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WE ARE ONE

In Boy's House, a priest tells of a ten-year-old boy he met after the war. The boy was carrying on his shoulder his paralyzed brother, who was about five years old. They were orphaned, and all they had was each other. The older brother was begging from place to place, always carrying his brother on his shoulders. The priest exclaimed to the older boy, "What a heavy burden you are carrying!" The boy was surprised by the Father's remark. He said, "It ain't a burden, it is my wee little brother!" The priest took both of them with him and started the Boy's House, that became the subject of a famous movie, called Boy's House.

Today's second reading reminds us that Christ has knit us together with bonds stronger than human blood. Indeed, we are not just individuals within a national community, we are interrelated members within the body of Christ. As Cardinal Balthasar wrote, "There are no individuals anymore, only organs, each of which functions for the living whole that constitutes the organism."

The ten-year old boy in our story refused to be separated from his younger brother, and refused to consider him as a burden. We too should never consider our brothers and sisters as a burden. They are included in our personal mission statement. Even through our personal uniqueness, and our particular gifts, we belong to one another.

Let us give generously to our brothers and sisters in Haiti. They belong to us and we belong to them.

God Bless You. *Fr. Pierre*

PARISH NEWS

YOUTH MINISTRY AT THE OLYMPICS

We are so excited!!! Youth Ministry got 40 tickets to the Olympic Games. Do you want to be a part of this once in a lifetime experience? Then **come and join the Youth Ministry events between now and Feb. 15 and get a chance to win** one of those tickets. It will be an event to remember...like forever....

JR. YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 6-8) – MAGIC & SPELLS

Do you have a magic wand? Do you know how to cast spells? Join the Jr. Youth Ministry to find out the truth behind magic & spells. Harry Potter wouldn't want to miss this event, you shouldn't either. Join us on **Monday, January 25 at 6:30pm in the Church Basement**



PARISH LIBRARY -- WE'RE OPEN TO SERVE YOU

This weekend, January 23 and 24, we are open after the Saturday evening mass as well as all Sunday masses except 7:00pm. We will not have books on display in the foyer. Please come and see us in the church basement



SECOND COLLECTION FOR STUDENT TUITION AID

Dear Parishioners, As you all know, parents are required to pay tuition for children attending Catholic schools. By and large, the parents of our children at St. Mary's School and our Catholic High Schools are bearing the burden. Sometimes however, the burden is impossible to bear, as for example when a single parent loses his or her employment. When this happens, mercy for the child and our obligation to mutual solidarity in the Church demand that we provide tuition aid.

There are limits however, to the amount of tuition aid that we can provide as a parish. Already, the parish provides a hefty subsidy for Catholic education, especially at St. Mary's and Notre Dame, to which we are committed as a "feeder parish".

As a partial solution to this dilemma, I am proposing that we continue a system of private sponsoring. If you feel strongly about the benefits of Catholic education, and are in a position to help a family that has fallen on hard times and cannot, for a time bear alone the cost of tuition, please let me know. Your identity, as well as that of the family being helped will remain confidential.

Next weekend, January 31/February 1, we will have a second collection for Student Aid. Please write your name, address and envelope number (if you have one), as well as the words "Student Aid" on the envelope that you will use for your donation. (Hopefully you can bring one from home already prepared). You will receive a receipt for income tax. Thank you for considering this proposal. God Bless, Fr. Pierre.

PARISH NEWS

SINGLES FOR CHRIST—CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

Couples for Christ and its ministry of Singles for Christ are inviting all single working professionals, unmarried Catholic men and women, other Christians, and anyone who is interested in learning more about Jesus Christ, to a Christian life program. The Christian Life Program (CLP) is an integrated course intended to lead participants into a renewed understanding of and response to God's call to them as Christians. The program has a total of 13 separate sessions and will be held **every Saturday, starting on January 30th, from 1-5pm at St. Mary's Gymnasium.** There is no fee to attend this program. All you have to do is come with an open mind and heart to discover or renew your faith in Jesus Christ. Thank you for your time and see you there.

MARRIAGE CAN BE GREAT, NO REALLY!

Learn to enhance your marriage or future marriage in a FUN and RELAXED setting. It is never too late (or too early) to get some practical tips on how to relate more effectively with your spouse. No group sharing is required. Individuals are also welcome to attend on their own. Topics include: Attitude, Peace with the Past, Listening, Dating & Sense of Humour, Forgiveness and more. **This marriage workshop will take place here at St. Mary's on Tuesday February 2 at 7:00pm.** (A workshop is available at St. Ann's in Abbotsford on April 27). The cost is \$20 per person. Please call 604-931-7211 to save your seat. Individuals **MUST pre-register/pre-pay at least one week** before the seminar. Visit www.denisboyd.com

PRAYING WITH PRIESTS FOR PRIESTS

All priests and lay faithful are invited to gather together in prayer for our priests during this Year for the Priests. We pray together each month on the first Thursday of the month. This month, the gathering will be here at **St. Mary's on Thursday February 4 after the 7:00pm Mass (approximately 7:40pm).**

SMYAC COFFEE NIGHT

On Friday, February 5 at 8:00pm you are invited to SMYAC's (St. Mary's Young Adult Community) coffee night in the Seminar room. Join the young adults as there will be a presentation on Human Trafficking. All are welcome.



Please pray for repose of the soul of our dearly departed :

Marie Rose Florida Blake: Funeral was Friday January 22

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her O Lord
 Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her
 May Her Soul Rest in Peace, Amen*



PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

2010 SUNDAY ENVELOPES -- NEW REGISTRATIONS

The backlog of New Parish Registrations to be entered into our database is close to being finished. By now, everyone who has completed a registration form before the end of 2009 and has asked for a box of envelopes should have one. If not, please complete the blue form that is located by the assigned envelopes (either in the church basement or the foyer). If you returned a registration form in January, we ask for your patience for one more week and then your envelope will be in the foyer. If you do not have an assigned box, you can still get credit for your donations by using a pink visitor/temporary envelope available at the information table.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT ANNIVERSARY

Join us as we celebrate the **17th Anniversary of the Life in the Spirit Seminar** in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. **On January 29, mass will begin at 7:30pm at Immaculate Conception Parish in Delta where Bishop David Monroe of Kamloops** will be the main celebrant and will be joined by ten other priests from the diocese as concelebrants. Reception and fellowship will follow at the Parish Center. You are all invited to join us in this Thanksgiving Mass for all the graces and blessings poured upon us through this seminar. For more information, please call 604-597-8227.

WINTER INSTITUTE FAITH CLASSES

The Archdiocese offers classes four times a year to enrich adults Catholics in their faith formation and/or to assist them in their church ministry. The next session is on **Saturday January 30 from 10am-4pm at Holy Cross High School in Surrey**. Some courses available are: Basics of the Faith – Section A, Overview of Liturgy, Adolescent Development, Adult Catechesis - Part 1. For a full course listing and more information, go to rcav.org or call 604.683.0281.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on the 30th of April, 2010, email 1009@retrouvaille.org OR call 604-530-6710 OR visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Jan. 24:** 9:45am Willingdon Liturgy (4435 Grange Street)
2:00pm Couples for Christ - FFL (Church Bsmt)
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2:00pm Light of Jesus Ministry (School Gym)
- Mon. Jan. 25:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Junior Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
7:00pm SMYAC Leaders (Rectory Dining)
7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Living Room)
- Tue. Jan. 26:** 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
- Wed. Jan. 27:** 8:30am Respect Life Meeting (Rectory Dining)
6:30pm PREP (School)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass / Adoration / Confession (Church)
7:30pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting (Rect Dining)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Thu. Jan. 28:** 6:30pm Youth Ministry Leaders (Rectory Library)
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Fri. Jan. 29:** 9:00am "Scripture&Coffee" Bible Study (Rec. Dining)
3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
7:00pm Mass / Adoration / Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room / Sacristy)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Sat. Jan. 30:** 12:40pm Quick Journey Through the Bible (Ch Bsmt)
1:00pm Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
3:15pm Baptisms (Church)
6:00pm CFC -- FFL (Church Basement)
- Sun. Jan. 31:** 3:00pm K of C District Basketball (Gym)

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES:

Monday - Friday: 8:00am
Wednesday, Thursday., Friday: 8:00am and 7:00pm**
** followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:00pm
Saturday: 12:00noon; 5:00pm is **Anticipation Mass**
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Sunday: Before & After all Masses
Saturday: 11:15am to 11:55am, 4:15pm to 4:55pm, 6:10pm to 7:00pm
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 8:30am

Masses: 8:00am & 7:00pm
Benediction: 9:00pm

BAPTISMS: To register your child, contact the Parish Office.

BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday @ 6:45pm; Friday @ 9:00am; Saturday @ 12:40

MARRIAGES:

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the wedding date to register for the required diocesan Marriage Preparation Course. One of the couple must be a registered Catholic parishioner of St. Mary's for at least one year before contacting the Parish Office.

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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)

Leaders Jason Costa and Jonquil Francis

Email: smyac_team@yahoo.ca Website: www.smyac.com

YOUTH MINISTRY (YM) E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: www.saintmarysyoung.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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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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