



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

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**SCRAPING OF THE OLD LIFE**

Cardinal Von Balthasar wrote, "any man who suffers physically or psychologically has expressed this: what he thought he already had made into a habit must be learned all over again from the beginning". The recovering person has to learn again to walk and talk. And if he has been hurt psychologically and spiritually, that suffering will give an opportunity to "unlearn", to undo the wrong ways of perceiving and relating to his spouse, his family, his co-worker, his God. This painful scraping of the old ways of living will make room for learning a new, gospel-inspired way of relating to himself, to others and to God. Great teachers acknowledge that the greatest obstacle in learning the fulfilling and efficient ways of living is the presence of unexamined illusion, false perceptions and false concepts of what is to be done and of how to do it. Only suffering and failures coupled with the grace and love coming from God can strip away our poisonous and often sinful way of living.

Our consolation is that even Christ himself had to undergo this kind of trial. Jesus "cried out in supplications and tears to the One who was able to save him from death ... Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him". (Hebrews 5: 7-9)

Obedience! The word everybody loves to hate. "Men always long to break laws through disobedience, in order to show that they are more powerful than the laws" (Balthasar) The evil one entertains that pretentious illusion in ourselves. So forget the word obedience for a moment. Replace it with "loving surrender". If you practice loving surrender in small stuff, you will be able to do it when there is no more choice but to accept the will of God. In other words, you will obey. But with the grace of God, you will obey freely.

You will surrender yourself lovingly to God, as a living oblation. "Into your hands Father, I commit my soul".

God Bless You **Fr. Pierre**

**PARISH NEWS**

**SR YOUTH MINISTRY -- (Grades 8 - 12)**

**THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST**-- Sometimes we read things but find it difficult to visualize it. Mel to the rescue... Come and live through the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in this masterpiece by Mel Gibson. Please make sure to get a Parental Consent Form from the bulletin board in the foyer or from the parish office. No form, no movie, sorry. When : **Saturday, April 4 at 5:00pm in the rectory basement.**

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL REGISTRATION -- DEADLINE APPROACHING**

On **April 2** there will be a meeting at **7:00pm in the school gym** for new families who wish to enter St. Mary's School in September 2009. You **must attend** to receive an information package because they are not handed out from the school office.

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

Several priests will be available for confessions on **Friday, April 3, after the 7:00pm mass.** This will be one of the last opportunities before Easter to take part in this sacrament. Please avail yourself of this opportunity.

**YOUNG ADULTS (18+) COFFEE NIGHT FAITH DISCUSSION**

Join us on **Saturday, April 4 at 8:00pm** in the rectory basement. The topic is: Happiness and Grace and how it influences culture. Light refreshments will be served. For more info please contact us at [smyac\\_team@yahoo.ca](mailto:smyac_team@yahoo.ca).



**GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

St. Mary's Young Adult Community will present a silent dramatization of the stations of the cross on **Good Friday, April 10 at 11:00am in the church.** The youth choir will also be leading the parish in song for this prayerful event. All are welcome.

**ANNUAL YARD SALE TO SUPPORT RESPECT LIFE**

Our annual yard sale is on **Saturday, April 18.** We welcome any donations (including garden items, jewelry, dishes, books etc) to the big wooden box in the foyer marked "YARD SALE". Please bring your donations before Easter Sunday so that the foyer will be uncluttered for Easter. Thank you **NO CLOTHING PLEASE**



Only **if you cannot** bring your own items, please contact Gert at 604-433-6497.

**THANK YOU**

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parishioners and the community for their support to the Shamrock Drive which supports seniors housing. It was a great success!

**PARISH NEWS**

**ANNUAL SPRING DANCE**

Our Knights of Columbus will have their Annual Spring Dinner and Dance Party on **Saturday, May 23** in the St. Mary's School Gym. All proceeds will go to Birth Right Program. For tickets call Bro. Rene Montilla at 604-454-9679, Bro Joe. Pellingon at 604-438-3821 or Bro. Manny Mendoza at 604-430-3647

**WEBMASTER**

Have you seen the Youth Ministry web-page. Don't look now but it is soooo.... Well let's just say it is not anything like we would like it to be. We want to bring it back to life so we need a talented web-developer to help us create a brand-new-web-site. If you have the time and skills, call Arda at 604-435-9611 ext # 6. Compensation will be in the form of thankful prayers.

**DO YOU OWN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ENVELOPE NUMBERS?**

Please contact the parish office if you use the following envelope numbers:124; 165; 166; 180; 245; 283; 284; 340; 422; 474; 589; 774; 809; 879; 1093; 1149; 1215; 1308; 1398; 1456; 1495; 1628; 1652; 1693; 1695; 1719; 1747; 1784; 1809; 2034.

**VIGIL PRAYERS ON THE EVE OF A FUNERAL**

We had a Vigil at a funeral home last Wednesday. Hundreds of people attended and a few of them wondered why the Vigil was not held at the church since Chit was a very active parishioner. Firstly, we only schedule vigil prayer on Monday evenings (after 8:00pm) or Tuesday evening. Every other evening the church is used by more and more people for Mass, adoration, confession and healing prayers. I cannot cancel these masses and gatherings within a few days notice. Secondly, I cannot make any exception, even for very active parishioners., because I would have to draw the line somewhere. We have about 30 funerals a year. If you really want a church vigil, you must plan it for either Monday or Tuesday. Mondays would have to be no earlier than 8:00pm, and Tuesday at any time (except second Tuesdays not before 8:00pm). It is a blessing to have a very active parish, but it involves sacrifices. God Bless You. **Fr. Pierre**

**CONDOLENCES**

*Please pray for the soul of our dearly departed :*

**Rosario (Chit Bauzon)** - funeral celebrated Thursday Mar 26

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her O Lord,*



## MINISTRY IN FOCUS

**Development and Peace** is the official international development agency of the Catholic Church in Canada. D&P encourages Canadians to act in solidarity with the poor through education, advocacy, personal choices and financial assistance to the projects and programs of its partners in over 200 countries. At St. Mary's, we hold 2 events each year: the Fall Action Campaign and the Share Lent Campaign. There are no regular monthly meetings but the meetings are held before and after these campaigns. If you would like to join us please contact Ted / Cora Alcuatas at 604-517-0029 or [coralcutas@shaw.ca](mailto:coralcutas@shaw.ca)

## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### NOTRE DAME TRIVIA NIGHT

Fun, snacks and prizes on **Friday, April 3** in the Notre Dame Auditorium. **Cost is \$10 per person.** To register please leave a message for Lana (your name, phone number and number of players) at the ND office: 604-255-5454.

### NEW WEST DEANERY CELEBRATE SOURCE/PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

All families and young people from the Archdiocese are invited to join the New Westminster Deanery for a night of Eucharistic Adoration to pray for vocations and to experience and discover the SOURCE of our faith through reflections, music, confession and fellowship on **Saturday, April 4 from 7:30pm-9:00pm** at St. Luke Parish in Maple Ridge. More info: contact the Vocations Office: [vocations@rcav.bc.ca](mailto:vocations@rcav.bc.ca) or 604-443-3254




### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (part-time; 21 hours per week)

**Coordinator of First Nations Ministry** is available with the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Requirements: thorough understanding of First Nations culture and issues faced by First Nations communities; Bachelor's degree and 3-5 years experience; high level of initiative, judgment and discretion; excellent interpersonal and organizational skills; ability to lead by example; superior verbal and written communication skills; computer proficient with Microsoft Office suite and Internet. Submit resume and one-page cover letter (**by April 14**) to Human Resources, Archdiocese of Vancouver, 150 Robson St., Vancouver, BC V6B 2A7 Complete details are available at [www.rcav.org](http://www.rcav.org).

### DVDs FROM THE INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

A series of professionally-produced DVDs capture the most important moments of last year's Congress in Quebec City, from the opening celebrations to the concluding Mass. Order online from [www.ecdq.tv/en/videos](http://www.ecdq.tv/en/videos).

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Mar. 29:** 10:00am RCIA (Rectory Basement)
- Mon. Mar. 30:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
7:00pm Mass (Church)  
7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)
- Tue. Mar. 31:** 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (school)  
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)  
7:30pm Marriage Prep Course (Church Bsmt)
- Wed. Apr. 01:** 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex Ave)  
6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (school)  
6:30pm RCIA (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Exodus (Rectory Basement)  
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)  
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
-  **Thu. Apr. 02:** 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)  
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)  
8:00pm Lay Missionaries (Rectory Basement)  
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
-  **Fri. Apr. 03:** 9:00am Bible Sharing for Women (Rect Bsmt)  
3:00pm & 6:10pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)  
7:00pm Cornerstone (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)  
7:30pm Penitential Service (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying room/sacristy)  
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
-  **Sat. Apr. 04:** 9:00am 2000 Hail Marys (Rectory Dining)  
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)  
12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
3:15pm Baptisms (Church)  
5:00pm Sr. Youth Ministry (Rectory Basement)  
6:30pm Singles for Christ (Church Basement)  
7:30pm Couples for Christ-- CLP (School Gym)
- Sun. Apr. 05: PALM SUNDY / PASSION SUNDAY**  
10:00am RCIA (Rectory Basement)  
2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)

## PARISH INFORMATION

**MASSES :** Monday 7:00pm  
Tuesday: 8:00am  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00am and 7:00pm\*\*  
\*\* followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:15pm  
Saturday: 12:00noon; 5:00pm (**Anticipation**)  
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

### CONFESSIONS

Sunday: Before all Masses (except 8:00am & 5:00pm) & After all Masses  
Saturday: 11:15am to 11:55am, 4:15pm to 4:55pm, 6:10pm to 6:40pm  
Weekdays: After ALL Masses (except Thursday Evening Masses)  
--- An appointment for confession may be made by phone

**HOLY COMMUNION** Available to shut-ins. Contact Parish Office.

### FIRST FRIDAYS: 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

**BAPTISMS:** To register your child, contact the Parish Office.

### MARRIAGES:

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the wedding date to register for the required diocesan Marriage Preparation Course. One of the couple must be a registered Catholic parishioner of St. Mary's for at least one year before contacting the Parish Office.

### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Thursdays: 8:00am Saturdays: 12:00noon

**RCIA:** Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Contact the Parish Office.

**PREP:** Catechism Program for children attending public schools

**TEEN PREP:** Interactive Catechism Sessions for Teens

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

E-mail: [stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca](mailto:stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca)

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

Leader: Joseph D'silva

Email: [smyac\\_team@yahoo.ca](mailto:smyac_team@yahoo.ca)

Website: [www.smyac.ca](http://www.smyac.ca)

### YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)

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

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu

Website: [www.saintmarysyoung.com](http://www.saintmarysyoung.com)

### ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Kevin Smith (Principal)

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Mondays to Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm  
Saturdays: 11:00am to 2:00pm

**Pastor:**

Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P.

**Assistant Pastor:** (currently on leave)

Fr. Mark Hoo, O.P.

**Youth Ministry/Volunteer Coordinator:**

Arda Akoglu

**Parish Secretary:**

Margherita Bordignon