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Pastor's
 Corner

CAN I PRAY FOR YOU?

John was in a palliative care unit. He had never been baptized. He never really practiced any religion. He told the palliative care staff that he did not want any visits from the pastoral team. One day, one of our Hands of Veronica members (let's call him Bob), dared to enter his room and proposed to pray for him. Surprisingly, John said yes. One week later, I was asked by Bob to visit John. He wanted to be baptized as a Catholic and join the Catholic church. I was totally amazed! I asked John what brought about this change.

"When Bob prayed over me, I felt so good and continued to feel good for many days. I thought the God of Bob must be real".

With great joy and devotion, John was baptized, confirmed and received communion in the presence of his family, Bob and another parishioner. He knew he was close to death, but he had no fear!

The church, and St. Mary's parish desperately need people like Bob. We need people who can listen to the Holy Spirit and dare to do what He asks of them. Think about joining our visiting team to the sick and the elderly. Bring the Body of Christ to the nursing homes and hospitals. Bob could tell you it is a great ministry. Your visit could save a soul for eternity and bring joy to those who need it so badly.

The sufferings caused by sins and division are so overwhelming in our present world that they cannot be fought only with natural weapons. We need the guidance and the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome evil. Evil is well organized; so systematic that we need the weapons of God, the sword of the Spirit and the sword of the Word of God. We need precise guidance from God to know where to put our energy and when to do it. God will tell you, if you really ask Him. We need His boldness and His humility. If you pray to get these in order to fight evil, and out of compassion for your neighbor and out of love for God, you will receive them. *(cont'd)*

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"Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate". (Luke 6:36)

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy". (Matthew 5:7)

God Bless You. *Fr. Pierre*

PARISH NEWS

SR. YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 8-12) – SPIRIT LED

What does Lent mean? Is it short for lentil or is it some other food? What does it have to do with Christian life? Come and join Sr. Youth Ministry as the Holy Spirit leads us to discover the meaning of Lent and how it can enrich our spiritual life. **When:** Monday, February 15 at 6:30pm. **Where:** Rectory Basement.

YOUTH MINISTRY OLYMPIC TICKET RAFFLE

Winner Number: 0312177. If this is your ticket number, then please come to the parish office with your ticket on or before Feb 16th. If unclaimed there will be another draw on Feb 17 so if this is not your number hold on to your tickets until Feb 21.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Mass times are: 8 am, 5 pm and 7 pm. Due to crowding at the 7 pm Mass, we encourage as many people as possible to attend the earlier masses. PREP parents are reminded to pick up their children in the BACK parking lot after class on Ash Wednesday due to the Mass in the church. (The PREP celebration will be in the gym).

ASH WEDNESDAY - FASTING

The Church prescribes fasting (only one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not greater than a full meal) and abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday. Catholics aged 18-59 are bound to fast; those 14-59 to abstinence. Those who are ill are freed from these obligations. Everyone, even those above the age of 59, are encouraged to fast and abstain.

PENNIES FOR HEAVEN

Knights of Columbus will be displaying a BIG BOTTLE in the Church Foyer this weekend to collect pennies and/or other currencies. Proceeds will be donated to KofC Charity Foundation to support vocations for priesthood. Your support to this annual activity would be greatly appreciated.



CWL MASS

Please join us for the CWL Installation Mass of Officers for 2010-2011 on Tuesday, February 16 at 6:00pm in the church. Everyone is welcome!

PARISH NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Beginning on Friday February 19th, the first Friday of Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7pm and Adoration with Benediction at 9pm.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL REGISTRATION

We are pleased to offer a **Full-Day Kindergarten** program in September 2010. Registration packages will be handed out at the meeting on Thursday March 18 at 7:00 pm in the church basement. You must attend to receive an information package because **they are not handed out from the school or parish office.**

MARRIAGE, FAMILY & LIFE MATTERS

Let All Be Rooted in Love, because God is Love - Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life (CFCFFL), an international Catholic family life renewal ministry, will conduct a Christian Life Seminar here at St. Mary's Church basement starting on **Saturday, Feb. 20 at 7 PM** and will run for the next 8 Saturdays at the same time and venue. The program is especially intended for **married couples, adult singles 19 years and above, widows & widowers, separated or divorced and those with a desire to develop a more mature and meaningful relationship with God in the context of a Christian community rooted in love.** There is no fee involved. The only investment required is your time and openness to God's invitation. If you are interested please contact Jun & Fannie De Vera at 604-436-3628, Oscar & Riz Geronimo at 604-782-8094 or Nes & Kim Lopez at 604-936-1468.

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

BOOK FOR SALE

I am the father of Andrew and Matthew Moeller, the boys killed as a result of a terrible automobile accident on Nov 29, 2008. As a result of the accident, my son Karl was paralyzed. I have written an e-Book "All In God's Time, My Sons" expressing my faith and emotions during this ordeal; it is available at ireadwrite.com. Part of the proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to Karl's school, St. Francis of Assisi, for renovations for wheelchair accessibility. Your help is greatly appreciated.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

WISDOM: FREEDOM OF THE CROSS CONFERENCE

St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission along with the Intercessors of the Lamb are presenting a conference from Feb 19 to Feb 24 which focuses on the call and movement of wisdom in our lives. For more info please contact St. Therese at 306-369-2555 or www.StTherese.ca. See the poster and flyers in the foyer.

AWAKEN THE PRESENCE OF LOVE IN YOUR LIVES

Discover how the mystics were awakened to the presence of Love, and how it was vividly reflected in their lives at this upcoming Lenten retreat happening on March 6 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at Rosemary Heights. To register call 604-272-4779.

LENTE RETREAT

Join a retreat running from March 6-8 entitled: This is Holy Ground. Take the opportunity to cultivate the sacred in yourself and come to know God more fully. Retreat given by Cenacle Sister Monica Kaufer at Rivendell on Bowen Island. Call 604-266-1611.

L'ARCHE TO HOST CELEBRATION

L'Arche Greater Vancouver will be hosting an event called: A Celebration of Art – A Celebration of Humanity, on Saturday March 6, 2010 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at National Nikkei Museum and Heritage Centre, 6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby. This annual fundraising event features a silent auction and a chance to appreciate and vote on local emerging artists' work, as well as art created by the members of L'Arche. Refreshments served. Admission is \$5.

RETREAT COMING TO ROSEMARY HEIGHTS

Attend a day of recollection with Father Gabriel de Chadarevian, OP, at St. Patrick's, Vancouver in celebration of the Year for the Priest on Feb. 20. The event runs from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the parish hall. Registration fee of \$10.00 includes breakfast and lunch; please call Mel at 604.879.6774 before Feb.19.

STAND UP FOR LIFE

On Monday March 15, from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm a Pro Life Group from St. Francis de Sales Parish will be meeting in the church hall at 6610 Balmoral Street, Burnaby. The group will be watching movie called Turning the Tide (regarding the euthanasia issue), listening to testimonies and discussing. For more info call Anna at 604.527.0350, Pency at 604.435.9134, or.515.4073.


THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Feb 14: 2:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

Mon. Feb. 15: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Senior Youth Ministry (RectoryBasement)
7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)

Tue. Feb. 16: 6:00pm CWL Installation Mass (Church)
6:30pm PREP Mass (School Gym)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm CWL Meeting (Church Basement)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

Wed. Feb. 17: ASH WEDNESDAY



8:00am Mass and Distribution of Ashes
5:00pm Mass and Distribution of Ashes
6:30pm PREP Mass (School Gym)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass and Distribution of Ashes
Adoration / Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Thu. Feb. 18: 6:30pm Youth Ministry Leaders (Rectory Library)
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Fri. Feb. 19: 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)

Sat. Feb.20: 12:45pm Bible Study (Church Basement)
1:30pm Couples for Christ- SFC (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
4:00pm RCIA (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Couples for Christ (School Gym)
7:30pm ARC Charismatic Renewal (Church)

Sun. Feb. 21: 2:00pm St Michaels's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Ave)

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSSES:

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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