



**ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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Pastor's  
Corner

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Dear parishioners:

When God created you, He had a purpose for you. He wanted you to bring something unique to His people. What is the message God is asking you to deliver? What is the special act of love God is expecting from you? What is your role in the unfolding of God's plan in this world and in this parish?

By volunteering in the parish, you could find an answer to these questions. You could experience the joy of becoming the person you were called to be. You could experience the joy of being closer to God and closer to the parish community.

God has already blessed this parish community abundantly. By becoming one of its active members, you will share personally in these blessings and we will be blessed by your contributions.

God bless you Fr. Pierre

A member of the Pastoral council sent me this message. I share it with you...

"We all see what a busy parish St. Mary's is, especially on the weekend. However, have you ever wondered how this all happens? Not serendipitously, of course!

We have seven Sunday masses. In order to run seven masses, it involves a great deal of personnel. Between the ushers, greeters, altar servers, choirs, flower ministry, registration table, mass coordinators, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans and priests... well, the number is staggering. *It requires approximately 300 people!!!* Yes, that's correct, 300 people to make seven masses happen! Now, you are probably wondering what does that have to do with me? Actually, it has everything to do with you! Nothing at the parish can happen without the participation of parishioners. Through baptism, we are all called to serve God and neighbour; *not to be served*. It is a special gift to God when we serve, and what better way to serve than in His house and in His ministries.

Pastor's Corner (cont'd)

This weekend, November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, we have a special opportunity to find out more about all the various ministries at St. Mary's. There is a Ministry Fair in the school gym with displays and information, great food, activities for children, a raffle and much, much more. Please join us in the gym, and see all that St. Mary's has to offer you. *Then consider what you have to offer Him.* - - submitted by a member of Pastoral Council

PARISH NEWS

UPCOMING PARISH MINISTRY FAIR

"The Harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few".....

It takes many workers to gather the harvest and many hands make light work! Come and find out how your talent and time can enrich your faith life and foster a spirit of church community. Join us in the school gym after all the masses this weekend. There will be food, prizes, a kid's craft corner and much more. This is a great opportunity to see all that St. Mary's has to offer and we look forward to seeing you there!

ATTENTION: — CHANGE TO MASSES THIS WEEK ONLY

Due to the upcoming Clergy Study Week, we have a shortage of available priests and the following changes will be made to the mass schedule. Tuesday morning we will have liturgy of the word only. There will not be Mass or liturgy on Wednesday and Thursday morning, but you are invited to participate in the 7:00pm Mass on either Wednesday or Thursday

YOUNG ADULTS OPEN HOUSE

Are you interested in getting involved with young adults ministry for people aged 18 - 39? Come visit SMYAC (St. Mary's Young Adult Community) at our Open House on **Friday November 7 at 8:00pm in the rectory basement.**

YOUNG ADULTS COFFEE NIGHT FAITH DISCUSSION

On **Friday November 7**, join us in the Rectory basement (after the Open House) as we discuss this month's topic -- Saints. Light refreshments will be served. For more info, please contact us at [smyac\\_team@yahoo.ca](mailto:smyac_team@yahoo.ca).






CANDY DIRVE

St. Mary's Street Ministry and St. Vincent de Paul Society are asking for donations of wrapped candies. They use these to help minister to the street people. Please bring your candy donations to the boxes located in the church foyer over the next few weeks.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<b>Sun. Nov. 2:</b>	<b>ALL SOULS DAY</b> <b>Parish Ministry Fair After all Masses</b> (School Gym) 2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement) 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining) 3:00pm Baptisms (Church) 5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)
<b>Mon. Nov. 3:</b>	6:00pm Bingo (School Gym) 7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining) 7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement) 7:00pm Lay Apostles (Church Basement) 7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)
<b>Tue. Nov. 4:</b>	8:00am No Mass - only liturgy of the word with communion 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School) 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room) 7:30pm K of C Executive (Church Basement)
<b>Wed. Nov 5:</b>	<b>8:00am No Mass This morning</b> 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex Avenue) 6:30pm RCIA (Church Basement) 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School) 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church) 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy) 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
	
<b>Thu. Nov. 6:</b>	<b>8:00am No Mass This Morning</b> 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church) 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement) 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy) 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
	
<b>Fri. Nov. 7:</b>	8:00am Mass (Church) <b>NEW!!</b> 10:30am <u>Bible Sharing for Moms</u> (Rect. Bsmt) 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church) 6:00pm Cornerstone (Church Basement) 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church) 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy) 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
	
<b>Sat. Nov. 8:</b>	12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement) 3:30pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement) 6:30pm CFC-Christian Life Program (Rect Bsmt) 7:00pm CFC - FFL (Church Basement)
<b>Sun. Nov. 9:</b>	2:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement) 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining) 5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)

## PARISH / DIOCESAN NEWS

### RCIA CELEBRATIONS

Next **Sunday November 9**, we will be celebrating the two Rites of initiation for inquirers in the RCIA process: The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (for those preparing for their Baptism) at the 9:30am Mass and the Rite of Welcoming (for those uncatechized Catholics and those who are already baptized in another Christian tradition who are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church) at the 11:15 am Mass. Please join us in affirming that our parish community is ready to help and support the RCIA candidates seeking to follow Christ.

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING: WHAT CAN YOU DO?

On **Sunday November 16, after the 11:15 Mass** St. Mary's Street Ministry and Catholic Women's League, invite you to a presentation on Human Trafficking by St. Deborah Isaac. This free session will last from approximately 12:20pm and end by 2:00pm. Light refreshments will be served. Inquires: contact Mildred at 604-728-4284 or mmoy\_ca@yahoo.com.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CAKES SALE

On **November 15/16 and November 22/23**, our Respect Life Group will be selling beautiful Christmas cards and delicious Christmas cakes in the Church foyer. Shop early for a great selection and support the good works this parish ministry does.



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

**Sunday November 23: 8:30am - 3:00pm.** Start your day with pancake breakfast in the school gym, shop for gifts, knick knacks and more. Relax and enjoy yourself as you mingle with fellow parishioners and neighbourhood friends. Lunch will also be served. Even if you are attending the 100th anniversary Archdiocesan Mass, make sure to attend this popular annual event before heading to the Mass at GM Place. Tables are still available to crafters: \$15 each or two tables for \$25. Contact John at 604-433-0884 to reserve. Please help spread the word.

### DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: FALL ACTION CAMPAIGN

D & P is still collecting signed Fall Action Campaign Cards addressed to the Prime Minister and to your Member of Parliament. If you have not done so, please sign the cards and deposit in the D&P box in the church foyer. Thank you.

### HANDS OF VERONICA

If a loved one is a patient at Burnaby hospital and would like a visit from a member of the Hands of Veronica, please contact the Parish Office with information.

## DIOCESAN/ COMMUNITY NEWS

### OPEN HOUSE - LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY

Little Flower Academy is an independent Catholic High School for girls. All prospective 2009-2010 Grade 8 candidates and their families are invited to an Open House on **Thursday November 6** from **6:00pm - 8:00pm** in the school auditorium located at 1625 Nanton Avenue in Vancouver. Registration packages for the Entrance Exam will be available.

### VOCATION LIVE-IN

On the weekend of **November 14 - 16** there will be a Vocation Live-In at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life. For more information, call 604-826-8715.

### DAMIEN

**Sunday Nov. 16 at 3:00pm** in **St. Mary's Church**. Damien is the story of a Catholic missionary who devoted his life to ministering to the lepers on the Hawaiian Island of Molokai. Fr. Edward Danylo Evanko will play the role of Damien. Cost: \$20 per adult, youth under 14 years are free. Proceeds support the Catholic Health Association of BC and St. Michael's Center Foundation. Tickets by phone: 604-524-3427 or 604-434-1323.

### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS—ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER

**Sun. Nov 23 at 1:00pm: Celebration with Mass at GM Place** will feature music from Catholic High Schools, a Grand Procession highlighting each parish, Mass with Cardinal Marc Ouellette as the main celebrant and homilist. **Tickets are free** but needed to enter GM Place. Sign up in the foyer to reserve.

**Saturday, Dec 13 at 8:00pm: Handel's Messiah** at the Vancouver Orpheum Theatre, a special celebratory performance with the Vancouver Chamber Choir. Seating is limited! Costs are: \$45 for Lower Balcony seats and \$36 for Upper Balcony seats. (These prices are reduced from the regular public rate)

**'Traditions of Faith and Service'** -- the first ever popular history book (200 pages) published about the Archdiocese of Vancouver, written by historian Dr. Jacqueline Gresko. It covers the Archdiocese as a whole, as well as individual parishes. Cost is \$39.00 (tax included)

Note: Book order and ticket reservations are made through Margherita in the parish office or Nahtie at nvcaro@shaw.ca

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver is seeking a Director for the Gardens of Gethsemani Cemetery and Mausoleum. The Director, along with the Advisory Board, provides leadership and vision for the Catholic Cemetery in the Archdiocese of Vancouver and oversees the overall management, development and operations of the Gardens of Gethsemani. Full details on the above position are available on [www.rcav.org](http://www.rcav.org).

## PARISH INFORMATION

### MASSES

Monday & 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:** 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.

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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

**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  
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**YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)** E-mail: [stmarys\\_ym@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarys_ym@yahoo.com)  
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### ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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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:** Fr. Mark Hoo, O.P.  
**Youth Ministry/Volunteer Coordinator:** Arda Akoglu  
**Parish Secretary:** Margherita Bordignon