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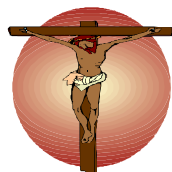
IS GOD DEAF? OR IS IT ME?

The recent tragedies of Haiti, Chile and France led some of us to question God's goodness and God's providence. Does he really care about what is happening in the world? Today's first reading invites us to answer "yes" to this question. God told Moses that he heard the cries of his people and he will do something about it. But he will not do it with a magic wand. He said to Moses; *"You do something about it, and I will be with you."* God is telling us the same thing when we complain about the suffering of the world and accuse Him of doing nothing. God answers; *"Yes, I did something about it, I created you. I have given you talents and gifts and I will give you special charisms, and guidance, so that you may do the right things at the right times. If you only trusted me, as much as my Son trusts me".* **Let us join in the effort of Development and Peace in helping the Third World.**

Another question may arise in our mind as we ponder the disasters of Haiti, Chile and France. What have they done to be "punished" like this? Jesus answers in today's Gospel that they are not more guilty than us and He doesn't blame God the Father. He says we are all guilty. The surprising thing is that we do not **all** perish, because we all deserve it (*see the Magnificat Lenten Companion, page 29*).

As in today's parable of the fig tree, the Lord gives us another chance to repent and bear good fruits with the talents and graces that He gave us and will give us. Let us amend our lives and rid ourselves of selfishness; with God's graces, so that we may do the good works He has prepared for us before the foundation of the world.

God Bless you, Fr Pierre



PARISH NEWS

JR. & SR. YOUTH MINISTRY (gr 6-12) – WHY, GOD?

Are you mad at God or have you been mad at Him before? Does He know about it? Jr. Youth Ministry wants to invite you to our Monday night event: Why, God? Join us as we discuss evil and injustice in the world and try to find out what part does God play in all this. When: Monday, March 8, at 6:30pm Where: Church Basement.

CAMP FLAME

This is a camp you won't want to miss out. A camp for teens, by teens. Come and find out for yourself what all the buzz is about! Throughout this special weekend you will laugh, cry, yell, scream and pray. Come and form memories that will last a lifetime. Space is limited so if you are in high-school make sure to register before it's too late. Registration forms are available from the parish office or from the Youth Ministry Bulletin Board in the church foyer.

Camp



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THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY

The next study, entitled **Matthew: The King and His Kingdom**, focuses on Jesus as the fulfillment of the promises of the Old Testament. It builds on the foundation laid in the Old Testament to inaugurate the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Set in the rich context of Jesus' Jewish culture, this video study by Jeff Cavins will help you understand the universal truths of the Kingdom of God; it will help you understand more fully God's will for us today. Start date is March 13, for 24 Saturdays in March to Dec 2010 in the church basement, from 12:45pm to 3pm (after the Sat noon mass). The schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the church foyer. There will be a month-long break in July. Cost \$30. Register: Sign-up sheets are in the church foyer or email stmarysbiblestudy@gmail.com.



ANNUAL YARD SALE

Will take place on April 24th and is sponsored by our Respect Life group to help women in distress. Your donations of goods (tools, books, dishes, toys, etc would be greatly appreciated, but **NO CLOTHING** please. Items may be dropped off in the large box in the church foyer starting this week.



PARISH NEWS

ST MARY'S SCHOOL REGISTRATION

We are pleased to offer **Full-Day Kindergarten** in Sept 2010. Registration packages will be handed out at the meeting on Thurs March 18 at 7:00 pm in the church basement (**packages are not handed out from the school or parish office**).

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

*Tomson Wong - Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him O Lord,
 Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him
 May His Soul Rest in Peace, Amen*



DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

CATHOLIC FORUM

All are invited to attend the discussion and presentation by Archbishop Miller entitled, *"Christians Learn about God and from God"*. The forum will be held on Tuesday March 23 from 7pm to 8:30pm at St. Mary's church.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP

Everyone is invited to hear Fr Daniel Mahan speak about Parish Stewardship on Saturday March 13 at Good Shepherd Church, 2250-150th Street Surrey; beginning with mass at 8am and presentations until 3pm. Cost is \$40. To register call 604-531-5739.

LENTEN RETREAT

"When God longs for you" on March 17, 18 & 19 at 7pm, beginning with Mass at Guardian Angels Parish, 1161 Broughton Street, Vancouver (lots of free parking). Fr Rudolf D'Souza is the retreat master. For more info, please visit www.guardianangelsocd.org or call 604-684-5775.

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 required, individuals are also welcome to attend on their own. Topics: Attitude, Peace with the Past, Listening, Dating & Sense of Humour, Forgiveness and more... Choose one of two options: Apr 27 at St Ann's Parish, Abbotsford (7:30pm to 10pm) or June 17 at St Augustine's Parish, Vancouver from 7pm to 10pm. Only \$20 per person. Please call 604-931-7211 to save your seat! You **MUST** pre-register/pre-pay at least one week before seminar date. Visit www.denisboyd.com for more info.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

PASTORAL CARE RETREAT

On April 21, Archbishop Miller will be leading a retreat, Sponsored by the Catholic Health Association of BC, for those who work or volunteer in the pastoral care health ministry. Parishioners who visit the sick or elderly in health care facilities and in their homes are encouraged to attend this half day session at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 315 Walker Street, Coquitlam. The Archbishop will be speaking on "Spe Salvi", Pope Benedict's encyclical on Christian hope. The retreat begins with mass at 9am and will adjourn at noon. Cost is \$25 per person. Deadline for registration is April 16. Registration forms are available by calling 604-524-3247 or at www.chabc.bc.ca under upcoming events.

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

Come join us on a 3 Day Lenten Pilgrimage to the National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother in Portland, Oregon on March 20th., 21st. & 22nd. The price is Cdn \$278.00. Accompanying chaplain is Fr. Jun Reyes. For information or to make a reservation, contact Sampaguita Travel Bureau at (604) 874-9533, e-mail lennieptl@dccnet.com, or call (604) 594-7296. Seats are limited, first come first served.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Feeling stressed and need a break? How about a private weekend getaway for the two of you at a nice local resort in White Rock? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend April 9-11. Call or email Steve & Mary 604-876-7298 or sbohnen@interchange.ubc.ca.



REDEEMER PACIFIC PRESENTS

Ronda Chervin will speak on "Feminine, Free and Faithful-Masculine, Loving and Faithful" on March 12, 7-9pm. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$5 for students. RSVP Judy at 604-888-7727 or judy@rpcollege.bc.ca.





LENTEN RETREAT

St. Joseph's Parish, 1612 East 18th Ave, Vancouver is offering a Lenten Retreat on March 9 at 7pm - Topic: "Running the Race of Faith with Perseverance" and on March 10 at 7pm- Topic: "Enduring our Cross, because of the Joy of Heaven". (Retreat Master Fr Gabriel de Chadarevian, OP).

ADULT FAITH EDUCATION

Archdiocesan Spring Institute registration now open. Register on line at: www.rcav.org/ore.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Mar 7:** 1:30pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
- Mon. Mar 8:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)
- Tue. Mar 9:** 6:30pm PREP CANCELLED (Spring Break)
6:30pm Baptism Prep (Church)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
- Wed. Mar 10:** 2:00pm Willingdon Mass ((4435 Grange Street)
6:30pm PREP CANCELLED (Spring Break)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration /Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Thu. Mar 11:** 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:00pm St Mary's School AGM (School Gym)
7:00pm Pastoral Council (Rectory Library)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Fri. Mar 12:** 9:00am Scripture & Coffee Bible Study (Rec.Dining)
10:00am St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex Ave)
3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
7:00pm Mass/ Adoration /Confession (Church)
7:00pm Singles for Christ (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm SMYAC Leaders (Seminar Room)
7:30 pm Street Ministry (Rectory Library)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Sat. Mar 13:** 9:30am Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)
12:45pm Bible Study (Church Basement)
1:30pm Couples for Christ- SFC (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)
6:00pm CFC FFL (Church Basement)
7:00pm Couples for Christ (School Gym)
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Reminder: Move clocks 1 hour ahead before going to bed...

- Sun. Mar 14:** 2:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)

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.saintmarysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ms Brenda Krivuzoff (Principal) Website: www.stmary.bc.ca

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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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Fr. Marcel Dumont, O.P.

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Vesna Jankovic

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