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Pastor's
Corner

DO NOT LOOK BACK!

Sometimes, Jesus seems almost cruel! How could Jesus say "Let the dead bury their own dead." In the time of Jesus, some Jews were willing to do anything in order to bury their fathers and mothers. It was a most sacred duty.

We have to understand the words of Jesus within the Eastern context. Fr. Mark Link, S.J. recalls a recent story about a young Arab who refused a scholarship, saying, "I will take it only after I bury my father. His father was healthy and under fifty. The boy wanted to put off leaving home until his father's death. His father might need him in an old age. Of course, the scholarship didn't wait! He lost it, and by the time his father died, it was too late to start his own family. Still today, we see parents who are willing to sacrifice their child's vocation, priesthood or married life, in order to have them fulfill their self-centered interest. And we see young people unable to fulfill the plan God has for them, because of the guilt they feel towards their family. There is a moment in our life when we have to follow Christ more completely and we should not postpone it. The grace of doing it now may be gone tomorrow.

Then Jesus goes on to say that we cannot look back if we are to move forward. We cannot be held by the past if we are to meet Him in the present. What are the things in your past that are preventing you from following Christ now?

For some, it is an habitual sin, a bad habit. You have come to think of it as a part of your basic identity; a part of your basic need. Surrender it to the Lord, while there is still time. Otherwise, you will become a walking dead man, alive outside, but dead inside.

For some others, it may be their culture that binds them. Christ was free to be counter-cultural when necessary.

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Even the commandment "Honour your father and mother" was relativized and subjected to the love of God and neighbour. Elisha burnt the family inheritance in order to follow Elijah. Are we ready to sacrifice something of our culture, when Christ asks us to do so? Christ said we have to prefer Him to our own father and mother and be ready to leave them when He asks us to do so.

Here are some examples of 'cultural traditions' that can oppose the Gospel. In some countries, you cannot have two weddings in the same year, among the siblings. It would be bad luck. Or you cannot marry if there is a death of a relative, like the death of an uncle. This leads to delay of a wedding and leads to an occasion of sin for the engaged couple.

Sometimes, we live in order to please the relatives back home. We lead impossible lives here in Canada to please people overseas who do not know anything about our real life conditions here. Paul, in the second reading, calls us to freedom.

"Brothers and sisters: for freedom Christ set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

JR. YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 6-8) – PLANET PRAISE

We asked you if you wanted live music and you responded with an overwhelming YES. So here is a night of music and fun. Planet Praise, with live music featuring Dylan Drego, will change your worship experience. Join us on Monday, June 28 at 6:30pm in the church basement. Remember he who sings prays twice.



YOUTH MASS NEEDS HELP

Youth Mass needs your help. We need youth and young adults to help with the hospitality ministry in the Youth Mass. You can help us make the Mass a more enjoyable experience for all our parishioners. If you are interested in serving as an usher or a greeter for the Sunday 5:00pm Mass, or need info please contact Karina Genio at 778-968-0777 or karina_@live.ca.



MINISTRY ROOM BOOKING REQUESTS

This is a reminder to all ministries and groups that room booking requests for September 2010 to August 2011 are due on June 30, 2010 to the parish office.

PARISH NEWS

CANADA DAY PICNIC



Mark your calendars for the **5th Annual Parish Picnic on Canada Day, Thursday July 1st** at Burnaby Fraser Foreshore Park (Marine Drive & Byrne Road). We begin with outdoor mass at noon, followed by lunch, entertainment and lots of fun & games. For the potluck, we request that you bring enough food to feed your family and 2 or 3 others, so we can really experience sharing and community. You may also bring your own barbecue, lawn chairs, mats, coolers, and other necessities for your comfort. The school bus will be available to transport parishioners, leaving the church parking lot at 11am and returning at 5pm. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer to reserve your spot on the bus. So, come out and join your fellow parishioners for some fun and fellowship as we celebrate Canada Day!

PROJECT ADVANCE

We would like to thank everyone for their support and participation so far, to date we are only at 39% of the parish goal therefore we want to encourage all parishioners to either return their pledges or register as new donors. This year is even more important since any rebate will be routed to our own St. Mary's project. Full participation is the key regardless of the amount, so maybe forgo that one cup of special Starbucks coffee and donate to this important event. We are confident that with everyone's support we will reach our goal.

RCIA- BECOMING A CATHOLIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is designed for:



- 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).
 - For adult Catholics, who are baptized, but not catechized and/or did not complete the other Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion and/or Confirmation).
- 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 will begin soon. For further information please contact: Carolina Prada at 604-733-3457 or carolturkia@yahoo.com.

PARISH NEWS

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Meditation Prayer session will be held on Tuesday June 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Ted and Cora Alcuitas' residence: 7280 -4th St. Burnaby, BC. As this is our last day for the summer, we will also have a potluck meal after the prayers. We will resume our regular Tuesday meetings at the Rectory Basement on September 7, 2010. For more info please call 604-517-0029 or email coralcuitas@shaw.ca.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

VOCATIONS WEEKEND

On the weekend of July 2 - 4 there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715.

PRO-LIFE MASS & VIGIL

Peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents. Saturday July 3, 2010. 9:00 am Mass at St. Clare of Assisi Parish, 1320 Johnston Street, Coquitlam BC. Followed by Vigil in the Church.

CELEBRATE OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL'S FEAST

The Discalced Carmelite Fathers and Guardian Angels Parish (1161 Broughton Street, Vancouver) invite everyone to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at Mass on Friday, July 16 at 7:00 pm. Scapulars with special prayers enclosed will be blessed and distributed to the devotees. A light reception will follow in the Millennium Parish Hall. For details, please call 604 684.5775.



MARRIAGE PREPARATION

If you're planning on getting married in the Catholic Church, here are two options for you from Catholic Engaged Encounter:



- 1) Marriage Preparation Course at St. Peter's: July 24 to 25 in New Westminster. Meals provided. Cost is \$175 per couple.
- 2) Marriage Preparation Weekend at Rosemary Heights: October 15-17. Meals and accommodation provided at a cost of \$350 per couple. For more information visit www.ceewest.com or 604.451.3300.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Jun 27: 9:45am Willingdon Liturgy (4435 Grange)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
2:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
6:30pm Youth Mass Bible Study (Church Basement)

Mon. Jun 28: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
7:00pm SMYAC Leaders (Rectory Dining)

Tue. Jun 29: 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

Wed. Jun 30: 6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:20pm St. Vincent de Paul (Rectory Dining)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Thu. Jul 1: 12:00pm **Parish Picnic** (Fraser Foreshore Park)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Fri. Jul 2: 9:00am Lectio Divina/Bible Study (Rectory Dining)
3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:00pm CCO (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Sat. Jul 3: 9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining Room)
12:45pm Bible Study (Church Basement)
3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)

PARISH INFORMATION

WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES: Monday - Friday: 8:00am

Weekday Morning Rosary 7:00am / Weekday Morning Lauds 7:30am

WEEKDAY EVENING MASSES: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7pm followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:00pm

SATURDAY MASS: Our Lady's Mass 12:00noon

SUNDAY MASSES: Anticipated Mass Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am / 9:30am / 11:15am / 1:00pm / 5:00pm / 7:00pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Thursday: 8:00am & Saturday: 12:00noon

FIRST FRIDAY: Adoration throughout the day after morning mass
CONFESSIONS:

Weekdays: After all Masses (except Thursday Evening Mass)

Saturday: 11:15am to 11:55am, 4:15pm to 4:55pm, 6:10pm to 7:00pm

Sunday: Before & After all Masses

An appointment for confession may be made through the parish office

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

BAPTISMS: To register your child, contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGES:

One of the couple must be Catholic and a registered parishioner of St. Mary's Parish for at least one year before requesting the sacrament of marriage. Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the wedding date to register for the required diocesan Marriage Preparation Course.

BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday 6:45pm / Friday 9:00am / Saturday 12:45pm

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

Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Coordinator: Erwin Mow E-mail: stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leaders Jason Costa and Jonquil Francis

Email: smyac_team@yahoo.ca Website: www.smyac.com

YOUTH MINISTRY (YM) E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: www.saintmarysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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