



Our Catholic church community is called *St. Gerard's Mission*

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As a "Mission" Church, St. Gerard's is affiliated with the Parish of Holy Trinity in North Vancouver. We are delighted to be able to share their parish clergy, mainly Fr. Jim Comey and his newly appointed assistant Fr. Ranjan D'Sa. We are growing as a Catholic Christian Community and we invite you to get involved with our "mission" events.

July and August Readers

Sign up sheets for the rest of July and for August are at the back of the church, so please let us know which Sundays you can read or serve!

Farewell Luncheon for Fr. Tom

The farewell pot-luck luncheon was held after mass on July 5th. Father Tom was the guest of honor and we gave him a truly heartfelt send off, Bowen style. A few **photos** are attached to this bulletin. If anyone wants digital e-copies of the photos please contact josie7@telus.net.

Ladies Get Together Night

The next ladies get-together will be on Tuesday, July 14th at 7pm at Elizabeth Thompson's home on Thompson road. All ladies are welcome!! Please bring one thing you'd like to share - a favorite recipe; a book title, a new CD or DVD ??.

Welcome to the Catholic Community

"Abigail Leigh Florendo" was baptized by Fr. Comey at St. Gerard's on June 28th. Parents Michael and Micaeli, and big sister Hannah were joined by parishioners, family, and friends who shared and witnessed Abigail's union with Christ in Holy Baptism.

The Liturgy for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

speaks of God calling individuals throughout history to be prophets and apostles. He often chooses the least qualified and sends them out alone and without resources to proclaim the Good News. They must depend entirely on God and the hospitality of others. In such a state of dependence the Holy Spirit can work through them with power to touch people's hearts, cure the ailing and have power over unclean spirits. He has called Amos and the twelve and He calls and chooses us today. "Before the foundation of the world, God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless before him in love" (Eph. 1:3).

OUR NEW PASTOR

Father Ranjan D'sa, originally from Goa, has been appointed as the new assistant Pastor for Holy Trinity. As is the tradition, Fr. D'Sa will also be assigned as the primary Pastor for St. Gerard's Mission. He will begin ministry here with us on July 19. Father has two Masters Degrees: one in Philosophy, from India and one in Pastoral Counseling from Fordham University, New York.

St. Gerard's Catholic Mission



Giving Will Make You Live!!

Giving alms, Jesus teaches, means making the needs of others our own, especially the needy of our world. They are all around us: children and the old, the sick and the suffering, families and individuals, next-door neighbors and people in lands faraway. We easily forget them. Rather than just looking out for ourselves, see those in need, Jesus says. Giving will make you live.

FOOD BANK

There is a basket at the back of the church for food bank donations – dry, tinned or packaged foods only. All donations go to the Bowen Island Food Bank which serves the on-island needy.

PRAYER CORNER

Please share your prayer needs with us so our community can also pray with you. Never underestimate the power of prayer!

~ Pray for the sick, the suffering and the deceased in our parish

~ Pray for the reduction in alcohol related accidents, illnesses and deaths in our community; that those battling alcoholism may be healed and freed through the healing power of Jesus.

*Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend Your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest Your weary ones. Bless Your dying ones. Soothe Your suffering ones. Pity Your afflicted ones. Shield Your joyous ones. And all for Your love's sake. Amen
...Father Timothy Kavanagh*

We welcome your suggestions, thoughts and also your contributions. If you have any announcements or news to share, or want us to include your prayer intentions, please email: StGerards@rcav.bc.ca or josie7@telus.net

CELEBRATING AGNETA WRIGHT

By popular demand, the extended Wright Family is still planning to celebrate Agneta Wright's 100th birthday on Bowen Island — at St. Gerard's and at their seasonal home in Deep Bay — on Sunday, August 17, 2009.

The certificate expressing the papal blessing in honour of Agneta's lifetime of dedication on the occasion of her 100th birthday had already arrived when she passed on. Agneta's five aging children would like to present the papal blessing certificate to the people of St. Gerard's on that occasion. The thought is that it would be kept somewhere in a place of honour at St. Gerard's.

Jim Wright will be writing an article about Agneta for the July 6 *B.C. Catholic*. For those of you who don't know, Agneta Wright had a long history of supporting the Church in many ways, especially with spiritual friendships with priests and sisters spanning the whole period from when she was preparing to become a Catholic before her marriage. Her strong support for Fr. Gerard Beauregard was one of the many aspects of it. It embodied the essence of what she continuously did for about seventy-seven years, even though it was truly unique













