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**Pastor's
 Corner**

**“Into your hands I commit my soul”...
 No, really?**

A French priest from Quebec was travelling with a unilingual priest from the States. The pilot announced that the jet engines had failed and there was no way they would restart them before crashing. The pilot said in French “We have tried every possible thing, but to no avail. Only God could save us. Let us put ourselves into His hands.” The English priest asked his French priest companion to translate for him. The French priest translated this way; “The pilot said that there is no hope.”

How true it is! We are so reluctant to put ourselves into the hands of God when we do say “Father, into your hands I put myself.” We feel hopeless and resigned. This is not how I want to die! I want to live my death as a free and active giving of my very self to the Father. I want my death to be the ultimate act of freedom that will seal my life; consecrate it, and express it the most.

Jesus did that and He ardently desires to give you the same kind of death so that you may live with Him forever. He wants to deliver you and me from the fear of death that robs us from the power of grace. When you and I will be dying, God will give us tremendous graces. He promised it! But he does not want us to postpone conversion to the last minute. We need to prepare everyday to be able to receive these graces and in a way to merit them.

Am I going to die as the bad thief of today's Passion; cursing God, the world and his life—I know someone who died just like that— or am I going to die as the good thief; seeking forgiveness and a place with Jesus in the kingdom of love and surrender? You can prepare yourself to die as the good thief by giving up the rest of your life to live and serve the Lord in total trust and surrender.

Jesus was in agony for three hours on the cross. He had sufficient time to reflect and to speak. The seven words he uttered on the cross teach us how to die and therefore how to live from now on. Jesus thought the thoughts of man and the thoughts of God altogether, and earned for us the grace to do

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the same. Today's Gospel gives us three of these seven words. Good Friday's Gospel of John will give us three more. Let us pray these and make them ours, in union with Christ.

“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom”. (Luke 23:42)

“Today you will be with me in Paradise”. (Luke 23:43)

Have a blessed Passover, Fr Pierre.



PARISH NEWS

EASTER GIFTS FOR THE PASTOR

Last year you heard my plea for “no more chocolate” and helped me support Talitha Koum Society. This Easter if you wish, you can help me support Luke 15 House with your gifts of cash. I also gratefully accept wine to share with my Dominican Family! Thank you, Fr Pierre.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

This Wednesday following the 7pm mass, Adoration will end at 8:15pm due to Vigil Rehearsal in the church. Please check “This Week in Our Parish” for all Holy Week mass and confession times.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Mary's Young Adult Community will present a dramatization of Stations of the Cross on Friday at 10:00am in the church. The regular evening Stations of the Cross will be at 7:00pm.

GOOD FRIDAY VENERATION OF THE CROSS

After the 3pm service, everyone will have the opportunity to venerate the cross by offering flowers at the foot of the cross. If you wish to participate, please bring your own flowers. A limited supply of flowers will be available by donation in the foyer.

EASTER SUNDAY

Please note there will be an extra mass downstairs at 11:15am.

ABLAZE

Saint Mary's is introducing a new spiritual program recognizing the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our personal lives. Ablaze! is an invitation to connect with the Holy Spirit as a catalyst to serving Christ. This is an eight week program held every Thursday from April 22-June 10 from 7-9pm., featuring guest speakers, music, prayer and discussion to bring inspiration, identity and meaning to our personal lives. For ages 18 and up. Come experience Ablaze! All sessions will be held in the Church basement. Attendance at all 8 sessions is required.

PARISH NEWS

CWL BACKPACK PROJECT

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is collecting **personal hygiene items (travel size)**; toothpaste, toothbrush, hand sanitizer, soap, shampoo, shower gel, body lotion, toilet paper, tissue, comb, candies and granola bars. Please put items in the marked box in the foyer. The collection will run to April 18. If you would like to donate money, place it in an envelope in the collection, marked “CWL”. Thank you!



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.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

JEFF CAVINS COMING TO VANCOUVER

Jeff Cavins, a well-known Scripture teacher and creator of the Great Adventure Bible study, will facilitate an all day seminar on the Gospel of Matthew on May 8 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at St. Patrick's Parish. Jeff and his associate will also offer an informative and inspirational evening to parish Bible study leaders on Friday, May 7 at 7:00 pm, at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver. Information and registration at www.rcav.org/ore or call the Office of Religious Education at 604.683.0281.

CATHOLIC BIBLE SEMINAR



The spring session of the Catholic Bible Seminar is being held at St. Paul's Parish Hall at 8251 St. Alban's Road, Richmond, on the weekend of Apr 9, 10, 11. The topic is “The Book of Isaiah”, presented by well known biblical scholar, Fr Jim Nesbit. Registration fees are \$55 for adults or \$100 for couples. Special youth and daily fees available. Please pre-register as space is limited. For more info call 604-882-9205.

BIRTHRIGHT

Birthright helps any girl or woman, regardless of age, race, creed, marital or economic status, who feels distressed by an unplanned pregnancy. At birthright, a friend is waiting to listen without judgment, and to assist women in finding a loving alternative to abortion. If you would like more information, contact the Birthright office at 604-687-7223 or www.birthright.org.

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VISION TV LENTEN PROGRAMMING

Vision TV will air "The Choices We Face" hosted by Catholic evangelist Ralph Martin and Peter Herbeck on Vision TV (Shaw channel #118 and Delta Cable channel #25):

Monday March 29 @ 7pm: The modern notion that everyone will be saved & Tuesday March 30 @ 7pm: The Historical and Biblical relevance of the 'baptism in the Holy Spirit' & Sunday April 4 @ 6:30pm: Canadian native Francois Vautour shares his inspiring personal testimony to God's work in the miraculous healing of his spine. To learn more: www.renewalministries.net.

SPRING INSTITUTE

Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education and the Youth Ministry Office and held at St. Patrick's High School, Vancouver. The institute is open to anyone interested in an experience of learning, community and spiritual growth. Pre-registration is required. For all course descriptions and registration, please visit our website at www.rcav.org/ore click on spring institute or call us at 604.683.0281.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

"Come, Worship the Lord"; a retreat to help Catholic single men 17 and over to focus on worship and prayer to discern their vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The retreat will take place on Apr 9-11 at Rosemary Heights. For more info or to register, please call 604-443-3254 or email vocations@rcav.bc.ca.

FREEDOM TO LOVE CONFERENCE

Come hear the Good News about Pope John Paul's "Theology of the Body". Christopher West, renowned author and speaker on John Paul's masterful insights into human life and love, is coming to Vancouver for the "Freedom to Love" Conference sponsored by Couples for Christ on Saturday May 22, 2010 from 8am-5pm at Glad Tidings Church, Fraser Street, Vancouver. Registration fee is \$30 until Mar 31, and \$40 thereafter. For more info call 604.270.9463, email cfcvan@cfc.ca or www.bc.cfc.ca to obtain a registration form.

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 sbohn@interchange.ubc.ca.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Mar 28: 2:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

Mon. Mar 29: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
7:30pm Vigil Choir Practice (Church)

Tue. Mar 30: 6:30pm PREP (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

Wed. Mar 31: 8:30am Respect Life (Rectory Dining)
6:30pm PREP (School)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration only to 8:15pm (Church)
8:30pm Vigil Rehearsal with RCIA (Church)



Thu. Apr 1: **HOLY THURSDAY (no 8am mass)**
6:30pm **Confessions** until 7:15pm
7:30pm **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
followed by Adoration & Confession until
10pm (Church)



Fri. Apr 2: **GOOD FRIDAY (no 8am or 7pm mass)**
10:00am Dramatized Stations of Cross (Church)
10:00am **Confessions** until 2:30pm (Church)
3:00pm **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION** followed by Veneration of the Cross and Confession until 10:00pm (Church)
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)



Sat. Apr 3: **HOLY SATURDAY (no noon or 5:00pm mass)**
NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY
9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)
9:30am Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)
1:30pm Couples for Christ- SFC (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
7:00pm Couples for Christ (School Gym)
9:00pm **EASTER VIGIL**



Sun. Apr 4: **EASTER SUNDAY** (regular mass times)
No confessions before or after masses

PARISH INFORMATION

WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES: Monday - Friday: 8:00am

Weekday Morning Rosary 7:00am / Weekday Morning Lauds 7:30am

WEEKDAY EVENING MASSES: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7pm followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:00pm

SATURDAY MASS: Our Lady's Mass 12:00noon

SUNDAY MASSES: Anticipated Mass Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am / 9:30am / 11:15am / 1:00pm / 5:00pm / 7:00pm

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Thursday: 8:00am & Saturday: 12:00noon

FIRST FRIDAY: Adoration throughout the day after morning mass
CONFESSIONS:

Weekdays: After all Masses (except Thursday Evening Mass)

Saturday: 11:15am to 11:55am, 4:15pm to 4:55pm, 6:10pm to 7:00pm

Sunday: Before & After all Masses

An appointment for confession may be made through the parish office

HOLY COMMUNION: Available to shut-ins. Contact Parish Office.

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

MARRIAGES:

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

BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday 6:45pm / Friday 9:00am / Saturday 12:45pm

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

Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Coordinator: Eli Bautista 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

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ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays to Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm / Saturday: 11:00am to 2:00pm

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