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29th SUNDAY In Ordinary Time

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“Not Lording it Over”

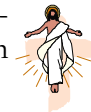


Dear Parishioners, as I was reflecting on this Sunday's Gospel, especially with James and John demanding from the Lord their right to sit at his right and his left, I was reminded of this Buddhist parable on heaven and hell entitled “chopsticks”. In this parable, a young Buddhist novice asked an aged Buddhist priest what the differences were between heaven and hell. In response, the wise priest noted that in both instances, individuals are seated facing each other across a table filled with all sorts of delicious food. Each individual is given a pair of meter-long chopsticks to eat the abundant fare placed before them. In the case of the individuals in hell, they are always going hungry only because no matter how hard they try, they can not get the food into their mouths on account of the long chopsticks that they are holding. Those who are in heaven, however, have their fill of the delicious food only because each, with their long chopsticks, is feeding the other sitting across from them at table.

This parable can be a reminder to us of two things. The first is that God has provided us with an abundance of good things in this world. Our call is to be good stewards so as to share this abundance with one another instead of grabbing and pillaging these resources for ourselves to the detriment of others. And, what we will oftentimes discover is that there is more than enough to share and go around. The second is that the more we share the blessings that have been given to us with others, a surprising thing occurs, the happier we become! It isn't any wonder then why, whenever any one of us travels to a poorer nation and visits or works with families or communities from these places, we are surprised over and over again to find out that though they may not have much, and though they may only have the basic necessities to life, they always seem to be blissfully happy and carefree about life. Can it be because the little they have is shared with one another, such that *all* benefit from the little pleasures of life that have been given to them? *(contd..)*

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If only my brother and I had practiced this method while we were teenagers! That would indeed have saved many a fight we had over the years over who got to wear what belonging to whom! Well, I suppose it still isn't too late for us to still put such a habit into practice! Who knows, by developing such a practice and habit, by God's grace, we may yet be able to dine with one another at the wedding banquet, with those meter long chopsticks and the antics of James and John notwithstanding. *God bless, Fr. Mark!*



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Oct. 22:	10:15am	Willingdon Park Liturgy(4435 Grange St)
	1:30pm	SMYAC Open Gym (School Gym)
Mon. Oct. 23:	6:00pm	Bingo (School Gym)
	7:00pm	Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
Tue. Oct. 24:	12:00pm	Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
	6:30pm	Teen PREP (Rectory Basement)
	6:30pm	Elementary PREP (School)
	6:45pm	1st Communion Meeting - Gr.2 Parents (Church Basement)
	7:15pm	Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
Wed. Oct. 25:	8:30am	Respect Life (Rectory Dining)
	6:30pm	Elementary PREP (School)
	7:00pm	Exodus Ministry (Rectory Basement)
	7:00pm	RCIA (Rectory Dining Room)
	7:30pm	St. Vincent de Paul (Rectory Library)
Thu. Oct. 26:	7:00pm	Ballroom Dancing (School Gym)
	7:30pm	Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
Fri. Oct. 27:	3:00pm	Divine Mercy (Church)
	6:00pm	YM's Sports Night (School Gym)
	6:45pm	Line Dancing (Church Basement)
	7:00pm	Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
	7:30pm	K of C Council (School Seminar Room)
Sat. Oct 28:	8:00am	Tai Chi (School Gym)
	10:00am	1st Communion Enrollment Rehearsal-PREP Gr. 2s (Church)
	10:00am	Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
	12:30pm	Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
	7:30pm	Couples for Christ Seminar (ChurchBsmt)
Sun. Oct 29:	3:00pm	Baptisms (Church)

PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARDS IN THE FOYER FOR MORE PARISH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

PARISH EVENTS

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT GROUP (SMYAC) - (Ages 18 - 39)

Rosary Sat. Oct. 28, after the 5pm Mass

October is the month in which Mary, Most Holy Queen of the Holy Rosary, is venerated. SMYAC will sponsor the Rosary. All are welcome!



Open Gym Sun. Oct 22, 2:30 - 5:00pm

In the School Gym. We have an assortment of indoor sporting activities all lined up just for you. Come for an afternoon full of awesome games. Keep fit and have fun!



Multicultural Social (ages 18+) Fri. Oct. 27, 9pm- midnight

At Purple Crab, 3916 Main St. (Main & 23rd Ave.), Vancouver. - Spend an evening of fun, friendship and seafood, and enjoy the live entertainment of MELD, a family band of 4 wonderful St. Mary's parishioners all at the same time! For more info, please e-mail SMYAC at smyac_team@yahoo.ca

YM'S SPORTS NIGHT

Here's a good way to end the school week. St. Mary's YM is having a Sports Night on **Fri. Oct. 27th**, from 6pm to 9pm in the School Gym. A lot of awesome games are in store. This is open for all youth in Grades 6 to 12.



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.

CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF BC - WORKSHOP

Subject: “Challenges facing residents who move from their homes to a residential care facility”. **Wed. Nov. 1**, 8:30am to Noon in St. Mary's Church basement. Jo-Ann Tait, a registered Psychiatric nurse will be the facilitator for this workshop. Please see the poster on the bulletin board in the foyer for details and registration forms - which can be mailed directly to CHABC.

ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sun. Nov. 19. Start making your Christmas Crafts for sale at our Annual Christmas Craft Fair/Pancake Breakfast. Table Reservations can be made by contacting John Rudland @ 604-433-0884. Stay tuned for further details.



COMMUNITY NEWS

PRISON MINISTRY

Anyone interested in knowing more about prison ministry is invited to a Support and Development Day on **Sat., Oct. 28** at St. Matthew's, 16079-88th Ave., Surrey. There is no charge for the day, and lunch is provided. You will have an opportunity to meet volunteers, and hear how prison ministry impacts the lives of inmates. Guest speakers are Fr. Pierre LeBlond OP, and Brian Lang, District Director--Community Corrections. Registration begins at 9:30am and the day will end with Mass at 3:30pm. All are welcome. RSVP to prisonministryad-min@shaw.ca or call Maureen Donegan, CCJS Co-ordinator at 604-791-1864 (toll free) or 778-241-8164 (Chilliwack number).

D & P YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP FORUM

Development & Peace invites all youth and young adults (16+), with a passion for social justice, to join youth from all over BC and Yukon to their Regional Leadership Forum from **Nov. 3 - 5** at Corpus Christi College in Vancouver. Come learn more about D & P and our new education campaign on Canadian Mining and equitable distribution of resources, develop leadership skills, and meet new people! Cost is \$20 to cover expenses. Meals are provided. For questions or to register, please contact Barbara Gajda at vandpyouth@gmail.com or 604-736-0543 or John Gabor at jgabor@devp.org.

ARCHDIOCESAN CONGRESS

Fr. Stephen Penna is the keynote speaker at this year's Archdiocesan Congress on **Sat. Nov. 4**. Fr. Penna is a speaker you won't want to miss. To register call Office of Religious Education 604-683-0281 or for more info go to www.rcav.org.

DIVINE MERCY SYMPOSIUM AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH GYM

Two days of Love, Mercy, Healing and Thanksgiving.

At St. Mary's Church Gym, 5251 Joyce Street, Vcr.

Sat. Nov. 11, 9am to 6pm - Mass at 12 noon

Sun. Nov. 12: 8:15am Mass followed by Symposium 9:45am to 6pm. Benediction at 3pm. Presenter Bro. Don De Castro, servant leader and founder of Divine Mercy "Say a Little Prayer" / 3 o'clock habit; TV Channel - Philippines (broadcasting God's Mercy 24 hours a day). Please bring a bagged lunch. Snacks will be served. For more information please call Edward Livera 604-435-4187 or Teresa Lung 604-437-7745.



COMMUNITY NEWS

DRUG ADDICTION! HOW CAN WE PLAY A ROLE IN PREVENTION?

Guest Speakers: *Pat & Vicki Conroy* founders of Agape Street Ministry, will share with us their compelling stories in bringing the **Love of Jesus** to the working women on the streets of East Vancouver and Surrey.

- Find out their views as to how "we can all play a role in prevention"
- This talk is most suitable for young adults, parents and guardians

Thu. Oct. 26, 7:30 to 9:30pm, at St. Joseph the Worker Parish (School Gym), 4451 William Street, Richmond. Brought to you by St. Paul Parish Prevention Ministry, Richmond. Contact Bessie 604-272-4693/email: preventionministry@stpaulparish.ca.

NOTRE DAME GRAD '86 - 20 YEAR REUNION

Sat. Oct. 28 at The Denman St. Free House 1780 Davie St. (on English Bay) at 8pm. Tickets are \$30. For tickets and more info please call Dino at 604-816-5157 or Dennis at 604-649-5008.

VOCATION LIVE-IN

For boys or young men who are interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, on the weekend of **Nov. 3 - 5**, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, B.C. For more information call 604-826-8715.



LUKE 15 HOUSE - 15th BIRTHDAY

Concert & Silent Auction **Sat. Nov. 4** at 7pm. Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 8842 119th St. Delta (doors open at 6:30pm). 2 Music groups, International Food Fair, Skit & Testimonies by Residents & Silent Auction. Advance tickets \$15. Call Joe 604-434-2960.

LOST IN TRAFFIC

Lost in Traffic is an interactive play raising awareness of the underground trafficking of women and children for the purposes of exploitation. Le Theatre Parminou invites us to counter this network of organized crime by building another type of network that rises up to say: It is enough!

Sun. Nov. 12: 7:30pm at Notre Dame Secondary School, 2855 Parker St., Vancouver

Mon. Nov. 13: 7:30pm at Hellenic Community Centre, 4500 Arbutus St., Vancouver

Tickets and info available from CWL members and the Sisters Association at 604-272-4779 and 604-517-8895. \$12 for regular admission, \$10 for seniors and students.

FALL FAIRS

ST. MICHAEL'S CENTRE AUXILIARY - Christmas Fair
Sat. Nov. 4, 12 noon to 3pm. 7591 Gray Ave. at Rumble St. Bby.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH - Fall Market Place
Sat. Nov. 4, 9am-3pm, 8251 St. Alban's Rd., Richmond.



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL HALL - Food for thought
Join us for this celebration of food to promote heart, body & mind wellness in support of the **Alzheimer Society of BC. Sun. Nov. 5**, 11am-4pm, 6656 Balmoral St. Bby. Call 778-855-2442.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL - 541 West Keith Rd. N.Van.
Sat. Nov. 4 & Sun. Nov. 5: 10am - 4pm. Tel: 604-987-4431.

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES Mon - Fri 8:00 am; Saturday 12:00 pm
Saturday 5:00 pm (**Anticipation**)
Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 1:00 pm, 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION Saturday 11:15-11:45 am; 4:15-4:45 pm;
Sunday 10:45-11:05 am

(An appointment for reconciliation may be made at any time)

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

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Thursday - 7:55 am; Saturday - 11:55 am

FIRST FRIDAY

Mass & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am and 7:30 pm
Benediction 11:45 am and 9:00 pm

BAPTISM To register your child, contact 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.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.
Contact: Parish Office

PREP Religious education program for children attending public schools.
Coordinator: Eli Bautista Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30-8:00 pm

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leaders: Jonquil Francis and Eileen Carlson

Contact: 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 Kevin Smith (Principal)

K-Grade 7 (604) 437-1312 Fax (604) 437-1193 Website: <http://www.stmary.bc.ca>

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Pastor: Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP

Assistant Pastor Fr. Mark Hoo, OP

Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon / Ossie Fernandes

Custodian: Zdravko Jankovic