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Sunday June 22, 2008



Dear Parishioners,

Fear is our worst enemy. Billions of lives are not lived to the full because of fear. Fear is the favoured tool of the devil. The Bible says "Do not fear" about 350 times. Pope John Paul II often repeated those words, and so did Jesus. In the Gospel, he debunks those fears related to self-worth. As Fr. Cameron, O.P. wrote, "**The world wants to constantly dupe us into believing that we are worthless (and incapable). The only way out is to acknowledge the Father in prayer, because in so doing we discover ourselves. To acknowledge the Father means to acknowledge his mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. At the same time, we must be careful not to deny Jesus, especially through complaining, jealousy, worry, sensuality, neglecting prayer, or by living in an agitated, unrecollected way. We do not deny Jesus only by renouncing our religion; we deny him by the inauthenticity of our acts. But to acknowledge Jesus is to become fearless. Intrepidly we spurn trepidation.**"

There's no better conclusion than the Litany of Humility by Rafael Cardinal Merry del Val; especially the part that asks freedom from fear:

"From the fear of being humiliated. Deliver me, Jesus
 From the fear of being despised. Deliver me, Jesus
 From the fear of suffering rebukes. Deliver me, Jesus
 From the fear of being calumniated. Deliver me, Jesus
 From the fear of being forgotten. Deliver me, Jesus
 From the fear of being ridiculed. Deliver me, Jesus
 From the fear of being wronged. Deliver me, Jesus
 From the fear of being suspected. Deliver me, Jesus"

God Bless you,
Fr. Pierre



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. June 22:** 10:15am Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange St.)
 2:00pm CFC-FFL Gen. Mtng. (Church Bsmt)
 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)
- Mon. June 23:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
 7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
 7:00pm Talk by Bro. David Bellusci, OP (Church)
- Tue. June 24:** 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
- Wed. June 25:** 8:30am Respect Life Group (Rectory Dining)
 9:30am School Mass (Church)
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:30pm St. Vincent de Paul (Rectory Dining)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. June 26:** 7:00pm Mass & Adoration (Church)
 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. June 27:** 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 28:** 9:00am Handmaids of the Lord Info (School Gym)
 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
 3:00pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)
 3:30pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
- Sun. June 29:** 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
 3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)



CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of our dearly departed:
Pushpa Gunaratnam: Funeral service was held on Sat, June 21
Margaret Domeij: Funeral details not yet confirmed
Yvonne Heworh: Funeral service on Friday, June 27 at 10am
Joan Moy: Funeral service will be on Friday, June 27, 10:30am at St. Francis Xavier Parish

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord,
 Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them,
 May Their Souls Rest In Peace, Amen.*



PARISH NEWS

JOB OPENINGS FOR ST. MARY'S PARISH OFFICE

1. Volunteer Coordinator Position: This is an immediate opening. This position will be responsible for organizing and directing efforts to involve volunteers in the Parish with the various ministries and groups. The requirement will be around 10 hours per week, for a 1-year term (but will likely to be renewed). A detailed Job Description is available at the Information Desk in the Church foyer or from the Parish Office.
2. Part-Time Secretary: this position will only be required to work on Saturdays from 11am to 2pm. Responsibilities include: recording Mass intentions, attending to visitors for pick ups & drop offs of documents etc., responding to voice mails and emails and other related duties. The contract term for this position is for an indefinite period.
If any of these positions interest you, please apply by submitting a cover letter and résumé to the Parish Office no later than June 30, 2008.

ST. MARY'S INTERNATIONAL FAMILY FAIR

Look forward to a fun-filled event on **August 31, 2008!** St. Mary's CWL (in coordination with all Parish Groups) is hosting the **International Family Fair**. This will start at **10:30am**. There will be food, entertainment, kids' corner, silent auctions, plants & crafts, grand door prizes and many, many more. Crafters in the parish who would like to sell their products at the Fair please contact Christina Liew-Johannus at (604) 759-9150 or email: christina_johannus@yahoo.com.

OUR PETITIONS BEAR 'FRUITS'

Earlier this year, St. Mary's Street Ministry and CWL have held two petition campaigns against decriminalization of brothels, and against legalization of prostitution. In May, the government has announced to provide 20 more detox beds for addicted women in Vancouver. A quote from the reply we received from our MP: "**Like you, we too believe that prostitution victimizes the vulnerable, typically women ...**" Let us Thank God that our voices have been heard!

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus would like to thank all the parishioners for all the support and donations during the distribution of the Fathers' Day Buttons last June 14 & 15, 2008. **Total net proceeds of \$303.25** were donated to **Luke 15 House**.

PARISH NEWS

BROTHER DAVID BELLUSCI, O.P. VISITS ST. MARY'S

Have you always wanted to know more about this question: *DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE ON THE CROSS?* If so, Brother David Bellusci, OP will be presenting this topic from 7pm to 9 pm on Monday, June 23 in the Church. Bro. David, a Dominican Friar, recently completed his Doctoral Degree in Philosophy at the Dominican University-College in Ottawa, and is presently awaiting ordination to the Priesthood.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD)

Single? Divorced? Separated? Widowed? Join us in our upcoming Christian Life Program (CLP). The CLP brings forth a personal relationship with God and a renewed faith in Jesus. It will be on Saturdays starting on June 28, 10am in the Church Basement. The sessions consist of teachings, group discussions, and fellowship with refreshments. This program is FREE! For more info, contact: Irene Pejante at 778 883 9091; email ipejante@shaw.ca OR Girlie Umali at 604 783 0203; email guia_umali@yahoo.com OR Mila Zipagan at 604 728 4635.

LAY APOSTLES OF JESUS CHRIST, THE RETURNING KING

Information Evening on Monday, June 30 at 7pm in the Church Basement. Contact Karen at 778 990 0123. God bless!

MOM'S BIBLE SHARING AND FELLOWSHIP

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 will be available in the coming weeks.

THANK YOU FROM DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

Development and Peace (CCODP) would like to say thanks to all who donated towards the emergency appeal for Myanmar (Burma) and China. We collected \$8,067.50. This amount will be matched by the Canadian government. Your help will be forwarded to Caritas Internationalis, the Catholic Church's International Aid Agency which will then distribute it to the local partners in both countries. May we continue to heed the message of our Lord in helping our brothers and sisters in need.

THE HEALING POWER OF PRAYERS

You are invited to join us pray the **Miracle Hour** prayers on Friday, June 27 at 8:30pm at IC Delta. There will be Adoration followed by the 12 steps of the **Miracle Hour**. Bring your written petitions. The evening closes with Benediction.

PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

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



PLEASE JOIN US!!! Sunday, July 6th from 12noon to 5:30pm at Fraser Foreshore Park (Picnic Site #1). It will be a potluck picnic* which will begin with Outdoor Mass at 12:00noon. **If you require a ride on the bus, please sign up at the registration table.** The map and other picnic details will be inserted in the bulletin next weekend. Come

and join in the fun! **Fr. Guy will celebrate the Mass with us.** *Please bring food for your family and for 2 to 3 other people.

BOOK YOUR MEETING SPACE

ALL parish ministries, prayer groups, choirs, organizations etc. that need space to meet for the 12 month period from September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009 are asked to submit their request to the Parish Office by June 30. You may submit this request on paper to the office or by e-mail to stmarys@telus.net and please type "Request for Space" in the Subject Line. When making your request, please refer to a calendar. Be specific by listing the month and date of each meeting instead of saying (for example) every Tuesday at 2:00pm. Also let us know your preferred meeting space.

VOCATION LIVE-IN SEMINAR

The Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC is having a weekend LIVE-IN for young men who are interested in the priesthood, or the life of a religious brother, and want to see for themselves what seminary life is like. This will be on the weekend of July 4 to 6 at the Seminary of Christ the King. For more information, please call (604) 826-8715

YOUNG ADULT COFFEE NIGHT

Regaining Your Sense of Wonder. On Friday, July 4 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.

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 (YM) 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
Office Phone: (604) 437-1312 Office Fax: (604) 437-1193

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mondays to Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm
Pastor: Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P.
Assistant Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoo, O.P.
YM & PREP Coordinator: Eli Bautista
Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon/Ossie Fernandes