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Pastor's  
 Corner

Sunday September 21, 2008



**In a consumer society there are....  
 two kinds of slaves:  
 the prisoners of addiction and  
 the prisoners of envy. *Ivan Illich***

Dear Parishioners, Fr. Mark Link, S.J. put today's Gospel in a modern parable.

"Imagine there are four houses on your street.  
 Yours is valued at \$400,000.  
 The house next to you, at \$300,000.  
 The third, at \$200,000. The last at \$100,000.  
 One day a buyer offers you \$500,000  
 in cash for your house.  
 You are delighted and you sell it.  
 The next you learn  
 that the other three owners were given  
 the same price by the same buyer.  
 You're dismayed  
 that they received the same price as you.  
 So you call the buyer and tell him off.  
 He responds,  
 "Weren't you delighted at the sale?  
 Why are you angry now?  
 Is it because I cheated You?"

How would I respond to the buyer and why?

O Thou who has given us so much,  
 mercifully grant us one thing more -  
 a grateful heart. *George Gerbert*

God Bless, Fr. Pierre



**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

- Sun. Sept. 21:** 2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Street)  
 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)  
 5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)
- Mon. Sept. 22:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
 7:00pm Eucharistic Apostolate (Rectory Dining)  
 7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)  
 7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)
- Tue. Sept. 23:** 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)  
 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
- Wed. Sept. 24:** 8:30am Respect Life Group Mtg (Rectory Dining)  
 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)
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**Thu. Sept. 25:** 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)  
 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)  
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)  
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
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**Fri. Sept. 26:NEW!!** 10:30am Bible Sharing for Moms (Rectory 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)
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**Sat. Sept. 27:** 10:00am "Echoes" Introduction (Church Basement)  
 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)  
 3:00pm K of C Council (Church Basement)  
 3:30pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)  
 7:00pm CFC-Christian Life Program (Church Bsmt)
- Sun. Sept. 28:** 10:15am Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange St)  
 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)  
 3:00pm Baptisms (Church)  
 3:00pm CFC - FFL Meeting (Church Basement)  
 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!

**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!

**HANDS OF VERONICA**

If a loved one is a patient at Burnaby hospital and would like a visit from a member of the Hands of Veronica, please contact the Parish Office with information.

## PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

### MASQUERADE BALL: An Enchanted Evening

**Oct. 25**, 6pm – 11:30pm. Let us bedazzle you at St Mary's Masquerade Ball. The enchanted evening, not only promises to be magical but to also whet your appetite for good food and music. Come and be charmed in an evening of whimsical and fun - be it on your own, with your loved ones and / or friends. Tickets at \$20 per person are on sale now and you can get them from the CWL members outside the foyer after all Sunday masses, or contact Kerr Tomayao, cell: 778-868-6838, email: [kerrlt@shaw.ca](mailto:kerrlt@shaw.ca).



### FOCOLARE MOVEMENT'S "LIVING CITY MAGAZINE" SALE

Members of the Focolare Movement will be selling single issues of their Living City magazine this coming weekend after all Sunday masses on **Sep. 27 and 28**. The cost is \$4.00 each.

Living City is the North American publication of the Focolare Movement, which is a Catholic Ecclesial Lay Movement, approved by Pope John XXIII in 1962 and is present in more than 182 countries. The goal of the movement is to contribute towards the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer to the Father: "May they all be one" (*John 17:21*). Our magazine is one of our expressions of living the Gospel in our daily lives wherever we are – at home, at work, in our communities."



### 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](mailto:fireblade@shaw.ca).

### 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](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

### 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

### 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](mailto:hwaldock@yahoo.ca) or 604-763-6984. More details at [www.catholiccafe.ca](http://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 Chain; bring your family and friends and spend one hour in prayerful witness". For more info call Pro-Life Group or 604-733-6266.



### FREEDOM CONFERENCE

The Freedom Conference is coming! **Oct. 17 - 19**, St. Ann's Parish, Abbotsford. Join us for a powerful weekend of inspiring and practical teaching about how we can experience healing and freedom from the things that steal our hope and peace. The Freedom Conference is presented by Jake and Heather Khym of Life Restoration along with their international team of priests, musicians, and speakers. More info at [www.liferestoration.ca](http://www.liferestoration.ca) or call the St. Ann's Religious Education office at 604-852-5602.

### 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

### CARE SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE SEPERATED AND DIVORCED

Women's Group - Begins Monday **Oct. 20**, - 7:00 pm at St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver: Mens 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.

### 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](mailto: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.

### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

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](mailto:smyac_team@yahoo.ca)

Website: [www.smyac.ca](http://www.smyac.ca)

### YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)

E-mail: [stmarys\\_ym@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarys_ym@yahoo.com)

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### ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Fr. Mark Hoo, O.P.

**Youth Ministry Coordinator:**

Arda Akoglu

**PREP Coordinator:**

Eli Bautista

**Parish Secretary:**

Margherita Bordignon