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**Pastor's
Corner**

Sunday August 26th, 2007



Dear Parishioners, In this week's Pastor's Corner, I thought I would refer you to a reflection by Robert F. Morneau as to what it means for us Catholic Christians when we say that the *Kingdom of God* is present in our midst. This is what he says:

"To walk the talk (authenticity) is a significant part of our [Catholic] faith life. If we truly believe and repent for our sins, then we follow the way of the Lord, the path of holiness. Walking the talk means that we enter the kingdom of God, for by doing what God asks of us we come under the reign of God.

The Gospel 'case' is quite clear. The son who did what the father wanted performed deeds. Speech was not sufficient; the test was in the doing. Here is a faith that flows into action... In fact, whoever fears God and does what is good is pleasing to the Lord. Reverential fear and the doing of good give us access to the kingdom.

Jesus tells us that John preached the way of holiness. Holiness, within our Catholic tradition, is the perfection of love. What God wants of us is that we be a loving community, deeply concerned about the well-being of all our brothers and sisters. We are sent into the vineyard not to make money and achieve fame, but to serve those in need. The path of holiness is following Jesus in a life of dedicated service. If our faith is authentic, then our love will be sincere. And, even more, our hope of eternal life will be built on a firm foundation."

Let us ask the Lord then to teach us to put our faith into sincere charitable action, not only for our loved ones, for that is the easy part, as our Lord says in Matthew 5.47. But, let us also put our faith into charitable action for our brothers and sisters who belong to our Catholic community that is St. Mary's, and also our neighbour who may not even belong to our faith community. For in doing so, not only is the *Kingdom of God* made visible in our midst, but also in the midst of those who are recipients of our sincere charitable actions that flow out of a lived faith in Christ Jesus. *God bless, Fr. Mark.*



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH


- Sun. Aug. 26:** 2:00pm Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange St)
3:00pm Baptisms (Church) 
- Mon. Aug. 27:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
- Tue. Aug. 28:** 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
- Wed. Aug. 29:** 6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church) 
9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Aug. 30:** 8:30am Respect Life Meeting (Rectory Dining)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. Aug. 31:** 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion (Church) 
6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Sep. 01:** 10:00am Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
- Sun. Sep. 02:** 3:00pm Baptisms (Church) 

**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/COMMUNITY NEWS

RCIA/FAITH INSTRUCTION

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is designed for: 
1. Adult inquirers, that is, for the non-baptized/baptized in other faiths (if you wish to find out more about Christianity or becoming a Catholic).

2. For adult Catholics, who are baptized, but not catechized and/or did not complete the other Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion and/or Confirmation).

3. All are welcome, so if you are interested in the Catholic Faith or know someone who is, the RCIA program is the answer! You may register for RCIA classes which begin this coming September. For further info. please contact: Arda Akoglu or Carolina Prada at 604-733-3457 or aakog@yahoo.com.

PREP REGULAR REGISTRATION

PREP is still accepting registrations for Catechetical Year 2007-2008. There are a few slots available for Tuesday and a good number of slots on Wednesday. Teen PREP is also accepting registrations for Grade 8 - 12 on Tuesday nights.

Registrations **will be accepted until Sept. 7**. Registration forms are available at the Church Foyer or in the Parish Office. Drop off your completed forms with payment in the Parish Office. PREP starts on Sept. 11 for the Tuesday classes and Sept. 12 for the Wednesday classes.

VISITATION OF THE SICK BY HANDS OF VERONICA

If a loved one is a patient in Burnaby General Hospital and would like to have a visit from a member of the Hands of Veronica group, please contact the Parish Office with information.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

Couples for Christ, a Catholic community movement, invites you and all couples, to a Christian Life Program which will start on **Sat. Sept. 8, 7:30pm, at St. Mary's Church basement**. This program is free of charge and sessions would consist of a teaching, a group discussion and a time for fellowship with free refreshments. For info call Jun/Amie Morales 604-522-6870.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

"The B.C. Catholic," the weekly newspaper of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, is looking for a production assistant with a flair for graphic design. For details on the position and how to apply, see www.rcav.org/employment. Deadline Aug. 31.

ETERNAL WORLD TELEVISION NETWORK

EWTVN is a Catholic TV station available through Shaw digital cable (channel 249) that is dedicated to airing family and religious programming from a Catholic point of view.

COMMUNITY NEWS

36TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RENEWAL COMMUNITIES CATHOLIC RENEWAL CONVENTION

5 DAY RETREAT, **Aug. 30 – Sep. 3.** Enjoy a spirit-filled 5 days of prayer, praise and worship amidst the incredible sights and sounds of Anaheim! Guest speakers include Linda Schubert, Linda Koontz, Fr. John Hampsch, Francis & Judith MacNutt and more! For details please take a flyer from the registration desk in the foyer. For further info. on the tour contact Lennie David 604-597-8227 / 604-594-7296.



CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM FOR SINGLES - Starting Fri. Aug. 31 CFC-Singles For Christ would like to invite all unmarried men and women age 21-40 to attend a Christian Life Program at St. Helen's Church basement (3860 Triumph St., Burnaby) on **Fri-days, 7:00pm.** Hear topics such as God's Love, Who is Jesus Christ, and What it means to be a Christian. Music, fellowship & refreshments will follow. For more info, contact Victor at 604-505-5552 / Marie 604-724-8471. www.sfc-vancouver.ca

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB

New Members Dance at Holy Family Parish Hall (4851 Beatrice St. Vancouver) on **Sat. Sep. 8.** Doors open at 7:30 pm. Music by Patrizia Coletta. Members \$10/non-members \$13. For more information call Lina (604-433-0055) or Barry (604-327-5425).



RETRouvaille : A PROGRAM OF HOPE DESIGNED TO HELP COUPLES IN HURTING MARRIAGES

Next Vancouver weekend **Sep. 14 - 16.** Space is limited. For more information please call: 604-530-6710 or visit our website at www.retrouvaille.org. To pre-register online, go to www.retrouvaille.org/dates.php.



THE 18TH ANNUAL MARRIED COUPLES' RETREAT

Will be held on the weekend of **Sep. 14 - 16,** at Westminster Abbey, Mission and will be directed by Rev. Paul Curtin, CSsR. (Redemporist). Retreat theme: "FOLLOWING JESUS: EUCHARIST AS FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY." Cost per couple \$295.00. Call Anne 604-464-1958/Marg.604-921-7136.

PRO-LIFE MASS AND VIGIL

Peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents. **Sat. Sep.1,** 9am Mass. Blessed Sacrament Parish, 3040 Heather Street, Vancouver. Followed by Rosary and Prayers in the Church. *Vigils are held each*



first Saturday of the month under the chaplaincy of Rev. Hien Nguyen. The prayer Apostolate was instituted in 1995.

COMMUNITY NEWS

DIVINE MERCY SYMPOSIUM

Sep. 15– 16: Starts with Mass at 9am – 6pm, St. Francis de Sales Parish, 6610 Balmoral Street, Burnaby. For more info please contact: Robert: 604-430-8998, Nancy : 604-435-9134, Paul: 604-524-4486 or Anna: 604-527-0350. **Free Event & Refreshments.** Bring only lunch.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AND COPING WITH ADDICTION

Sat. Sep. 22, 7pm at St. Mary's Church basement. We live in a society which encourages addictions in many forms. One path of liberation is through the practice of Christian Meditation. The BC Christian Meditation Community invites you to hear Fr. Joe Pereira, a catholic archdiocesan priest from Bombay, India. He founded "Kripa" a foundation which helps people suffering from chemical dependencies & HIV infection. He has had many years of experience sharing the grace of meditation in the field of addiction. Admission is by donation. All are welcome!

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Oct. 19 - 21. Helping engaged couples understand the Sacrament of Marriage and their vocation. Register at 604-451-3300 or visit www.ceewest.com.

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE

Registration has begun for September 2007. For more info please call 604-822-6862 or visit www.corpuschristi.ca.

ST. MARK'S COLLEGE

Registration is open for September 2007. Courses offered include "Theory & Methods of Religious Education" (RLED 400/500), "Introduction to Pastoral Counselling" (PAST 400 / 500), "Foundations of Theology" (THEO 401/501), and "Jesus in Film" (MFST 410/510). Please contact the Registrar for more information at registrar@stmarkscollege.ca or 604-822-4463.

REDEEMER PACIFIC COLLEGE: IS STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

[Redeemer Pacific College](http://www.redeemerpacificcollege.ca) (RPC) is pleased to announce that we are still accepting applications for the Fall of 2007. RPC is a Catholic liberal arts college working in partnership with Trinity Western University (TWU) in Langley, BC, and affiliated with the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Students take courses at both RPC and TWU towards earning a degree in any one of the 39 degree programs offered at TWU. For more info on Redeemer Pacific College or inquiries regarding applying to RPC please call 604-888-7727 or e-mail admissions@rpcollge.bc.ca

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION

The Mission to Seafarers is seeking a full time Administrative Assistant to run their front office. Responsibilities include reception, bookkeeping, organizing staff & volunteers, some event planning, and general office administration. Remuneration is \$30,000 to \$33,000 p.a. depending on experience, plus full pension benefits and medical & dental insurance. Please e-mail résumé & cover letter to The Mission to Seafarers, Vancouver at Manager@flyingangel.ca.

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.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

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)

Leader: Jonquil Francis and Joseph D'silva

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