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Pastor's
Corner

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*Love looks through a telescope;
 Envy through a microscope.*

E.C. McKENZIE

“This is the carpenter’s son!..... Where did the man get it all?.....and they took offence at him” (Mark 6: 1-6). Last Friday, rushing to get ready for the seminar in Nebraska, I came across this beautiful commentary on today’s Gospel, from Fr. Joseph G. Donders, in his book “With Hearts on Fire” (Twenty-Third Publications 1999)

“His own hometown and his own family wouldn’t believe in him. They wanted to cut him down to their size. This is a story all of us know. We probably know about it in two ways: We have been cut down to size by those related to us, and we ourselves have cut down to size those nearest to us.

‘A prophet is despised only in his own country and in his own house,’ Jesus says. You can hear how disappointed he is by the little word “only,” which he adds to his words: ‘A prophet is despised only in his own house.’ That wee word is at the same time an understatement and an exaggeration. He is not only despised in Nazareth. But the word expresses his disappointment. He was disappointed, too, because it meant that he couldn’t help them, as he would have liked to.

Their judgment on him was also a judgment on themselves. How could someone like them do the things Jesus did? It is the kind of fatal self-fulfilling prophecy that is no help to anyone. Because of their low self-esteem they would never be able to lift themselves out of their apathy.

Lifting others out of their apathy, showing them their greatness was exactly what Jesus had come to do. In his company people felt better and greater than they had ever thought possible before. It was the reason that those crowds of people surrounded him. At home it didn’t seem to work.” (J. Donders)

God Bless You, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone for your support and participation so far. We are confident that with every parishioners’ support we will reach our goal. During the summer please deposit all completed pledge cards into the Sunday collection baskets. Blank pledge forms for first time donors are available in the pews and at the registration desk Thank you. Have a great summer!

Project Advance Committee

YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

Many times on TV we see the images of poverty stricken places and people who can not find food to eat. Our hearts go out to them. But what about our own backyard? How about “Hunger Among Us”? Come and join the Sr. Youth Ministry as we explore the poverty in Canada and what we can do to alleviate this poverty. When: **Monday, July 6** at 6:30 pm Where: Rectory Basement.

PARENTS CORNER

Do you want to raise faithful Catholic children? Do you know about St. Mary’s Youth Ministry? Join the Parents’ Corner to receive our monthly newsletter and don’t be left in the dark. With many interesting tit-bits and pointers on how to help your youth grow in their faith, our monthly newsletter will be a valuable resource. To register please call or e-mail Arda at 604-435-9611 ext. 6 / stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

FR. PIERRE AWAY ON VACATION & REPLACEMENT

Fr. Pierre is away on vacation from July 4 to August 6. Fr. Henri de Longchamp, O.P. Will be replacing Fr. Pierre while he is away. We wish Fr. Pierre a safe and restful vacation, we pray that the Holy Spirit will be with you and, we welcome Fr. Henri to St. Mary’s and offer him our full support and cooperation.

Liturgy of the Word with Children is celebrated during the

MINISTRY IN FOCUS

9:30am mass every Sunday during the school year. Children from Kindergarten to grade 5 are invited to the church basement during the Liturgy of the Word to hear the readings of the day which are proclaimed in language that the children can easily understand. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please contact Beverly Ryznar at 604-435-9611 (parish office) or prelude1@shaw.ca

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES - Archdiocese of Vancouver

Director - Catholic Family Services: The successful candidate will: have a strong knowledge of Catholic Church teaching; identify, lead and direct a professional counseling service and other social services; demonstrate excellent public relations and interpersonal skills with the Catholic community through parishes, schools, healthcare providers and various social services agencies; demonstrate superior verbal and written communication skills; possess a Masters’ degree in Social Work, Clinical or Counselling Psychology or other related field; have a minimum of 5 years management experience. Applications Closing Date: July 9, 2009

Director – Development: The successful candidate will: have a bachelor’s degree and certification in fundraising; at least five years’ experience in a non-profit fundraising environment; a high level of initiative, judgment and discretion; strong leadership and management skills, with the ability to mentor others; excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills; the ability to build positive and enduring relationships with donors, pastors, parish and Archdiocesan leaders; computer proficiency with Microsoft Office suite and Raiser’s Edge.

Working Environment: Remuneration commensurate with experience and qualifications; excellent benefits package including pension plan offered; opportunity to work in a faith-based team environment. **Please submit a résumé and a one-page cover letter to:** Human Resources Department Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver 150 Robson Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6B 2A7 Fax: 604 683 4288 Email: HumanResources@rcav.bc.ca. More info. at: www.rcav.org.

DONATE YOUR OLD EYEGLASSES

Old eyeglasses are being collected for donation to Third World Eyecare Society. The TWECS organization’s mission is “to collect used eyeglasses from the public and travel to Third World countries providing free eye care and eyeglasses to the poor.” If you would like to donate your old eyeglasses to this worthy cause, please drop them off at the Office of Service and Justice, Archdiocese of Vancouver. <http://www.twecs.ca/>

ST. MARK’S COLLEGE SUMMER INSTITUTE 2009

Your Summertime Faith Formation: *You come to learn, we take care of the rest! Engage, seek and be transformed.* One and two week courses offered: To register or for more info., please call 604-822- 4463 or email registrar@stmarkscollege.ca.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

PRACTICE OF GRATITUDE

Six Day quiet retreat from **July 15 to 20**, focusing on the Practice of Gratitude and its link to the divine and all creation, at Rivendell on Bowen Island. For more information and reservations, call Sr. Monica at the Cenacle - 604-266-1611.

INTENSIVE JOURNAL WORKSHOP

This summer experience a program of **self-development**. The first phase. "LIFE CONTEXT" (part 1, gaining a perspective on life) will be presented at Holy Rosary Cathedral Hall, 650 Richards Street, **July 18 & 19**, by Fr. Bernie McCosham, O.M.I., an authorized consultant for this National Program. Pre-registration is required because of necessary hand-outs. To register send name and address to B. McCosham at 1311 The Crescent, Vancouver, BC, V6H 1T7 with \$50.00 deposit. Total cost \$125.00. For further information on Intensive Journal visit: www.intensivejournal.org.

A DAY OF HEALING

Saturday, Sep. 12 at Immaculate Conception Parish, Delta, in the school gym, 9:00am to 5:00pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm. **Linda Schubert**, author of the famous *Miracle Hour* book, will guide us through a day of Healing, through the *Welcome of the Father, the Listening Heart of Jesus and the Power of the Holy Spirit*. **Tickets:\$20 each (including Lunch) will be available after all Masses at St. Mary's Church, NEXT WEEKEND or at the Parish office.** For more info., please call 604-594-7296.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the program **beginning with a weekend on the 18th of September 2009**, e-mail 1009@retrouvaille.org OR call 604-530-6710 OR visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE FALL 2009 COURSE OFFERINGS

Registration is open for Fall 2009. Please check out our new listing of courses at <http://www.corpuschristi.ca/site/en/academics/courses-upcoming>. For further info please contact the Registrar's Office at 604.822.6862.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Jul. 05: 2:00pm Youth For Christ (Church Basement)

Mon. Jul. 06: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

6:30pm Senior YM (Rectory Bsmt)

7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)

7:30pm Lay Apostolate (Church)

Tue. Jul. 07: 7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Dinning Rm)

7:30pm K of C Executive Meeting (Church Bsmt)

Wed. Jul. 08: 6:30pm YM Leaders Mtg. (Rectory Library)



7:00pm Mass / Adoration / Confession (Church)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (**Cancelled during July**)

9:15pm Benediction (Church)

Thu. Jul. 09: 7:00pm SMYAC Meeting (Rectory Dinning Rm)



7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (**Cancelled during July**)

9:15pm Benediction (Church)

Fri. Jul. 10: 10:00am St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex Ave.)



3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)

6:00pm YM Band Practice (Church Bsmt)

7:00pm Mass/ Adoration /Confession (Church)

7:40pm Healing Prayer (**Cancelled during July**)

9:15pm Benediction (Church)

Sat. Jul. 11: 9:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Church Bsmt)

12:40pm Bible Study & Sharing (Church Basement)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining Room)

7:00pm Couple for Christ - FFL (Church Bsmt)

Sun. Jul. 12:

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: Joseph D'silva

Email: smyac_team@yahoo.ca

Website: www.smyac.ca

YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)

E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu

Website: www.saintmarysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ms Brenda Krivuzoff (Principal)

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Office Phone: (604) 437-1312

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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