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The Key to Freedom and Peace

Dear Parishioners, Each time I found myself disturbed, impatient, or edgy, I could trace it to a lack of humility on my part. The best way to become humble is to say and practice the following litany, written by Cardinal Merry del Val (1865 - 1930):

The Litany of Humility

- O Jesus meek and humble of heart, Hear me.
- From the desire of being esteemed, Deliver me, Jesus.
- From the desire of being loved, Deliver me, Jesus.
- From the desire of being extolled, Deliver me, Jesus.
- From the desire of being honoured, Deliver me, Jesus.
- From the desire of being praised, Deliver me, Jesus.
- From the desire of being preferred to others, Deliver me, Jesus.
- From the desire of being consulted, Deliver me, Jesus.
- From the desire of being approved, Deliver me, Jesus.
- 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.

I invite you also to reflect on these advices given by Saint Maximilian Kolbe who was martyred in Auschwitz in 1941:

“A full jewel box is always kept closed. Humility: Avoid all those words which can draw down on you glory, esteem, or the appreciation of others. Let us listen unwillingly (without interest or reflection) and with interior reluctance to the words of those who praise or commend us. It is dangerous to listen to one’s own praise in the mouths of others. It makes one lose his good judgement. When others praise us let us keep our sins before our eyes. In this way we will judge ourselves unworthy of any commendation, and consequently we shall find an occasion for being ashamed of ourselves and for humbling ourselves. (Contd...)

(Pastor's corner contd.....) Rejoice when you hear others praised. Jealousy, attachment to one’s own glory, is a defect. Never do anything so that men may see and esteem you. Never do anything out of human respect. Do everything perfectly, because you are working in God’s presence, for God and not for men. In every situation think more about loving than about working. Don’t offer excuses when you make a mistake. Don’t cast the blame on others. Do not offend by sarcasm those who correct you. Do not renounce in advance your errors which someone is trying to point out to you. Practice for a long time and with zeal until you succeed in willing that your defects may not remain hidden any longer, and until you learn how to rejoice when the others judge you imperfect. Do this to make up your errors. When you are reproved unjustly, do not excuse yourself. Cut short all thoughts of pride.... Willingly accept every opportunity for humbling yourself. Don’t be offended at a harsh word, an imperious tone of voice, not being respected as much as you would like to be. Welcome occasions of being disregarded and humiliated, first with patience, then willingly, without raising any difficulties, and finally with joy. That will be perfect humility. Make acts of humility (as also of the other virtues on which you are interiorly examining yourself), beginning with a rather small number of them; then increase these continually, and make more and more progress. This, in fact, is how one acquires a good habit and makes it grow strong. Humility is the foundation of the virtues.”

God Bless, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

RCIA/FAITH INSTRUCTION



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is designed for:

1. 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).
2. For adult Catholics, who are baptized, but not catechized and/or did not complete the other Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion and/or Confirmation).
3. All 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 further info. please contact: Arda Akoglu or Carolina Prada at 604-733-3457 or aakog@yahoo.com.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Sep. 02:** 2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
- Mon. Sep. 03: LABOUR DAY (Office Closed)**
6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
- Tue. Sep. 04:** 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
6:30pm PREP Staff Training (Church Basement)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
- Wed. Sep. 05:** 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex)
6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
6:30pm PREP Staff Meeting (School Seminar Room)
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Library)
7:00pm RCIA (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm Street Ministry (Rectory Basement)
9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Sep. 06:** 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. Sep. 07: FIRST FRIDAY**
3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion (Church)
6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
8:30pm SMYAC Coffee (Rectory Basement)
9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Sep. 08:** 10:00am Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
10:00am YM Leaders Mtg. (Rectory Basement)
12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
7:00pm CFC-Christian Life Program (Church Bsmt)
- Sun. Sep. 09:** 2:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)



PARISH NEWS

PREP REGULAR REGISTRATION

This coming week is PREP’s last week of Registration. **The last day for registrations will be on Sept. 7.** Please do not wait for the last minute before you register. Classes are almost full for both nights. We still have slots for Teen PREP so register now and be a part of this amazing program. Registration forms are available at the Church Foyer or in the Parish Office. Completed registration forms may be dropped off in the Parish Office together with payments. PREP starts on Sept. 11th for the Tuesday classes and Sept. 12th for the Wednesday classes.

YOUNG ADULTS SPIRITUAL COFFEE NIGHT

Fri. Sep. 7, 8:30pm. Rectory Basement. All young adults (ages 18-39) are welcome to join the St. Mary's Young Adult Community for a wonderful night of discussion regarding the Catholic faith. Light refreshments will be served. For more info, please feel free to contact smyac_team@yahoo.ca.

PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

RCIA: Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults - REQUEST!!!!!!

We are looking for volunteers to provide refreshments or bake for one Wednesday a month for the RCIA group to welcome its new members. For more information, please contact Serena at samber81@hotmail.com / 604-805-6692. Thanks & God bless.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

Couples for Christ, a Catholic community movement, invites you and all couples, to a Christian Life Program which will start on **Sat. Sept. 8, 7:30pm, at St. Mary's Church basement.**

This program is free of charge and sessions would consist of a teaching, a group discussion and a time for fellowship with free refreshments. For info call Jun/Amie Morales 604-522-6870.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Knights of Columbus Council 13072 sponsored the 4th Fr. Michael J. McGivney Golf Tournament which was a tremendous success. This fundraising event was held on August 11, at Mylora Golf Courses (No.5), No 5 Road, Richmond, B. C. The net proceeds which totaled \$1,100.00 will be donated to the candidates to priesthood and religious life from St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. St. Mary's - Council 13072 thanks all the golf players, sponsors and donors for their continued support and participation. *Bro. Rene Montilla - Grand Knight.*



THE CATHOLIC BIBLE SEMINAR - FALL 2007 SESSION

"The Two Letters of Paul to TIMOTHY and the Letter to TITUS", will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall in Coquitlam, on the weekend of **Fri. Sep.14 to Sun. Sep.16.** The presenter is Fr. Jim Nesbit, noted Bible Scholar from Spreckles, California. Registration Fees: Single Adults \$45, married couples \$80. Special youth & daily fees are available. See flyers in Church foyer. For info call Gerry/Zela Maingot 604-882-9205.



THE 18TH ANNUAL MARRIED COUPLES' RETREAT

Will be held on the weekend of **Sep. 14 - 16**, at Westminster Abbey, Mission and will be directed by Rev. Paul Curtin, CSsR. (Redemptorist). Retreat theme: "FOLLOWING JESUS: EUCHARIST AS FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY." Cost per couple \$295.00. Call Anne 604-464-1958/Marg.604-921-7136.

CHRISTOPHER LEADERSHIP COURSE GRADUATES - REUNION

Will be held on **Sat. Sep. 15**, at OLGCS, Surrey, from 11:30am - 3pm. You are invited (spouses & partners too) to a luncheon, which includes a silent auction, door prizes and a guest speaker. Get together with past students and ENTUSIASTIC instructors. Tickets are \$25. For Info and tickets: rcmolina@yahoo.ca /604-572-9731 cdenenfeld@hotmail.com /604 572-7075.

COMMUNITY NEWS

RETRouvaille : A PROGRAM OF HOPE DESIGNED TO HELP COUPLES IN HURTING MARRIAGES

Next Vancouver weekend **Sep. 14 - 16.** Space is limited. For more information please call: 604-530-6710 or visit our website at www.retrouvaille.org. To pre-register on-line, go to www.retrouvaille.org/dates.php.



DIVINE MERCY SYMPOSIUM

Sep. 15 - 16: Starts with Mass at 9am - 6pm, St. Francis de Sales Parish, 6610 Balmoral Street, Burnaby. For more info please contact: Robert: 604-430-8998, Nancy : 604-435-9134, Paul: 604-524-4486 or Anna: 604-527-0350.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AND COPING WITH ADDICTION

Sat. Sep. 22, 7pm at St. Mary's Church basement. We live in a society which encourages addictions in many forms. One path of liberation is through the practice of Christian Meditation. The BC Christian Meditation Community invites you to hear Fr. Joe Pereira, a catholic archdiocesan priest from Bombay, India. He founded "Kripa" a foundation which helps people suffering from chemical dependencies & HIV infection. Admission is by donation. All are welcome!

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

"The Fulfillment of all Desire" - a journey to complete union with God - that's the theme of this year's Catholic Charismatic Conference on **Sep. 28 & 29.** Ralph Martin, a well-known international speaker and writer will be the keynote speaker with Archbishop Roussin celebrating the closing mass. It will be held in the Broadway Church, Vancouver. For tickets (\$10ea.)/info., phone 604-597-8227 or email fireblade@shaw.ca



"MAKING MOTHERHOOD SAFE" LECTURE

On **Sat. Sep. 29**, Dr Robert Walley will give the annual Christ the King Lecture on the topic "Making Motherhood Safe" at the Seminary in Mission, B.C. The free lecture begins at 10am and finishes at 3pm, with a 90-minute lunch break. The lecture is open to all. For more info, call 604-826-8975.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Oct. 19 - 21. Helping engaged couples understand the Sacrament of Marriage and their vocation. Register at 604-451-3300 or visit www.ceewest.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Oct. 19 - 21. Attention Married Couples! You deserve to give each other a weekend to enhance your couple love. For more information or to register, contact Steve & Mary Bohnen 604-876-7298 or sbohnen@interchange.ubc.ca.



COMMUNITY NEWS

EMPLOYEMENT OPPORTUNITY

Domestic Abuse Services-OLGCS is looking for a part-time office assistant. Qualifications include general office experience, computer skills (Word, Excel, Front Page), an ability to work independently, and experience in a non-profit organization. Completion of Domestic Abuse Services training program is required and confidentiality is a priority. Send résumés to: Domestic Abuse Services-OLGCS, 2881 Main St., Vancouver, V5T 3G1 no later than **Sep. 12.**

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES Mon. - Fri. 8:00am; Sat. 12:00 pm
Wed. & Fri. 6:30pm followed by Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament & Benediction at 9:30pm

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

RECONCILIATION Saturday 11:15-11:45am; 4:15-4:45pm;
Sunday Before and after all Masses.

(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 - 8:00am; Saturday - 12:00pm

FIRST FRIDAY Adoration Throughout the day after Masses
Masses: 8:00am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Benediction: 9:30pm

BAPTISM 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.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Contact the Parish Office.

PREP Religious education program for children attending public schools.

Coordinator: Eli Bautista Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leader: Jonquil Francis and Joseph D'silva
Contact: smyac_team@yahoo.ca Website: www.smyac.ca

YOUTH MINISTRY E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com
Coordinator: Eli Bautista Website: www.saintmarysyoung.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 9:00am - 5:00pm
Pastor : Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP
Assistant Pastor : Fr. Mark Hoo, OP
Youth and PREP Coordinator : Eli Bautista
Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon / Ossie Fernandes