Latino Centre. Bella is a powerful & moving, utterly unique story that will lift your spirits and capture your heart. Please go and see it!

NOTRE DAME ALUMNI TRIVIA NIGHT

Fri. Apr. 25, 7:00 pm at Notre Dame Auditorium. Fun, snacks, and prizes! \$10 per person. To register, leave a message with your name, phone number, and number of players for Lana 604-255-5454 or Diane 604-291-9466.

LEGION OF MARY CELEBRATION

The Legion of Mary will be celebrating the 100th Birth and Death Anniversary of Venerable Edel Quinn, at St. Mary's Parish, 5251 Joyce St. (Near Sky Train Station), on **Fri. May 9** from 5:00pm - 9:30pm in the Church Basement. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm, followed by Potluck Supper. Active and Auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary are invited.

PARISH SPRING FAIRS

St. Andrew's Parish on April 26th. Contact Marilyn at (604) 436-4410 for more details.

St. Francis de Sales School on May 31st. For more information, please call Cheryl at (604) 434-8845

PSALM 98 CONCERT AT ST. MARY'S

On **Saturday, May 10 at 7 p.m., Psalm 98** - a dynamic group of youths who have sung in World Youth Day events in the past will have a concert here in St. Mary's Parish. This is a benefit concert in support of St. Mary's Pilgrims who will be going to the International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City, in June and World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia in July. **Please keep your eyes and ears peeled for more details on posters, flyers, bulletins and verbals in the upcoming weeks, and please come out in support of St. Mary's Pilgrims!**

COMMUNITY NEWS

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

May 9 - 11. Helping engaged couples understand the Sacrament of Marriage and their vocation Register at www.ceewest.com or 604-451-3300.

COME, HOLY SPIRIT. ENLIGHTEN US!

A Pentecost celebration on **May 10** at St. Matthew's (16079-88th Ave., Surrey). Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, charismatic Mass, Bo Sanchez, youth worship dance, lively praise & worship, fellowship and lunch. Free attendance. We ask you to recite the 9 days novena to the Holy Spirit. Contact fireblade@shaw.ca.



PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES Mon. - Fri. 8:00am; Sat. 12:00 pm
Wed., Thu., Fri. 7:00pm followed by Adoration
& Benediction at 9:15pm

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

Sunday - 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS Sunday & Weekdays - Before and after all Masses.
Saturday - 11:15-11:45am; 4:15-4:45pm;

(An appointment for confession may be made by phone)

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 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 9:00am - 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