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Pastor's
 Corner

**HOW WAS PETER ABLE TO SAY:
 "YES, I LOVE YOU" AFTER HIS TRIPLE DENIAL?**

"Do you love me more than anyone else, more than anything else?" How frightening this question is for each one of us! It could be your girlfriend/boyfriend asking you this question, and you remember having betrayed her/him recently. You don't know if you can commit "for better or worse, for richer or poorer, until death parts us." You don't know how you could ever become worthy of her/him. Or maybe it is Christ who is asking you, "*Do you love me enough to give me your obedience, your chastity and your poverty in religious life?*" You feel the tension between your fragility that has always been exposed in your past and the request for a life coherent with the "Yes, I love you" that you cannot refuse to Christ. You keep saying to yourself, "All this is really beautiful, but I am like this, there is my sin, my fragility, etc."

Peter has gone through this. He had just denied Jesus three times in a row on Good Friday morning, "Even if all the others abandon you, I will never abandon you." A few weeks later, Christ 'confronted' him with the big question, "*Peter, do you love me more than these?*" Peter must have remembered what Jesus said at the Last Supper, "*I have prayed for you that your faith may not falter, but after you come back, strengthen your brothers in faith.*" Well...this is the time!

Can you identify with Peter? Are you like Peter the denier; when life puts your back to the wall, when you have done something very bad, so bad that you have scandalized yourself? Are you able, through grace, to answer like Peter, "I don't have what it takes to be coherent with my 'Yes, I love you'", but you know that I still love you. I don't know, I don't know how, but this attachment aroused all through my life is so strong that faced with your question, "Do you love me?", I cannot but say "Yes" (Fr. Julian Carron).

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Could you to Christ say "No, I don't love you?" But if you say "Yes, I love you", can you live a life coherent with this "yes?" That coherence is a miracle, a gift of God. Ask for it! Say to Him, "I belong to you, you know everything. You know that I belong to you." This reflection is largely inspired by Fr, Julian Carron, Magnificat).

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

SR. YOUTH MINISTRY (gr 8-12) GAME ON!

School is hard and chores are tough. So how about a break from it all? Join the Sr. Youth Ministry for a night of games on Monday, April 19 at 6:30pm in the rectory basement. Bring a friend if you can!



YOUTH DAY 2010 – MAY 7 & 8

I can not believe a whole year has passed and it's time for Youth Day again. Yes, the highly anticipated, impatiently waited event of the year is almost here. If you have been to Youth Day before then you know what I am talking about and if you have never been there before, well this is your chance. Team up with the St Mary's Sr. Youth Ministry (grades 8-12) who will be joining hundreds of teens for an awesome weekend of faith, fellowship, and fun! Registration forms are available on the Youth Ministry website at www.saintmarysyoung.com under "forms" menu. Early registration deadline is April 26 (you will get a free t-shirt). Don't miss this amazing weekend!



WEDNESDAY EVENING

This Wednesday evening at 7:00pm, Archbishop Miller will administer the sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Mary's. Therefore, there will not be the regular evening mass, confession, Adoration or Benediction.

SMYAC COFFEE NIGHT FAITH DISCUSSION

Please join us for a faith discussion on "Christian and Catholic Entertainment" on Friday, April 23 at 8:00pm in the School Seminar Room. Light refreshments will be served. For more info, please contact smyac_team@yahoo.ca.

ENVELOPES

Parishioners who have recently requested envelopes, are reminded to pick up their envelopes from the church foyer.

PARISH NEWS

HEALING & DELIVERANCE

Fr Rufus Pereira, a Catholic priest and exorcist from Mumbai, India will celebrate mass at St. Mary's on Sunday April 18 and Monday April 19 at 7pm. Following each mass, he will give a talk and pray with individuals for healing and deliverance.

HEALING RALLY

Jim Murphy, a Catholic lay evangelist, will host a Healing Rally here at St. Mary's on Saturday, April 24 at 7:30pm

ABLAZE

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



JEFF CAVINS COMING TO ST. MARY'S

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.

SPECIAL NIGHT OF HEALING

On Saturday May 8 at 7:30pm, here at St. Mary's, Fr. Pierre and Jacqueline Loh will share their individual insights and personal reflections on Our Blessed Mother and the vocation to the Priesthood. They will also share how Our Lady has interceded to heal the physically, emotionally and spiritually depleted. A Special Rosary will be prayed for the vocation of the priesthood. Adoration and Confession will also be available. We also invite you to receive healing prayers.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

We are asking all parishioners to please provide your input for a new church website at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/PHSZ653 Thank you for your participation!

PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE 2010

Volunteers are still needed for the campaign, if you would like to help out volunteer cards are available in the church foyer this weekend. There will be a training session for all volunteers on April 19th at 6pm in the rectory. We look forward to working with all of you in this year's campaign.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OPENINGS

There are still openings in the following grades for Sept 2010: Grades 2, 4, 6 & 7. If you are interested in sending your child to St. Mary's School, please get an information package from the school office during the hours of 8:30am-3:30pm.

2010/2011 PREP EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Registration forms for the 2010-2011 Catechism year will open in May. Registration fees will be discounted ONLY during the month of May and then regular registrations will resume in August. Register early to save and to be assured of a spot for next year. Forms are available in the church foyer. Drop off your registration forms with payment in the school on PREP nights (Tues & Wed - 6pm to 8:30pm).

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF POPE BENEDICT XVI ELECTION

Archbishop Miller has announced the Archdiocese of Vancouver will mark the Fifth Anniversary of the Election of Pope Benedict XVI on Sunday April 18 and requests that the faithful commemorate this important occasion in the life of the church with the following prayer:

"God our Father, shepherd and guide, look with love on Benedict, your servant, the pastor of your Church.

May his word and example inspire and guide the Church, and may he, and all those entrusted to his care, come to the joy of everlasting life.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever."



MASS FOR LIFE

Archbishop's Annual Mass for Life will be celebrated April 28 at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Mass at 7:00pm, Rosary at 6:30 pm.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Apr 18: 1:00pm CFC FFL (Rectory Basement)
4:00pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass with Fr Rufus /Healing Prayer

Mon. Apr 19: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Sr Youth Ministry (Rectory Basement)
6:30pm Project Advance Training (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Mass with Fr Rufus/Healing Prayer

Tue. Apr 20: 6:30pm Confirmation Rehearsal (Church)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm CWL Meeting (School Gym)

Wed. Apr 21: **7:00pm Confirmation** (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Rectory Basement)
Note: No Adoration, Confession or Healing Prayer

Thu. Apr 22: 7:00pm Mass/ Adoration (Church)
7:00pm Ablaze! (Church Basement)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Fri. Apr 23: 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:30pm Dev & Peace (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration /Confession (Church)
7:30pm SMYAC Coffee (School Seminar Room)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Sat. Apr 24: 9:30am Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)
10:00am Respect Life Yard Sale (Parking Lot)
3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Couples for Christ (School Gym)
7:30pm Jim Murphy Healing Rally (Church)

Sun. Apr 25: 2:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

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: smarys.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: smarys_ym@yahoo.com

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: www.saintmarysyouth.com

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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