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Pastor's
Corner

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GOD SPOKE YOU INTO EXISTENCE

How amazing it is to watch a baby slowly becoming a free and distinct person, aware of himself as unique. At first, when newly born, he seems to be only a “bundle of instinctual needs”. He wants milk, warmth, comfort, and he wants it now! In this, he seems to be like the other animals. Until the first smile, mirroring the loving smile of his mother. And then, the first word — “mama”. Later he learns to say his name and rejoices in it. If he had never been smiled at, never called by name, he would not have received the capacity to “activate” his sense of being a free and unique person. The great Jewish philosopher, Martin Buber, wrote that we can only exist as an “I” when we are called by a “Thou”. We need to hear our mother calling us by name, just as Adam heard God calling him by name at the dawn of creation. This relationship with the one who engenders us is beautiful but frightening because it implies that we could cease to be if we were separated from the other. We call this the anxiety of separation, the fear of a permanent break of our link to life. This fear never disappears completely in this life, but will disappear in the next life when we will receive ourselves totally and joyfully from God the Father. Right now, we have to accept our dependency on Him and on others, through an act of faith. I believe in You, my God. I trust in You.

This mystery is mirroring what is eternally happening in the Trinity. The Son receives Himself joyfully from the Father and returns all that He is to the Father. From that embrace of the Father and the Son, proceeds the Holy Spirit. Now, what is happening when receive the Holy Spirit through the baptism, the Sacraments and the faith? We are regenerated by the inner life of God, by what is happening between Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We become one with Jesus Christ the Son, and we “hear” the Father calling us by name as He did when Jesus was baptized. “You are my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Go fulfill your mission. I will be with You.” (con't next page)

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The Father longs to hear your voice, your yes. Will you accept lovingly the life, the mission and the identity He is giving you? Will you let Him speak you into existence, every moment of your life? Will you let the Holy Spirit whisper to the Father through you “Abba”, papa, daddy? Will you discover your purpose and identity through the Scriptures of Jesus Christ?
 God Bless You Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

IMPORTANT NOTICE: MONDAY MASS HAS CHANGED TIME
Monday Mass is back to the usual time of 8:00am. There will no longer be a 7:00pm Mass.

JR. YOUTH MINISTRY -- (Grades 6 - 8)
 Arda, our Youth Ministry Coordinator, has made an outrageous claim to fame: he has won seven dance competitions! Also he can make pizza magically appear on Mondays at St. Mary's. Therefore, St. Mary's Jr. YM will be hosting a Dance Off! So you think you can dance? Come out to judge the YM leaders to see who's got talent, and dance with stars like Arda on **Monday, June 8 at 6:30pm** in the Church Basement. And, to top it off, come and join us for our Movie of the Month “Wall-e” on **Saturday, June 13 at 2:00pm**. With our Youth Ministry, there is no limit to how much fun we can have !!!

LOGO DESIGN CONTEST
 Are you creative? Do you want to put your creativity to the test? St. Mary's Youth Ministry wants a logo design and we are having a contest to choose it. Please submit your design to stmarys_ym@yahoo.com **on or before June 15**. The winner will get the boasting rights and a music CD.

SMYAC NIGHT AT THE VANCOUVER ART GALLERY
 On **Tuesday, June 16**, we will meet in the church parking lot at 6:30pm and take the Sky Train to the Vancouver Art Gallery. Tuesday night is “pay by donation” night, so the 16th makes for a great night to visit the Gallery. Paintings from Rembrandt and Vermeer will be on display. Housings from decades past will be seen in the Rotunda, and many more sights to see. For more information please contact us at smyac_team@yahoo.ca.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! 4TH ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC!!
 Join your fellow parishioners on Canada Day, **Wednesday, July 1st** at Fraser Foreshore Park in Burnaby. The festivities begin with **outdoor mass at 12:00 noon**, followed by a potluck lunch, games, entertainment and much more! More details next week.

PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

As at December 31st, 2008 & Projected Budget 2009

REVENUE	Actual 2008	Budget 2009
General		
Regular Collections	809,945	720,000
Diocesan Collections	64,204	50,000
Candle Donations & Stole fees	49,273	35,000
Bequests & Special Donations	57,702	20,000
Fundraising		
Parish Bingo	158,218	140,000
Bazaars and Socials	747	1,000
Project Advance Rebates	13,705	7,000
Walkathon & Student Aid	29,733	22,000
Others		
Religious Education/PREP/Youth/Adult	27,879	17,000
School Bus Revenue/Rentals/Misc.	36,170	20,000
BC Catholic	5,750	5,000
Interest on Savings	50,467	20,000
Total Revenue	1,303,793	1,057,000
EXPENSE		
Capital Expense		
St. Mary's Parish	-	-
St. Mary's School	-	-
Administration		
Salaries and Benefits	215,277	250,000
Diocesan Assessment	99,784	112,000
Office Supplies, Postage, Printing, Stationery	15,015	15,000
Education		
Elem. School Subsidies	80,000	90,000
High School Subsidies	19,190	25,000
Religious Education, Professional Dev. & Youth Min.	28,803	38,500
Walkathon & Student Aid	32,336	30,000
Operation & Maintenance		
Altar Supplies	24,242	25,000
Maintenance, Security & Utilities	388,117	160,000
Improvements & Equipment	10,025	10,500
Others		
Diocesan & Other Special Collections	104,213	70,000
GST Expense (Net)	11,195	5,000
Insurance & Property tax	20,612	21,500
Publications	13,630	10,000
Parish Activities (Bingo, Social & Other)	19,654	25,000
Rector's & Household Supplies	17,450	17,000
Bank and Interest Charges	0	0
Transportation & Misc.	2,645	4,000
Total Expense	1,102,188	908,500
Gross Surplus / (Deficit)	201,605	148,500
Less: Regional High School Capital Expense	-157,502	-1,000,000
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	44,103	-851,500

Financial results for the year ended December 31, 2008 have resulted in a Net Income of \$44,103. A portion of this amount has been deposited in our Chancery Savings A/C which had a balance of \$1.227 million as at 31 Dec. '08. This money is set aside to cover St. Mary's share of the Notre Dame High School reconstruction project which will be roughly \$1.95 million. As of Dec.31'08 we have contributed \$157,502 to Notre Dame. The 2009 budget is projected at a Deficit of \$(-851,500) based on a conservative approach to our parish finances and includes a \$1 million pay out towards the (Contd..)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT COMMENTS/ PARISH NEWS

(Financial statement contd.) Notre Dame Secondary School reconstruction. We have accomplished a great deal in 2008, including replacement of the School roof, repainting of the church basement, sanding and polishing of the church front entrance woodwork, re-coated the church brick walls with sealant, installation of additional exterior lighting on the property. Enhanced security by installing additional motion sensors and cameras in the church, basement and rectory, including security patrols, following incidents of theft and vandalism. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the financial statement, please call the Parish Office. Thank you and God bless. *St. Mary's Finance Committee*

JEFF CAVINS IS COMING TO ST. MARY'S

Jeff is one of the Catholic Church's most well-known and effective Bible-teachers. He is an international speaker, author, and TV personality, and he is coming to our parish on **Tuesday, July 28 at 7:00pm**. His talk, **The Power of Praise and Thanksgiving** is responding to the problems in our life and how the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith in the very place where we fight our battles. St. Mary's has a **limited number of \$10 tickets still available** for this nearly sold out event

PARENTS CORNER

Parents, are you doing a good job on raising faithful Christian children? Did you know that the primary responsibility of your children's faith education is yours. But the church is here to help. The Youth Ministry, with its senior and junior groups, is a great way to help your youth to learn more about their faith while having fun. Please do your part and register yourself for our Parents' Corner to be kept up to date on all that is going on with the Youth Ministry and encourage youth to attend. You can register by e-mailing or calling Arda at stmarys_ym@yahoo.com / 604-435-9611 ext 6.

MINISTRY IN FOCUS

The Knights of Columbus has over 1.7 million members in many countries. It is a Catholic, Family, and Fraternal Services Organization. Are you concerned with the church, community and would you and your family like to share in wholesome Fraternity and Fellowship? Now is the time to join the Knights. If you are a practicing Catholic gentleman, 18 years or older, willing to get involved and help the Church and community, we need you. To obtain further information, please call Rene Montilla at 604-454-9679 or Aureo Fabia at 778-869-6884

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Jun 07:** 2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
- Mon. Jun 08:** 8:00am Mass (**returning to this morning time slot**)
6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr. Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)
- Tue. Jun 09:** 6:30pm Baptism Preparation Seminar (Church)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
- Wed. Jun 10:** 2:00pm Willingdon Park Mass(4435 Grange Street)
7:00pm Mass / Adoration / Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
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Thu. Jun 11: 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:30pm SMYAC (Rectory Dining)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (**now cancelled Thursday**)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
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Fri. Jun 12: 9:00am Bible Sharing for Women (Rectory Bsmt)
10:00am St. Michael's Mass 7451 (Sussex Avenue)
3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:30pm Couples for Christ -FFL (Church Bsmt)
7:00pm Mass/ Adoration /Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/.Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
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Sat. Jun 13: 9:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Church Bsmt)
10:00am Light of Jesus Ministry (Crying Room)
12:40pm Bible Study & Sharing (Church Basement)
2:00pm Jr. Youth Ministry (Rectory Basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
6:30pm Singles for Christ (Church Basement)
- Sun. Jun 14:** 2:00pm Couples For Christ (Church Basement)

**CONGRATULATIONS & GOD BLESS YOU
FR. DAVID BELLUSCI, OP
ON YOUR ORDINATION TO THE
PRIESTHOOD**

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)

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu

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Website: www.saintmarysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Kevin Smith (Principal)

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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