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Pastor's
 Corner

Sunday September 14, 2008



Triumph of the Cross

Dear Parishioners, once again, a very instructive piece by Fr. Ron Rolbeiser, OMI, on this feast of the **Triumph of the Cross**,

“A number of years ago, a young man came to me because he was in crisis: He had been having an affair with his girlfriend and she had become pregnant. For a variety of reasons, marriage was impossible. The pregnancy would have an irrevocable impact on a series of lives, his girlfriend’s, his own, their families’, not to mention the child that would be born.

He was a sensitive person and knew that he had been irresponsible. He made no attempt to rationalize or to deflect blame from himself. He recognized that he had done wrong and that through his irresponsibility a certain innocence had been lost, trust had been betrayed, various lives had been permanently disrupted, and he would now live in a certain brokenness. This troubled him deeply. He ended his story on a note of despair: ‘I was irresponsible and this has, forever, hurt some people because even God can’t unscramble an egg!’...

Even God can’t unscramble an egg! What a statement! And how true, except for one thing: The cross of Jesus... Sigmund Freud, the father of modern psychology, used to say that we understand the make-up of things best when we see them lying in pieces, shattered. In the brokenness we see the underlying structure. That is also true of love and faith. We see how they are made up when we see them fractured. Jesus' death shows us this. At the second he died, scripture says, the ‘curtain veil in the temple was torn from top to bottom.’ The curtain veil, as we know, separated the people in the temple from seeing what went on in the holy of holies, it represented the veil between God and ourselves. The cross of Jesus tears apart that veil and lets us see inside the holy of holies, the heart of God. And what do we see there? Unfathomable love, unfathomable forgiveness, a compassion and tenderness beyond understanding. In the cross, God tells us: ‘You can do this to me - and I will still love you!’...

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(Pastor's Corner continued ...) The cross of Christ is rich reality. Among other things, it tells us how God loves and redeems us even when we are unfaithful and our lives are broken... Most important of all, it shows us that God never stops loving us even for a second, no matter what we do... beyond any egg we have ever scrambled.”

God bless, Fr. Mark.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Sept. 14:** 2:00pm Couples for Christ Gen. Mtg (School Gym)
 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
 5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)
- Mon. Sept. 15:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
 7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Bsmt)
 7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)
- Tue. Sept. 16:** 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)
 7:00pm Talk by Fr. Paul Murray, OP (Church)
Prayer is a Hunger-Seeking God in the Dominican Tradition
- Wed. Sept. 17:** 5:00pm L'Arche Mass (7401 Sussex Avenue)
 6:30pm CWL Council Meeting (School Gym)
 6:30pm RCIA (Church Basement)
 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)
 7:00pm Mass (Church)
 7:30 - 8:30pm Fr. Paul Murray Conference on Mother Teresa (Church)
 8:45pm Adoration & Healing Prayer (Church)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Sept. 18:** 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. Sept. 19:NEW!!** 10:30am Bible Sharing for Moms (Rectory Bsmt.)
 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:30pm "Miracle Hour Prayer" (Church)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Sept. 20:** 8:45am Ministry Leaders Mtg. (Church Bsmt)
 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
 3:30pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
 7:00pm CFC-Christian Life Program (Church Bsmt)
- Sun. Sept. 21:** 2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Ave.)
 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
 5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)



PARISH NEWS

RCIA/FAITH INSTRUCTION

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is designed for: **A)** Adult inquirers, that is, for the non-baptized /baptized in other faiths (if you wish to find out more about Christianity or becoming a Catholic); **B)** for adult Catholics, who are baptized but not catechized, and/or did not complete the other Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion and/or Confirmation); **C)** All others are welcome, so if you are interested in the Catholic Faith or know someone who is, the RCIA program is the answer! You may register for RCIA classes which begin this coming September. For more info, please contact Arda Akoglu or Carolina Prada at 604-733-3457 or aakog@yahoo.com.

RCIA REQUEST!!!

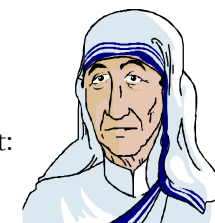
We are looking for volunteers to provide refreshments and/or finger foods (baked goods, sandwiches, etc.) for one Wednesday a month for the RCIA group to welcome its new members. For more information, please contact Arda or Carolina at aakog@yahoo.com or at 604-733-3457. Thanks & God bless!

PRAYER IS A HUNGER: Seeking God in the Dominican Tradition

A public talk to be given by famed Dominican Spiritual Author and Speaker: **Fr. Paul Murray, OP.** On **Tue. Sept. 16, 7pm in the Church.** Fr. Murray presently teaches literature of the mystical tradition at the Dominican Angelicum University in Rome. Some of his published works include T.S. Eliot and Mysticism, and 4 books of poetry.

NEW! TALK ON MOTHER TERESA BY FR. PAUL MURRAY, OP,

who knew her personally. This will happen, right here, in our Church, this **Wed. Sept. 17**, after the 7:00pm Mass. Subject: “I LOVE JESUS IN THE NIGHT”. Mother Teresa. A Secret Revealed.



MIRACLE HOUR PRAYER

Everyone is invited to join us pray the 12 Steps of the Miracle Hour on **Fri. Sept. 19**, 7:30pm in the church. Mass at 7pm followed by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A Prayer Box will be placed at the entrance of the Church, for you to place your petitions. It will then be placed in front of the Blessed Sacrament. During Step 11, which will be on Petitions, Fr. Pierre will hold the Prayer Box and pray over those petitions and conclude with Benediction. For more info please call Lennie at 604-597-8227.

PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES FAIR

In preparation for an important Fall event - the **Parish Ministries Fair**, a meeting for all Ministry Leaders (or designate) will take place on **Sat. Sept. 20 in the church basement at 8:45am**. All ministries need to be represented. So please confirm your attendance with Aprille via email: aprille@telus.net or call: 604-765-4776.

ECHOES – Parish-based training for handing on faith

“I handed on to you as it was handed on to me” (1 Cor 15:3)
Echoes is a program from Maryvale Institute in Birmingham, U.K. for those who are or who wish to be involved in parish or family catechesis (the action of communicating the message). It is designed for anyone handing on faith to adults or children, and provides a rounded formation in the central aspects of the Catholic faith. Echoes aims to impart the knowledge and understanding of what and how the Church wants us to teach. St. Mary’s will run the 11 sessions of the program, on a weekly basis, starting Jan. 17, 2009. A different ministry in the parish (ie Bible Sharing, SMYAC, etc) will provide input for each session. It is hoped that Echoes will invigorate the parish community and lead to a deeper conversion. Fr. Mark and the coordinators will invite representatives from the Parish ministries to the **introductory session Sat. Sept. 27, 2008** – from 10 to 12 noon. However, EVERYONE is welcome!

CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of our dearly departed:

Emily Fung Ho Hui: funeral was celebrated on Thu. Sept. 11

Anne Bydick: funeral will be celebrated on Tue. Sept. 16 at 10:00am

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

On **Sept. 26 & 27**. This year’s Theme is taken from 2 Tim 4:2 “...proclaim the word... be persistent...” The keynote speaker is Deacon Alex Jones from the Diocese of Detroit. Archbishop Raymond Roussin will celebrate the closing Mass. For tickets and more info, call 604-597 8227 or email: fireblade@shaw.ca.

FILIPINO FIESTA

A special Filipino celebration and Mass in honour of San Lorenzo Ruiz, the only canonized Filipino Saint, will be held **Sat. Sep. 27** at St. Patrick’s Parish, 2881 Main Street (at 13th Ave.), Vancouver. Mass in Tagalog and English at 4:30pm followed by a procession and reception.



ARCHDIOCESE/COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. JOSEPH’S (Mission) OKTOBERFEST

Come join us for a full day and evening of fun on **Sat. Sept. 20** at St. Joseph’s, Mission, located at 32550 7th Avenue. The daytime events run from 9am - 4pm and are free. There will be games for the kids, German entertainment and a Christmas Market. The doors to the beer hall open at 5:45pm and tickets are \$45/person. These tickets must be purchased beforehand. For more information, please call Lucienne at 604-820-6983.



RETRouvaille: A PROGRAM OF HOPE

Designed to help couples in hurting marriages. Next Vancouver weekend will be on **Sept. 26-28**. Space is limited. For more info, call 604-530-6710 or visit: www.retrouvaille.org.

CATHOLIC CAFÉ PRESENTS

Praying With Icons With Sr. Ambrose Stachiw and Sr. Ruth Aney **Sun. Sept. 28**, 6:30pm at Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, 501 - 4th Avenue, New Westminster. Learn about icons and prayer. Visit the beautiful Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral. Let us know you are coming. Contact Harold Waldock at hwaldock@yahoo.ca or 604-763-6984. More details at www.catholiccafe.ca.

LIFE CHAIN VANCOUVER

Join the Life Chain, help save moms and babies from the horrors of abortion. **Sun. Oct. 5**, 2pm - 3pm, Oak St, from Vancouver General Hospital at 12th Ave. to Women’s Hospital at 30th Ave. “Come to Life Chan; bring your family and friends and spend one hour in prayerful witness”. For more info call Pro-Life Group or 604-733-6266.

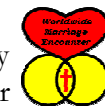


ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER CONGRESS 2008

“We Are His Message”. Learn, Share and Celebrate the faith. **Sat. Oct. 18**, 8:00am to 4:30pm. Keynote speaker Bishop Gary Gordon, Diocese of Whitehorse. Mass at 9:00am with Archbishop Raymond Roussin, SM. Immaculate Conception Parish, 8842 - 119th Street, Delta

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Kids back in school? How about a weekend getaway for both of you? Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend **Oct 24 – 26** in Richmond. Steve & Mary, 604-876-7298, sbohn@interchange.ubc.ca



PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES

Mondays to Fridays: 8:00am
Wed., Thurs., Fri: 7:00pm**
** followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & 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

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

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: 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.

YM & PREP Coordinator: Eli Bautista

Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon/Ossie Fernandes