



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday May 18, 2008

Dear parishioners,

I want to share with you a reflection by Pope Benedict XVI, taken from "The Magnificat", May 2008. It was first published in 1992, when the Pope was still Cardinal Ratzinger.



THE BLESSED TRINITY

"How often have we made the sign of the Cross, invoking without really adverting to it, the name of the triune God? In its original meaning the sign of the Cross was, each time it was made, a renewal of our baptism, a repetition of the words by which we became Christians, and an assimilation into our personal life of what was given us in baptism without our cooperation and reflection. Water was poured over us and, at the same time, the words were spoken: 'I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.' The Church makes us Christians by calling on the name of the Trinitarian God. From the Church's beginning, she has expressed in this way what she regards as the truly definitive mark of our Christianity: faith in the triune God. We find that disappointing. It seems so remote from our life. It seems so useless and so hard to understand. If there must be short formulas for expressing the tenets of our faith, then they should at least be attractive, exciting, something whose importance for men and for our lives is immediately apparent. Yet, in the last analysis, this is what we are saying here: Christianity is not primarily concerned with the Church or with men, but with God. Its proper orientation is not to our hopes, our fears, or our wishes, but to God, to his majesty and his power. The first article of Christian faith, the basic orientation of Christian conversion, is that God exists. We must, therefore, learn again to understand from God's perspective what being a Christian really means -- that is, believing that he is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If he is that in himself, he must be I and You and so he must be one God in three persons." -- **Pope Benedict XVI**

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. May 18:** 2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Ave)
2:00pm CFC - FFL Gen. Mtng (Church Bsmt)
5:00pm **Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)**
- Mon. May 19: VICTORIA DAY - OFFICE CLOSED**
6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
- Tue. May 20:** 6:30pm Teen PREP (School Seminar Room)
6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
- Wed. May 21:** 2:00pm Willingdon Park Mass (4435 Grange St.)
6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)
6:30pm CWL Meeting (School Gym)
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:00pm Theology of the Body (Church Basement)
7:30pm St. Vincent de Paul (Rectory Dining)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. May 22:** 7:00pm Pastoral Council (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Mass & Adoration (Church)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. May 23:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
7:00pm Mass & Adoration (Church)
7:30pm Evangelization through Healing (Church Bsmt)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. May 24:** 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
3:00pm K of C Executive (Church Basement)
4:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement, LWC Area)
7:30pm Evangelization through Healing (Church)
7:30pm CFC - Christian Life Program (Church Basement)
7:30pm CFC-FFL Seminar (School Gym)
- Sun. May 25:** 2:00pm Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange St.)
3:00pm Baptisms (Church)



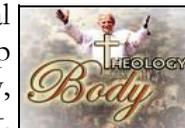
YOUTH SUMMER TRAINING

Register now for the Youth Ministry Office's popular Youth Summer Training Events: Youth Leader (August 4 to 8) at Summit Pacific College in Abbotsford and Searching in the Spirit (August 18 to 22) at Camp Jubilee at the base of Mt. Seymour. Check out www.youthmin.com for more information... don't miss out!!!

PARISH NEWS

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FAITH SERIES AT ST. MARY'S

Come join Jake & Heather Khym for a special evening of storytelling, reflection, and worship based on Theology of the Body on Wednesday, May 21, 7-9pm, St. Mary's Church Basement.



Admission is free. Then on Tuesdays, May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 2008, same time and place, St. Mary's Young Adult Community will present the final 4-parts of *Created and Redeemed*, a faith series based on Pope John Paul II's universal teaching, Theology of the Body. Not to worry if you missed the first half, it is still worth coming out. Trust us, this education on being human will blow you away. Young or old come on out, it's for everyone. Don't forget your workbook. If you're new, workbooks will be available for \$7.50. See you there.

EVANGELIZATION THROUGH HEALING — MAY 23/24

"I met a man who suffered from depression and bitterness for over 10 years. The Holy Spirit revealed to me an image of a set of Venetian blinds - but they were only half open. From this image, I knew that he was afraid to ask for and receive all the graces that the Lord was eager to give to him. But until he understood what these graces were, he would not receive Jesus' invitation of healing. He would never be at peace. So we talked and then we prayed..." In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "I give you peace, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives to you." A teaching on Grace and Peace will be discussed through a presentation on Evangelization through Healing on May 23 and 24, here in St. Mary's Parish at 7:30pm. Jacqueline Loh is the guest speaker. She is currently in the process of completing her Master's Degree on Evangelization.

PREP EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION (MAY 1 - 31)

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) early registration for Catechetical Year 2008-2009 is still ongoing. The reduced fees are ONLY for the whole month of May. Register early to reserve a spot. Registration forms are available in the Church foyer and in the Parish Office. Drop off your completed Registration Forms in the PREP Office on Tuesday or Wednesday nights from 6:30pm to 8pm.

CLOTHING SALE FOR LADIES

At St. Monica's Parish on May 24th from 10am to 4pm. Prices are up to 80% OFF! Great deals galore especially for the summer. There will also be a raffle draw for all customers. For questions, please contact: (604) 839-9587.

PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE (P.E.C.)

There will be a P.E.C. election held after all Sunday Masses (May 25th), including the evening Saturday Mass on May 24th. **Those eligible to vote for members of the Parish and/or Regional Education Committee are Catholics who have reached the age of nineteen (19) and who are registered, participating members of the parish. It is the individual's responsibility to ensure that his/her name is placed on the Voters' List. A person may vote in only one parish. Also eligible to vote are the non-Catholic spouses of all Catholics eligible to vote.** If you are unsure if you are on the list of registered parish members you may check the Registration list which will be available in the parish office, or after all Masses this weekend in the Church foyer. Anyone unable to attend Mass at St. Mary's next weekend who wishes to vote in advance, may vote in the parish office next Thursday & Friday during regular office hours. Parish members standing for election will be posted in the bulletin next weekend, and posted in the Parish office.

PROJECT ADVANCE

A quick reminder that committee members and volunteers will be available after each Mass to collect pledges and register new donors until the end of June. Thank you again for everyone's support in this important endeavour!

"If we work together in our Lord Jesus, there is no limit to what we can accomplish. Let us take heart from the faith and courage of our Lord Jesus Christ as we embark on a journey of stewardship" - **Most Reverend Raymond Roussin, S.M.**

PUT YOUR GUESSING SKILLS TO THE TEST!!!

Are you good at "guess-timating"? Feeling lucky? Then why not enter the "Count the Pennies" competition? Guess how much money is in the container in the church foyer and you could win one of the many prizes (e.g. vouchers for a haircut, gift cards for Safeway, Jacob's & St. Andrew's bookstore, dinner, Bibles, cinema tickets, T-shirts, Starbucks mugs and more.) Tickets are available for sale in the church foyer after all Masses. \$1 per guess or 6 guesses for \$5. All proceeds go towards the pilgrims for International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec in June. Your Support is very much appreciated. God bless!



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MOVIE NIGHT WITH YOUNG ADULTS - BELLA

Sat. May 24, 2008, 6:40 p.m. Church parking lot. We will be meeting in the parking lot, and take the SkyTrain to Station Square for the 7pm showing of BELLA, a "true love story about how one day in New York City changed three people forever". Please contact SMYAC at smyac_team@yahoo.ca on Friday May 23 to make sure the showtime is accurate.

SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

In just a few weeks, from June 15 to 22, Canada will welcome the 49th International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City. This great Church event will bring together thousands of pilgrims from across Canada and around the world. There will be a special collection in all Canadian parishes next Sunday, the Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Our Lord (Corpus Christi) week to support the Congress. Please use the envelopes that will be inserted in the Parish bulletin next weekend. The Congress organizers count on our generosity.

COMPUTERS FOR THE NEEDY

Project Brotherhood, a Vancouver charity, is looking for Pentium 3 or better computers for families and individuals in need. If you are able help us, please phone Mario at (604) 537-2311 or e-mail: gardunom@projectbrotherhood.com

"WHATEVER WE IMAGINE"

Praise Team, a dance and theatre arts ministry at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, invites you to their spectacular year end presentation on Saturday, May 31st and Sunday, June 1st, 6pm at the Chandos Pattison Auditorium in Surrey. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance, or \$20.00 at the door. For information, phone Beth (604) 584-7851 or OLGC (604) 581-4141.

SPIRIT ALIVE

Engaging the Inner voice in Music as Prayer. A workshop led by award-winning musical director Tony Araujo on May 24, 9am to 4pm, 5935 Iona Drive at UBC. Registration fee is \$50. For more information or to register, contact St. Mark's College at (604) 822-4463.

DONATIONS TO THE VICTIMS OF MYANMAR CYCLONE

Development and Peace is accepting funds to help victims of the Cyclone in Myanmar, which has left over 22,000 dead and thousands more homeless. For more info, visit: <http://www.devp.org/devpme/eng/pressroom/2008/comm2008-05-06-eng.html>

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES

Mondays to Fridays: 8:00am
Wed., Thurs., Fri: 7:00pm**
** followed by Adoration at 8pm & Benediction at 9:15pm
Saturdays: 12:00noon; 5:00pm (**Anticipation**)
Sundays: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Sundays: Before & After ALL Masses
Saturdays: 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

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: 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.

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

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

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leader: Jonquil Francis and Joseph D'silva
Email: smyac_team@yahoo.ca Website: www.smyac.ca
YOUTH MINISTRY E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com
Coordinator: Eli Bautista Website: www.saintmarysyoung.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mondays to Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm

Pastor: Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P.

Assistant Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoo, O.P.

Youth & PREP Coordinator: Eli Bautista

Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon/Ossie Fernandes