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**Pastor's  
 Corner**

**TO BELONG OR NOT TO BELONG**

When I was a teenager (during the last century of the second millennium!), there was a French song on the hit parade that went like this: "I am nothing, I belong to nobody." Having no girlfriend, being unhappy with my family, I thought I did not belong anywhere or to anyone. I felt different than everybody else, I could not fit myself completely into any category or group. I felt like I was living on the boundaries of several belongings, with only part of me in each of these groups or territories. No matter how much I desired to belong, I felt I could not give up my autonomy, my uniqueness, my freedom to be different. "Choosing" priesthood was very difficult because I did not want to belong to the Church, the institution. Yet I wanted the freedom of Jesus.

Most people feel that way when they are dating before marriage. They want to keep their freedom, yet they need to belong to someone, and they need to have someone who belongs to them. Is there a solution to this "catch 22?" Yes! True belonging for human beings and for God- involves a real inner acceptance of one another. As Pope Benedict wrote in "Jesus of Nazareth": *"It signifies an inner belonging that goes much deeper than the possession of things... No human being "belongs" to another in the way that a thing does. Children are not their parents "property"; spouses are not each other's "property." Yet they do "belong" to each other in a much deeper way than, for example, a piece of wood or a plot of land, or whatever else we call "property." Children "belong" to their parents, yet they are free creatures of God in their own right, each with his own calling and his own newness and uniqueness before God. They belong to each other not as property, but in mutual responsibility. They belong to each other precisely by accepting one another's freedom and by supporting one another in love and knowledge-*

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*and in this communion they are simultaneously free and one for all eternity."*

Yes, we do not belong to Christ the Good Shepherd as if we were things used by him. When he asks us a service, it is not because he is powerless without our help. Rather it is because he wants to set us free like him. We are called to be shepherd in the Shepherd, to give our life freely to those who belong to us and to Christ and then to receive our life back from the Father's hands. We are safe and free. We are wanted, not abused.

*God Bless you, Father Pierre*

**PARISH NEWS**

**JR. YOUTH MINISTRY (Gr 6-8) – SCAVENGER HUNT**

Come out, come out... it's play time! Jr. YM is playing Scavenger Hunt and you are invited! Join us on Monday, April 26 at 6:30pm in the church basement for a night of fun. With live music, scavenger hunt and pizza, your night can not get any better than this!



**CONCERT - GRACE & GRATITUDE**

St Mary's Youth Ministry presents the PS98 band Gospel Concert "**Grace & Gratitude**" on May 29 at 7:30pm. The concert will be here at St Mary's and tickets are \$10. You can get your tickets from the parish office and/or after select Masses this weekend and on May 22. Proceeds from the concert will benefit St. Mary's Youth Ministry and PS98 Band's World Youth Day 2011 fund drive. Come and enjoy a night of inspiring and exciting music and support our youth in their journey of faith.



**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).

**GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY IN MATTHEW**

To all participants: Please be advised that the next session on May 1, will be held in the school gym. There will be no refreshments and no coffee this time.

**PARISH NEWS**

**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](http://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.

**MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON: MAY 9 11am -2pm**

To all Mothers, Special Ladies and those who want to honour the extraordinary women in their lives, the Catholic Women's League invites you to celebrate this Mother's Day on May 9. Let's make this day memorable with good food, door prizes, beautiful flowers and music. At very affordable prices: \$18/per adult; \$9 for kids 6-12 years; and FREE for children 5 years & under, this is a great opportunity to show your love, appreciation and gratitude. The CWL will be selling tickets in the foyer after all masses this weekend and next. For more information, please call Kerr Tomayao at 604-327-6864.

**CWL BACKPACK PROJECT**

Thank you to everyone who donated items to our Backpack Project. We collected enough items for 200 backpacks, which have been delivered to Covenant House for distribution to youth on the streets.

**LEGION OF MARY**

St. Mary's Praesidium will honour the 66th anniversary of death of the Venerable Edel Quinn on Friday May 14 at the 7:00pm mass. All active and auxiliary members are welcome and there will be a gathering in the church basement following mass.



## PARISH NEWS

### **FR RUFUS HEALING SERVICE**

Fr Rufus Pereira, a Catholic priest and exorcist from Mumbai, India will celebrate mass at St. Mary's on **Sunday April 25 and Monday April 26 at 7pm.** Following each mass, he will give a talk and pray with individuals for healing and deliverance.

### **PROJECT ADVANCE 2010**

This year's campaign information brochure is enclosed with the bulletin, please take a minute and find out where your contributions are utilized for great causes. There will be a video presentation next weekend at all masses to give one more information on the campaign. Parishioners who have contributed in the past will be receiving pledge forms in the mail and the Project Advance team will be collecting pledges and registering new donors starting next week. Thank you in advance for your generous support and participation.

### **SMOKING**

We would like to remind all parishioners that the City of Vancouver Smoking By-Law prohibits smoking on Church and School property. Therefore, those who wish to smoke must go off the grounds to the sidewalk on Joyce or Euclid Street, as we are mandated to enforce this by-law or face fines. Thank you for your cooperation.

## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### **FOCUS ON LIFE GALA TO TAKE PLACE AT HYATT**

This annual fundraising event which helps abortion vulnerable and post-abortive women with a message of hope through TV ads will take place on Monday May 31 2010 at the Hyatt Regency. Our featured speaker is Raymond Arroyo, an internationally known journalist, producer, bestselling author and TV host on EWTN. Tickets for this event are \$75 per person or \$750 per table. Please call 1.877.7SIGNAL to order tickets.

### **LIVE IN HOSTED BY SISTERS OF THE CHILD JESUS**

Attend a Silent live-in retreat for women interested in discerning religious life; hosted by the Sisters of the Child Jesus at Mary's Mountain, 48368 Elk View Road, Chilliwack. The live-in runs from 7:00 pm Friday, May 7 to 3:00 pm Sunday, May 9. Suggested donation: \$50.00. Call Linda at 604.533.5580 or Sister Anne-Marie 604.936.2875; [a-mfransoo@shaw.ca](mailto:a-mfransoo@shaw.ca).

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Apr 25:** 2:00pm CFC FFL (Church Basement)  
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
2:45pm Liturgy Committee (Rectory Dining)  
**7:00pm Mass/Healing with Fr Rufus**
- Mon. Apr 26:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm Jr Youth Ministry (Church Basement)  
7:00pm SMYAC Leaders (Rectory Dining)  
**7:00pm Mass/Healing with Fr Rufus**
- Tue. Apr 27:** 6:30pm Prep (School)  
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
- Wed. Apr 28:** 8:30am Respect Life (Rectory Dining)  
6:30pm Prep (School)  
6:30pm YM Leaders (Rectory Library)  
7:00pm RCIA (Rectory Basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration /Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Apr 29:** 7:00pm Mass/ Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm Ablaze! (Church Basement)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. Apr 30:** 9:00am Lectio Divina/Bible Study (Rectory Dining)  
3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration /Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. May 1:** 9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)  
9:30am Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)  
12:45pm Bible Study (School Seminar Room)  
3:00pm Baptisms (Church)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Couples for Christ (School Gym)
- Sun. May 2:** 2:00pm Youth For Christ (Church Basement)

## 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  
**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL**  
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](mailto:stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca)  
**ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)**  
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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
Mondays to Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm / Saturday: 11:00am to 2:00pm  
**PASTORS & STAFF:**  
**Pastor** Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P.  
**Assistant Pastor** Fr. Marcel Dumont, O.P.  
**Executive Assistant to Pastor** Vesna Jankovic  
**Office Manager** Ossie Fernandes  
**Youth Ministry & Volunteer Coordinator** Arda Akoglu