



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. <http://stgerards.rcav.org/> (Current Webmaster: Jim Wright)

SEPTEMBER READERS & ALTAR SERVERS

Sign up sheets for **September** are at the back of the church, so please sign up ahead of time. More readers and servers are needed!!!

POTLUCK FOR SR. JO A BIG SUCCESS !

The pot-luck luncheon in support of Sister Jo was well attended and a good example of St. Gerard's community fellowship. Hosted by George and Sheila Hunter, the potluck was gourmet style. Sr. Jo shared a slide show to give us a visual of some of the work she is involved with in Uganda/Kenya. Slides of the school, children, graduation, various events and even the countryside, helped to put things in context, and to add reality and a deeper meaning to the value of our donations to her work in Africa. Thank you to George and Sheila for sharing your home and hospitality with St. Gerard's. A few [photos](#) of the event are attached to this bulletin.

September - Ladies Get Together

The next ladies get-together will be on Tuesday, September 8th at 7pm. Elizabeth Thompson will host again (Thompson Road), and thereafter, starting October, we will rotate venues for future get togethers. *All ladies are welcome!! Please bring a photo of yourself as a toddler.*

The Liturgy for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Be doers of the word and not hearers only . . ."
Today's readings challenge us to live in Christ-like holiness.*

The Ten Commandments that God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai contained statutes and ordinances that the people of God were required to observe. These were not ten choices to obey or disregard as they chose. If God's people obeyed God's commands, everyone would recognize God's wisdom.

James asks us to welcome God's word as a perfect gift from above. We must have the humility to know that God's wisdom surpasses our own limited intelligence. God's word is life-giving; it has the power to save us. But simply hearing God's word is not enough; we must allow it to take root in our lives so that we can act on what we hear.

Jesus echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah 29:13, "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me" (Mk 7:6). Jesus summons us to ignore those who obscure the will of God with their human traditions, and instead listen to his voice. "Hear me, all of you, and understand"

For Reflection: Do I merely hear God's word, or do I truly listen and then act on it?

We encourage you to visit the existing St. Gerard's website at: <http://stgerards.rcav.org/> We are hoping to redesign the site and give it a fresh new look for spring. Please send your great ideas to: josie7@telus.net

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 and the suffering in our parish, in our families, and in our circle of friendships - especially those diagnosed with cancer and who are suffering cancer side effects and stresses.

- Pray for the lonely and those who have no one to pray for them.

- Pray for the children of our St. Gerard's community, young and old who need our prayers.

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

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

The Catholic Bible Seminar - Fall 2009 Session Weekend of September 11, 12 and 13, 2009

The fall 2009 Session of the Catholic Bible is coming up, and once again the Speaker/Presenter will be Father Jim Nisbet of Spreckles, California. This will be the 22nd Session of the Seminar since starting in 1996. The seminar will be held at St. Mary's RC Parish on Joyce Street, Vancouver, probably the most centrally located parish in the Archdiocese.

TOPIC: "The Second Letter of Paul to the THESSALONIANS", and on completion, immediately followed by "The Letter of Paul to the PHILIPPIANS" and if timely, "The Letter of Paul to the COLOSSIANS."

DATES: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 11, 12 and 13, 2009

LOCATION: St Mary's RC Parish Hall, beneath the church at 5251 Joyce Street, Vancouver, BC. (Side entrance on Euclid Street)

TIMES: Friday evening, 7.00 PM to 9.00 PM - [Doors open for registration at 6.30 PM]
Saturday and Sunday mornings, 9.00 AM to 5.30 PM

Holy Mass in the church on the Saturday morning at 9.00 AM, immediately followed by a continental breakfast in the Hall. The first session on the Saturday starts after this at 10.20 AM. On the Sunday the Seminar closes with Holy Mass (the Sunday Liturgy), starting at about 4.45 PM.

As usual, this session will be recorded in both Audio formats (CD and tapes) and orders can be placed for these at the Seminar. Advanced registrations are a huge help We look forward to seeing you there, Many thanks and God bless you,

Gerry Maingot The Centre for Jesus and Mary.
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