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**Pastor's
 Corner**

Sunday, April 22nd, 2007

“Simon son of John, do you love me?”

(John 21:17)



Dear Parishioners,

“Do you love me?” When was the last time someone submitted this question to you? How scary it is! Yet how wonderful it is! It becomes more beautiful and more frightening if the person who bequests your love is greater than you. What if the almighty God of the Universe, the all-knowing and all-loving God, asks you if you love him? Do you believe that God is asking you “Do you love me?”

You better believe it because what he asked Peter he was asking all of us. Peter stands for all of us. When he died on the cross, Jesus said, “I thirst.” The Church and the saints always understood that Jesus meant, “I thirst for you, for your love.” Because Jesus is God, and God is Love, his thirst is infinite. The whole life of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta was a response to this divine thirst. Before entering the convent, only eighteen years old, she had already vowed to love Jesus Christ more than anyone had ever loved him before.

Ask for this grace to love Jesus Christ the Son of God with all your might, with all your heart, with all your soul. This is the secret of perfect joy now and forever. It makes everything look easy. Christ is inviting you, “Come to me, you who thirst....” *(John 7:37)*. “Look, I am standing at the door and knocking. If one of you hears me calling and opens the door, I will come in to share a meal at that person’s side.” *(Rev. 3:20)*. “I have ardently longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.” *(Luke 22:15)*. “As much as the Father has loved me, I have loved you.” *(John 15:10)*.

How are you going to satisfy his love for you, his thirst for you? By feeding his sheep. (See John 21:5,16,17).

God bless you. *Fr. Pierre.*



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Apr. 22:** At Masses Special Class 1st Holy Communion
 2:00pm Willingdon Park Liturgy(4435 Grange St)
 3:00pm Gr. 2, 1st Holy Communion (Church)
- Mon. Apr. 23:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
 7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
 6:30pm Youth Ministry Leaders (Rectory Dining)
- Tue. Apr. 24:** 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
 6:30pm Teen PREP (Rectory Basement)
 6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)
 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
- Wed. Apr. 25:** 6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)
 6:45pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:00pm RCIA (Rectory Dining)
 7:30pm St. Vincent de Paul (Rectory Library)
 9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Apr. 26:** 7:00pm Hospitality Committee (Rectory Basement)
 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. Apr. 27:** 3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)
 6:00pm YM Faith in Action (Church Basement)
 6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
 9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Apr. 28:** 9:00am “Discerning Your Gifts”(Pre-registration)
 Speaker: Sr. Marie Bouchard (Church Bsmt)
 10:00am Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
 7:00pm Christian Life Program (School Gym)
 7:30pm Talent Show (Church Basement)
- Sun. Apr. 29:** 2:00pm YM Joint Open Gym (School Gym)
 3:00pm Baptisms (Church)

PLEASE LEAVE THE PARKING SPACES MARKED ...



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PLEASE SWITCH OFF YOUR CELL PHONES AND DISCARD YOUR CHEWING GUM IN THE FOYER BINS BEFORE YOU ENTER THE CHURCH.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

PARISH NEWS

PARISH PICNIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Our Parish Summer Picnic is scheduled on Canada Day (**July 1st, 2007**). We are still in need of volunteers to help in this very exciting Parish event. If you want to be involved, please contact Eli Bautista 604-435-9611 or through stmarys_ym@yahoo.com



YOUTH MINISTRY FAITH IN ACTION

It's time for our monthly Faith in Action again. Join us in an Evening Mass and a different kind of Bingo afterwards. We will meet at 6pm in the **Church Basement**. This will be on **Fri. Apr. 27**. Open for all youth in Grades 6 to 12.

LIGHTS, CAMERA & ACTION - TALENT SHOW 2007

St. Mary's Young Adult Community presents **Talent Show 2007** on **Sat Apr. 28** at 7.30pm in the church basement. Tickets - Children ages 5 and under may donate a non - perishable food item for the Food Bank / Ages 5 - 17 & Seniors \$5/ Adults \$8/. Tickets will be available in the church foyer after all masses this Sat. and Sun. and also at the door, or you may call Joyce Azarcon at 778 - 988 - 8507. All proceeds will go to Luke 15 House. For info, please contact smyactalent2007@gmail.com.



YM JOINT OPEN GYM

Play some games with us next Sunday as we have a Joint Open Gym. Open to all youth in Grades 6 to 12. **Apr. 29**, at 2pm in the **School Gym**.



SMYAC COFFEE NIGHT

Fri. May 4, 8:30pm Rectory basement! All young adults (ages 18 - 39) are invited to attend this very special edition of our monthly spiritual activity! The topic for this month is: 12-Step Program. How Faith helps with the battle with addiction. Light refreshments will be served!



CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of our dearly departed:

Stewart McNevin : *Funeral Service held April 20th.*

Frank Zweng: *Funeral Service held April 19th St. Francis De Sales.*

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord,
 Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them,
 May Their Souls Rest In Peace, Amen.*



PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

“DISCERNING YOUR GIFTS” A TALK BY SR. MARIE BOUCHARD

Everyone is born with a bundle of unique gifts, talents, skills, attributes, and abilities. Everything in the bundle is a gift from God; the way these gifts are used gives meaning and purpose to our lives. Would you like to know what is in your bundle?

Come and Listen to Sr. Marie Bouchard’s talk on **Sat. Apr. 28**, at 9:30am, in the church basement, followed by Mass at noon. Light lunch will be served. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Sign-up sheets for attendance will be available in the foyer after Mass. Sponsored by St. Mary’s CWL in celebration of the Feast of its Patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel.

COME AND TREAT YOUR MOTHER

St. Mary’s CWL will be hosting a Mother’s Day buffet lunch on **May 13**. Tickets will go on sale next week after all Sunday Masses. Special packages for a family of 4 will be available next week ONLY for a price of \$50.00. This offer is limited and will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Menu selection and ticket pricing will be posted in the foyer.



“WORKING SOLUTIONS FOR SKILLED IMMIGRANTS” PROGRAM

Are you a skilled immigrant unable to find work in BC or in your field of expertise? WORKING SOLUTIONS at Douglas College, a BC Skills Connect program, will help you land a professional job. This program offers free services and training funds to assist internationally trained professionals to launch their careers in Canada. Discover how this program can help YOU get back to doing what you are trained to do. Presentations by a Career Consultant from Douglas College will be held in the Church Basement **Sun. Apr. 29** after 9:30am, 11:15am & 1:00pm Masses and **Sat. May 5** after the 5:00pm Mass. For more information please call 604-777-6099.

GOSPEL EVANGILIZATION CONCERT

At Corpus Christi Parish in Vancouver on **Sun. May 6** at 7:00 pm. This concert will bring us closer to God in a musical setting. Proceeds will go to our primary school and the new regional secondary school at Notre Dame. Tickets are \$10 each. Please contact Demi, 604-322-1355 or the parish office, 604-324-2265 for tickets or more info.

VISION TV CHANNEL CHANGE FOR DAILY MASS

Vision TV’s channel has been changed from channel 70 to channel 102 for daily Mass viewing.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH SEMINAR

In response to the Directives of the Archdiocesan Synod, Corpus Christi Parish is sponsoring a very important seminar, “Reflections on the Post-Synod Pastoral Planning” on **Thu. Apr. 26**, 7-10:30pm at the school gym. Guest speakers are Mr. Chuck Luttrell who will talk on “Role of the Laity in the Catholic Church” and Dr. Greg Barcelon, PhD, who will talk on “The Challenges of the Post-Synod Pastoral Planning and Implementation”. Question & Answers after their talks. As these two topics are very important for all of us to fully understand, all parish leaders are urged to come and attend.

ST. ANDREW’S PARISH SPRING FAIR 2007

Sat. Apr. 28, 10am - 3pm, Church Hall & Victor Gallo Gym, 480 East 47th Avenue, Vancouver. Bring your Family and Friends! White Elephant, Silent Auction, Family Entertainment, Games, BBQ, Ethnic Food, & more. Fun for the whole family. For more info. Call Marilyn 604-436-4410/Helga 604-327-5251.

ST. JUDE’S PRO MUSICA PRESENTS “MAGNIFICATI!”

Sat. May 5 at 8pm. Music by Telemann, Hoffman, W.F. Bach and arias from the Cantatas by J. S. Bach, with Carolyn Sinclair - soprano, Anne-Elise Keefer - baroque flute, Paul Luchkow - baroque violin, Nan Mackie - viola da gamba, Michael Jarvis - harpsichord. St. Jude’s Church, Renfrew & E. 15th., Vancouver. Tickets \$20 general admission, \$15 students & seniors available at the door, or Parish office 604-436-6700 ext 321 or for more information visit www.baroqueplayers.com.

VOCATION LIVE-IN

May 11 - 13 for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission BC. For more information, call 604-826-8715.

VANCOUVER COLLEGE MAYFAIR

Come and enjoy the annual Vancouver College Mayfair **Sat. May 12**, 10am - 4pm. Mayfair is an old fashioned Spring Carnival complete with Food Fair, Games, Rides, Bingo, Flea Market, Merchandise tents, Silent Auction, plants & Flowers and much more. We hope to see you and your family and guests there. You will have lots of fun! 5400 Cartier St. Vcr. (1 block east of Granville & 38th Ave.) For more info call Francis 604-436-6745.

WIDEN YOUR WORLD - WELCOME A STUDENT

Langara College is looking for families who are willing to host visiting international students this summer. Reimbursement is usually \$25 per student per night. For more information please call 604-323-5696.

COMMUNITY NEWS

DIVORCED? SEPARATED? WIDOWED?

Beginning Experience is offering a healing weekend for those who have experienced the end of a relationship through divorce, separation, or death. It is a caring, accepting, reflective, program allowing spiritual and emotional renewal. The next weekend will be **Apr. 27-29**, at Huston Camp in Gold Bar, WA. The program begins on Friday evening and ends late Sunday afternoon. For info./ register, visit our website at www.seattlebe.org, call (206) 527-1180, or e-mail info@seattlebe.org.

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES Mon. - Fri. 8:00am; Sat. 12:00 pm
Wed. & Fri. 6:30pm followed by Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament & Benediction at 9:30pm
Saturday 5:00pm (**Anticipation**)
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 7:00pm

RECONCILIATION Saturday 11:15-11:45am; 4:15-4:45pm;
Sunday 10:45-11:05am

(An appointment for reconciliation may be made at any time)

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

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Thursday - 8:00am; Saturday - 12:00pm

FIRST FRIDAY Adoration Throughout the day after Masses

Masses: 8:00am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Benediction: 9:30pm

BAPTISM 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.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Contact the Parish Office.

PREP Religious education program for children attending public schools.

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

ST. MARY’S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leaders: Jonquil Francis and Eileen Carlson

Contact: smyac_team@yahoo.ca Website: www.smyac.ca

YOUTH MINISTRY E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

Coordinator: Eli Bautista Website: www.saintmarysyouth.com

ST. MARY’S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Kevin Smith (Principal)

K-Grade 7 (604) 437-1312 Fax (604) 437-1193 Website: <http://www.stmary.bc.ca>

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm

Pastor : Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP

Assistant Pastor : Fr. Mark Hoo, OP

Youth and PREP Coordinator : Eli Bautista

Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon / Ossie Fernandes