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Dear Parishioners,

John Shea in his commentary on the Gospel of Matthew wrote about the following Taoist story.

“A man in a boat sees another boat coming at him through the fog. He yells at the man in the other boat to steer aside, but the boat continues to come to him. He then curses and swears and rages at the approaching boat. When the boat is close enough so he can see it clearly in the fog, he sees the boat is empty. There is no one in the boat. Immediately his anger calms, and he easily steers his boat away, avoiding collision.”

This neat story shows that people get confrontational and angry just because they want to be right. Most of our disputes and arguments with others are of this nature. They do not stem from a real concern for the good of others or for the issues at stake. They are about our pride. We want to affirm that we are right and the other is wrong. The Pharisees in today's gospel (Matthew 22:15-20) don't really care about taxes or God -- they just want to undercut the influence of Jesus so that they may remain the biggest influence on the people's thinking.

Am I like that with my spouse, my children, my friends and my co-workers? Pray for humility and loving detachment when you realize you are not right! Pray that you may care more about real issues than about being right!

God Bless *Fr. Pierre*



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Oct. 19:** 2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Avenue)
 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
 5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)
- Mon. Oct. 20:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
 7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
 7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)
- Tue. Oct. 21:** 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)
 6:30pm PEC Meeting (School Library)
 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
- Wed. Oct. 22:** 6:30pm RCIA (Church Basement)
 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Oct. 23:** 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:00pm Pastoral Council (Rectory Dining)
 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. Oct. 24:** **NEW!!** 10:30am Bible Sharing for Moms (Rect. Bsmt.)
 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Oct. 25:** 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
 3:00pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)
 3:30pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)
 6:30pm Masquerade Ball (School Gym)
 6:30pm CFC-Christian Life Program (Rect Bsmt)
 7:00pm CFC - FFL (Church Basement)
- Sun. Oct. 26:** 10:15am Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange St)
 3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
 2:00pm CFC --FFL Meeting (Church Basement)
 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
 5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)

PARISH NEWS

RCIA REQUEST!!!

We are looking for volunteers to provide refreshments and/or finger foods (baked goods, sandwiches, etc.) for one Wednesday a month for the RCIA group to welcome its new members. For more information, please contact Arda or Carolina at aakog@yahoo.com or at 604-733-3457. Thank you & God bless!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Mary's Conference thanks all parishioners for the generous donation in our annual collection taken up on September 7, 2008. Your help and support is greatly appreciated by the people we serve and continues to successfully develop our organization here at St Mary's. God Bless.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY -- October 19

Today is World Mission Sunday. Today's collection supports the new struggling dioceses of the church, churches in mission countries. Your financial support will bring the message of hope to your brothers and sisters in remote areas of the world. Remember by our Baptism we are called to be missionaries. Please continue to pray for all those who serve in mission countries and please be generous in your support of their work. May God bless you always.

MASQUERADE BALL: GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

St Mary's Masquerade Ball is just a week away! -- **Oct 25, from 6:30pm - 11:00pm.** If you don't have tickets, get them now before they get snapped up. The unbeatable offer includes 5 appetizers, 2 main courses, 2 desserts, music, dancing, and a chance to win "The Best Costume." Ticket prices are: \$20/adult, \$10/child 7 - 12 years old, and children under 6 yrs are free. CWL members will selling tickets in the foyer after every Mass. Hurry before it is too late.



GUEST MUSICIAN AT OCT 25/26 MASSES

On **Oct 25/26** singer-songwriter and recording artist, 14-yr old Emma Magirescu will be our guest. Emma follows in the footsteps of her composer/recording artist father Greg Magirescu. Emma has been performing in venues around the world since the age of 6 including World Youth day 2002 in Toronto and at various Catholic schools, churches and projects in Australia, New Zealand and the Caribbean. She has just released her debut CD "Dreaming of Living", where she composed 9 of the 11 songs, most of which deal with social justice issues. Emma will have her CDs on sale after every Mass with the intention of raising funds toward a mission trip to South Africa in January 2009. Check out www.myspace.com/emmagirescu.

YOUNG ADULTS (18+) MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

Sat Oct 25 at 6:30pm: Meet in the church parking lot. We will take the Sky Train to Downtown. This month's theme: Singapore (at Prima Taste Restaurant -- 570 Robson St, Van). Cost: approx \$15. **RSVP by Wed Oct 23** to: smyac_team@yahoo.ca

UPCOMING PARISH MINISTRY FAIR

"The Harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few".....

It takes many workers to gather the harvest and many hands make light work! Come and find out how your talent and time can enrich your faith life and foster a spirit of church community. Join us in the **school gym after all the masses on Nov. 1st & 2nd.** There will be food, prizes, a kid's craft corner and much more. This is a great opportunity to see all that St. Mary's has to offer and we look forward to seeing you there!

CATHOLIC CAFÉ PRESENTS...

Happiness, Human Rights, The Life Principles And ... Chocolate! Natalie Hudson will speak at **6:30pm on Sun. Oct. 19.** Come and enjoy chocolate fondue at **St. Jude's Parish Hall.** Let us know you are coming. Suggested donation \$10. Contact Harold Waldock: hwaldock@yahoo.ca or 604-763-6984

CARE SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

Women's Group - Begins Monday **Oct. 20, - 7:00 pm at St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver:** Men's Group - Will start again in Spring 2009. 10 sessions from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Fee: \$50.00 total to be paid at time of registration. Information at Catholic Family Services 604-443-3220

ST PAUL, APOSTLE AND WITNESS OF THE GOSPEL

On **Wed, Oct 22 at 7:00pm** in **Sts Peter and Paul Church (1430 West 38th Ave, 1/2 block east of Granville)** Father Bernardo Estrada, Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome, will speak on "Paul, Apostle and Witness of the Gospel". During this Pauline Year, this is a wonderful opportunity for all to learn more about St. Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles. All are welcome. Father Estrada is a very well known scripture scholar and priest of the prelature of Opus Dei

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

LAST CALL to register for the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in Richmond, **Oct 24 - 26** Phone Steve or Mary 604-876-7298.



DIOCESAN/ COMMUNITY NEWS

VOCATION LIVE-IN

On the weekend of **November 14 - 16** there will be a Vocation Live-In at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life. For more information, call 604-826-8715.

DAMIEN

Sunday Nov 16 at 3:00pm in **St. Mary's Church.** Damien is the story of a Catholic missionary who devoted his life to ministering to the lepers on the Hawaiian Island of Molokai. Fr. Edward Danylo Evanko will play the role of Damien. Cost : \$20 per adult, youth under 14 years are free. Proceeds support the Catholic Health Association of BC and St. Michael's Center Foundation. Tickets by phone: 604-524-3427 or 604-434-1323.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS—ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER

Friday, Oct 31 at 6:30pm: Gala Dinner/Dance at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Celebrate with Dal Richards and his orchestra.

Sun. Nov 23 at 1:00pm: Celebration with Mass at GM Place will feature music from Catholic High Schools, a Grand Procession highlighting each parish, Mass with Cardinal Marc Ouellette as the main celebrant and homilist. **Tickets are free** but needed to enter GM Place. Sign up in the foyer to reserve.

Saturday, Dec 13 at 8:00pm: Handel's Messiah at the Vancouver Orpheum Theatre, a special celebratory performance with the Vancouver Chamber Choir. Seating is limited! Costs are: \$45 for Lower Balcony seats and \$36 for Upper Balcony seats. (These prices are reduced from the regular public rate)

'Traditions of Faith and Service' -- the first ever popular history book (200 pages) published about the Archdiocese of Vancouver, written by historian Dr. Jacqueline Gresko. It covers the Archdiocese as a whole, as well as individual parishes. Cost is \$39.00 (tax included)

Note: Book orders and ticket reservations are made through the parish. For more details contact Margherita in the parish office or Nahtie at nvcaro@shaw.ca

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Sancta Maria House, a Catholic faith-based home of healing for women recovering from addictions has an opening for a paid house parent / house manager either part time or full time. Applicant must be a mature Catholic who is loving, compassionate, flexible, comfortable with hands on prayer and able to work in a variety of situation. Duties include journeying with women in recovery, and overseeing the daily activities of the house. Knowledge of 12 Step Recovery an asset. Computer experience necessary. Call Sharon @ 604-590-2460.

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES

Monday & Tuesday: 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 (**Anticipation**)
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Sunday: Before all Masses (except 8:00am & 5:00pm) & After all Masses
Saturday: 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

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: 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.

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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

Mr. Kevin Smith (Principal) Website: www.stmary.bc.ca
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mondays to Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm
Saturdays: 11:00am to 2:00pm

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Assistant Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoo, O.P.
Youth Ministry/Volunteer Coordinator: Arda Akoglu
Parish Secretary: Margherita Bordignon