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"Knowing the truth and not doing it is as foolish as writing a love letter and not mailing it."



Dear parishioners,

I don't know about you but there are many unfinished and unsent letters in the trash bags of my life. I plan to do something and I don't finish it. I want to say, "I'm sorry" but never manage to open my mouth, then I forget about it. I want to pray more, but never find the time. I want to forgive, but I never feel it is the right time. I wish I could stop presuming bad intentions on the part of others...

If you are like me, don't get discouraged. We are in good company. The great St. Paul himself confessed to the Romans, "I keep doing the things I don't want to do, and I don't do the things I want to do." For many years before his conversion, the daily prayer of St. Augustine was, "Lord, give me the grace of chastity, but not yet..."

How then, can we go from **hearers** of the Word of God to **doers** of the Word of God? Here are 5 pieces of advice that have been very useful to me:

1.) Keep in your mind & heart the awareness of what is at stake. Here it is: If you love not only in word & speech, but in deed & truth" (1 John 3:18). If you put into practice the commandments of Jesus, you will become "storm proof" in this life and in the next. Your life, your very self will be like a house built on a rock. No storm will tear it down. "He who does the will of God abides forever. The world will pass away, and the lust of it, but not him." (1 John 2:17).

2.) Divide your goals into small, easier objectives or steps. For example, try to be patient one hour a day; read the Bible for five minutes a day.

3.) As soon as you are inspired by the Word of God to practice something, do it right away. The smallest truth, being practiced will lead you to deeper understanding of the bigger truth and a greater ease & joy in practicing it. Guaranteed!

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4.) Cut off the sources of negative thoughts and actions. It will be like cutting off the water supply of bad weeds and they will dry out. Cut off pornography completely. Renounce the thoughts of revenge, of bitterness. Do not cultivate your worries.

5.) Fill your soul daily with beauty: beauty of nature, beauty of God, beauty of little children, beauty of the true disciples of Christ.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. June 1:** 2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
NEW! 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
 3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)
- Mon. June 2:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
 6:30pm YM Leaders (Rectory Library)
 7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)
 7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
 7:30pm Lay Apostles (Church Basement)
- Tue. June 3:** 6:30pm PREP Staff Meeting (School Staff Room)
 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
 7:00pm Theology of the Body (Church Basement)
 7:00pm K of C Executive (School Gym)
- Wed. June 4:** 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex Avenue)
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:30pm Exodus Ministry (Rectory Basement)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. June 5:** 7:00pm Mass & Adoration (Church)
 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. June 6:** **FIRST FRIDAY**
 8:00am Mass followed by Adoration all day (Church)
 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
 7:00pm Mass & Adoration (Church)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. June 7:** 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
 3:30pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement, LWC Area)
 7:30pm CFC - Christian Life Program (Church Basement)
- Sun. June 8:** 2:00pm Couples for Christ Gen Mtng. (Church Basement)



PARISH NEWS

EXODUS MINISTRY SPECIAL MEETING

Exodus Ministry is having a special meeting on Wed., June 4 to organize a new group that will go to Burnaby Youth Custody Centre. We are creating a "Catholic Jam Session" inside the youth prison. If you or someone you know has an interest in visiting kids in jail and especially, if you like to sing or have some musical talent, please join us after the 7:00 mass on Wed., June 4 in the Rectory Basement. We are also recruiting people who would like to assist Fr. Pierre when he goes to say Mass at the prison once a month. Please come and find out if this the time for you to answer the call in Mathew 25: "...for I was in prison and you visited me..." For further information, contact Larry Lynn at 604 899 4234 or elarrylynn@telus.net.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FAITH SERIES AT ST. MARY'S



Come & join us for 3 more Tuesdays (June 3, 10, 17) in the Church Basement from 7pm to 9pm. Admission is free. St. Mary's Young Adult Community will present the final 4-parts of *Created and Redeemed*, a faith series based on Pope John Paul II's universal teaching, Theology of the Body. Not to worry if you missed the first half, it is still worth coming out. Trust us, this education on being human will blow you away. Young or old come on out, it's for everyone. Don't forget your workbook. If you're new, workbooks will be available for \$7.50. See you there.

PROJECT ADVANCE

We are now at 39% of our parish goal and going strong. However, so far less than 7% of registered families have contributed, therefore we encourage everyone to participate in this event (100%). Participation is the "Key" factor in making this event a success! Please pick up a form and show your support! Your generosity is greatly appreciated regardless of the amount.

LAY APOSTLE OF JESUS CHRIST

The monthly Prayer Meeting of Jesus Christ, the Returning King will be on Monday, June 2 at 7:30pm in the Church. The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed and the monthly message will be read. The messages (known as The Volumes) are available to download for free from: <http://www.directionforourtimes.com/onlinevolumes.html> and The Heaven Speaks booklets are found in: <http://www.directionforourtimes.com/onlinelibrary.html>. All are welcome. Contact (778) 990-0123 for more information

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MOM'S BIBLE SHARING AND FELLOWSHIP SNEAK-PEEK

Are you a mother at home during the day with young children, and searching for Catholic bible sharing and fellowship? If so, keep an ear out for our upcoming Bible Sharing For Mothers, starting this fall. This will be a time for moms and children to get together for both faith building and socializing. More information on this exciting new program, will be given towards the end of summer.

30-HOUR ADORATION RELAY (May 31, 3pm to Jun 1, 9pm)

We, the St. Mary's pilgrims, are having an Adoration Relay right now! We will also be at the foyer after all the Masses to take prayer requests, as well as donations. Funds raised will be used for our pilgrimages to the International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec, and to the World Youth Day in Sydney. Please support us! In addition, you are welcome to join us in adoration in the Rectory Library.



YOUNG ADULT COFFEE NIGHT

Regaining Your Sense of Wonder: This Friday, June 6 at 8pm in the Rectory Basement. There are now 6.5 billion people in this world. Among those people, God created you. You are UNIQUE. There's only one YOU in this world. God created you because HE LOVES YOU. Through a discussion on the ways that God's presence is made known through a Ministry of healing, Jacqueline Loh, a young adult will speak about the believable and powerful ways through which God's graces are made known to you. Topics will include: Grace, Discernment, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist. The testimonies are empowering. You will leave with the realization that the Holy Spirit is truly 'alive' and walking with you.

PRO-LIFE MASS & VIGIL

Peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents. Saturday, June 7 at 9am. St. Francis de Sales Parish, 6610 Balmoral Street, Burnaby. Followed by Rosary at Burnaby Hospital. Vigils are held every 1st Saturday of the month under the chaplaincy of Rev, Hien Nguyen. The Prayer Apostolate was instituted in 1995.

PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE (PEC) ELECTION RESULTS

Mrs. Karlissa Brien has been elected to the St. Mary's Parish Education Committee. Thank you to all candidates who accepted nomination.

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ST. MARY'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC (3RD YEAR)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Our Parish Picnic this year will be on Sunday July 6, from 12noon to 5:30pm at Fraser Foreshore Park. The park is located in Burnaby at the south end of Byrne Road, off Marine Way. Like in the past 2 years, it will be a potluck picnic which will begin with an Outdoor Mass at 12noon (**Fr. Guy Rivard will celebrate this Mass with us**). Come and join in the fun, share the "potluck", enjoy the games and fellowship and sing Happy Birthday to Canada. More details to follow in the coming weeks.



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.

CHANCERY OFFICE OPENING FOR A SECRETARY

The Chancery Office (Archdiocese of Vancouver) has an immediate full time opening for a Secretary. This position is for a 1 year maternity leave coverage. For full details, please visit www.rcav.org

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE (D&P) PLEADS FOR MYANMAR VICTIMS

D&P is asking for donations to help the victims of the devastations in Myanmar (Burma) and China. In Myanmar, D&P is working in collaboration with Caritas Internationalis and the Catholic Church in the country to distribute aid. In China, though D&P is not operating in the country as the Catholic Church is considered illegal by the government, Caritas HongKong has been able to get permission to distribute aid in the country. D&P is the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis which encompasses 162 Catholic relief agencies working in over 200 countries. Contributions can be made by telephone (1-888-664-3387) or sent by cheque (marked Emergency: Burma/and or China) at: Development and Peace 1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd. West, 3rd Floor Montreal, Quebec H3G 1T7.

**** Archbishop Roussin has asked all Parishes to conduct an emergency collection next weekend (June 7th & 8th). Cheques should be made out to CCODP. The Federal Government will match whatever is raised that weekend.**

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES

Mondays to Fridays: 8:00am
Wed., Thurs., Fri: 7:00pm**
** followed by Adoration at 8pm & Benediction at 9:15pm
Saturdays: 12:00noon; 5:00pm (**Anticipation**)
Sundays: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Sundays: Before & After ALL Masses
Saturdays: 11:15am to 11:55am, 4:15pm to 4:55pm, 6:10pm to 6:40pm
Weekdays: After ALL Masses (except Thursday Evening Masses)
--- An appointment for confession may be made by phone

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: 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.

HOLY COMMUNION Available to shut-ins. Contact 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
Coordinator: Eli Bautista Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30 to 8:00pm

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leader: Jonquil Francis and Joseph D'silva
Email: 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

Mr. Kevin Smith (Principal) Website: www.stmary.bc.ca
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mondays to Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm
Pastor: Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P.
Assistant Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoo, O.P.
Youth & PREP Coordinator: Eli Bautista
Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon/Ossie Fernandes