



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In an effort to be prudent, and after consulting with medical experts, the Archdiocese of Vancouver is making some temporary provisions to help prevent the spread of the H1N1 virus.

Flu viruses are ordinarily transmitted from person to person through respiratory fluids by close physical contact or contact with inanimate objects. According to the Chief Medical Officer for the Vancouver Coastal Health Region, hand washing is the best way to reduce the risk of infection with flu viruses. In addition to this basic hygiene, I ask everyone to adopt the following:

1. If you suspect you might be infected with the flu virus, stay at home and do not attend Mass until you feel healthy. Missing Mass due to illness is not sinful; it is prudent and shows respect for your brothers and sisters.

2. At the Sign of Peace, you may choose to make a slight bow, without offering your hand.

3. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must wash their hands before and after administering Holy Communion, whether at Mass or when bringing Holy Communion to the sick. Use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers, even during Mass, is acceptable for all ministers of Holy Communion, including the priest and deacon. If a blessing is offered to those who don't receive Holy Communion, there should be no physical contact.

4. Reception of the Blessed Sacrament on the hand might be a way to reduce the possibility of flu virus transmission, but the Communicant is always free to receive Holy Communion on the tongue.

5. Holy Communion from the chalice should be discontinued for the present.

Thank you for taking these steps that can help avoid spreading the H1N1 virus.

With cordial best wishes and the assurance of my prayers for you and your families, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver

PARISH NEWS

SR. YOUTH MINISTRY - HELPING OUT!

Come and join us as we wrap loose candy into small bags to help out the St. Mary's Street Ministry. You can even get your service hours. Then we will have pizza and play some games. See you on **Monday, October 5 in the Rectory Basement.**

JR. YOUTH MINISTRY - SPARK

Are you in grades 5 to 8? Do you want to spend an amazing weekend with all sorts of cool things to learn, like skateboarding, arts, basketball spinning, drama, hip-hop, scrapbooking or many other things? Then SPARK is the place to be. St Mary's Jr. Youth Ministry is going to SPARK in Langley on **October 16th & 17th.** Join hundreds of teens for an awesome weekend of faith, fellowship and fun. The cost is \$100. Register now with Arda by calling 604-435-9611 ext.6 or emailing him at stmarys_ym@yahoo.com. Act fast and don't miss this amazing weekend!



LIFE CHAIN

On **Sunday, October 4, stand with us in peaceful protest of Abortion** from 1:30pm - 3:00pm at Oak Street & 25th Avenue. This is a simple and effective way to put the words "I am against abortion" into **ACTION**. Visit www.Lifechain.net

******CHANGE IN MASS TIME******

Saturday, October 10 the noon Mass has been rescheduled to 10:00am. Please take note of this one-time-only change.

YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18+) COFFEE NIGHT FAITH DISCUSSION

Join us on **Friday, October 16** at 8:00pm in the School Seminar Room! Topic: Faith and the Future. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact us at smyac_team@yahoo.ca for more information.



"LIVING IN THE LIGHT" RETREAT

The Light of Jesus Community – Vancouver, invites you to this retreat to be inspired, be empowered and be nourished. The event is on **Saturday October 24 in St. Mary's Church Basement** from 8:00am to 9:00pm. Admission is free and snacks/refreshments will be provided. Please bring a bag lunch. The featured speakers are our own Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP and Fr. Gabriel de Chadarévian, OP. Fr. Mariano Barreto, SFX of St. Francis de Sales Parish will also be speaking as well as Bo Sanchez from the Light of Jesus Community (through a DVD presentation). Full schedule of activities is on the bulletin board.

PARISH NEWS

DO YOU WANT TO READ THE BIBLE, BUT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN?

If you ever wanted to read the Bible, but did not know where or how to begin, then *A Quick Journey Through the Bible* Parish Study is for you. This video study by Jeff Cavins makes reading the Bible not only easy, but exciting. Here, you will learn the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible – getting the "big picture" of salvation history. Perhaps for the first time in your life, you will understand the overview of the Bible story. This then makes your Bible reading and even the Sunday Mass readings come alive like never before. The 8 week sessions of *A Quick Journey Through the Bible* will be held at St. Mary's Parish church basement on Saturdays after the noon Mass (12:45pm - 3:00pm) Dates: **Oct 31, Nov 7/14/ 21** then breaks, but resumes **Jan 9/16/23/30**. Cost is \$25 for study materials. See <http://greatadventureonline.com> to learn more about this interesting Catholic Bible learning system.



To register, contact Erlinda at 604-433-8881 or email your name and phone number to stmarysbiblestudy@gmail.com.

ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 22, from 8:30am - 3:00pm. Pancake breakfast awaits you in the school gym along with many crafters who will be selling their goods. More details will be available as we get closer to the date. In the meantime, circle that date on your calendar so that you don't miss out on the festivities of the day. Crafters be sure to include yourself in by reserving a table (\$15) or two (\$25) by contacting John Rudland at 604-433-0884. All are welcome! Please help spread the word about this event.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY AUCTION – NBA PRE-SEASON GAME

Youth Ministry has a single NBA pre-season game ticket for **October 22** in GM Place. The game is between Phoenix Suns and Portland Trailblazers. We are auctioning this ticket to raise funds for our ministry. If you want to take part, please submit your bid by phone or e-mail on or **before October 15th**. Please include your name, contact information and the amount of your bid. Ph:604-435-9611 ext.6 or e-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

EXHIBIT OF THE TRAVELLING POPE

The remaining dates to see The Pope John Paul II Exhibit are: Our Lady of Mercy (Burnaby) October 3/4, Simon Fraser University (Burnaby) October 5 - 7, St. Patrick (Vancouver) October 10/11, Sts. Peter & Paul (New Westminster) October 23/24, St. Stephen's (North Vancouver) Oct 31/Nov 1, Canadian Martyrs (Richmond) November 7/8.

MARRIAGE CAN BE GREAT, NO REALLY!!

Marriage Seminar by Denis Boyd, R. Psychologist

Learn to enhance your marriage or future marriage in a FUN and RELAXED setting. It is never too late (or too early!) to get some practical tips on how to relate more effectively with your spouse. No group sharing is required. Individuals are also welcome to attend on their own. Topics: Attitude, Peace with the Past, Listening, Dating & Sense of Humour, Forgiveness and more...Time: 7 – 10pm. Choose one of three options:

- Oct. 14 - Holy Rosary Cathedral (**NEW deadline: Oct.9**)
 - Nov.4 - Our Lady of Fatima, Coquitlam (**Deadline: Oct.28**)
 - Nov.10 – Holy Trinity Parish, North Van. (**Deadline: Nov.3**)
- Cost is only \$20/person. Please call 604-931-7211 to save your seat! Individuals MUST pre-register/pre-pay at least one week before seminar date. Visit: www.denisboyd.com for more info.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB -- OKTOBERFEST DANCE

Saturday, October 17 at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Croatian Catholic Parish Hall, 3105 East 1st Ave., Vancouver. Music by Greg Hampson. Doors open at 7:30pm. Dancing at 8:00pm. Members: \$12, Guests: \$15. More details: Lina at 604-433-0555.

CONDOLENCES

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

B. Joseph Cernota: Funeral: Friday October 9 at 10:00am




*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him O Lord,
Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him
May His Soul Rest in Peace, Amen*



MINISTRY IN FOCUS

Bible Sharing helps you experience the impact of God's Word in your life. We reflect on God's Word through the weekly scripture Readings, as well as in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and through prayer and fellowship. All are invited. There are three different groups, so please check the "This Week in Our Parish" section of the bulletin for times and days of meetings.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Oct. 04:** 2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
- Mon. Oct 05:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Sr. Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
6:45pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Lay Apostles of Jesus Christ (Church)
7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)
- Tue. Oct 06.** 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm K of C Executive (Church Basement)
- Wed. Oct. 07:** 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex Avenue)
 6:30pm PREP (School)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass / Adoration / Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Oct. 08:** 6:30pm YM Leaders (Rectory Library)
 7:00pm Pastoral Council (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. Oct. 09:** 10:00am St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex Avenue)
 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:30pm Youth Band (Church Basement)
7:00pm Development & Peace (Rectory Library)
7:00pm Couples for Christ - SFL (Rectory Bsmt)
7:00pm Mass/ Adoration /Confession (Church)
7:00pm SMYAC (Rectory Dining Room)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room / Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Oct. 10:** 10:00am Mass (**today only instead of 12 noon**)
10:40am Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
6:30pm Couples for Christ-CLP (Church Bsmt)
6:30pm Light of Jesus Ministry (Rectory Basement)
- Sun. Oct. 11:** 2:00pm Couples for Christ - CLP (Church Bsmt)

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSSES:

Monday - Friday: 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 is **Anticipation Mass**
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Sunday: Before all Masses (except 8:00am) & After all Masses
Saturday: 11:15am to 11:55am, 4:15pm to 4:55pm, 6:10pm to 7:00pm
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.

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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

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leader: Jason Costa and Jonquil Francis

Email: smyac_team@yahoo.ca Website: www.smyac.com

YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)

E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: www.saintmarysyoung.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ms Brenda Krivuzoff (Principal) Website: www.stmary.bc.ca

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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..

Youth Ministry/Volunteer Coordinator: Arda Akoglu

Parish Secretary: Margherita Bordignon