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Pastor's  
Corner

**THE IRRESISTIBLE FREEDOM OF  
GOD—AND YOURS**

Last week, during the Ascension Mass, I was wondering why we stay away from God. Is it fear of intimacy, fear of having to change our life, fear of surrendering?

As I am writing these lines, I remember what Fr. Cantalamessa, the preacher to the papal household said, "There is a secret rancor against God in the depths of man's heart." It was from original sin. It was instilled in the soul of Adam and Eve, by the devil, when they believed him. He told them not to trust God, that God had hidden intentions, selfish intentions, toward them. We inherited the effect of that sin, that anger and resentment toward God and toward one another. As Adam and Eve started to distrust God and hide from him, they also accused one another, and it has never stopped since that day. We blame one another for our problems and the problems of the world. We accuse God. It seems silly to do so, but we do it anyway. We blame God for all the bad things that happen to us. We don't want to admit it, but we are secretly angry at him.

No discourse can change that. No law, no amount of good will can do it. Only the Holy Spirit can wipe away that "secret rancor against God." When the Spirit comes into a man's heart, he attests "that God is truly favourable and benign, that he is his ally, and not his enemy. The Holy Spirit opens his eyes to all that God has been capable of doing for him and to the fact that he did not spare his only Son for him." (Fr. Cantalamessa). "There is a shift in the heart of the man who receives the Spirit. A shift from the slave-heart full of fear to the filial heart, brimming with love." From now on, the man renewed in the Spirit, has received "God's love." He loves God and willingly does what God asks of him. Fr. Cantalamessa even says that "God, in fact, no longer limits himself to telling man what he should do or not do, but he himself does it with and in him."

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Saint Thomas Aquinas says that the Holy Spirit interiorly perfects our spirit, communicating to it a new dynamism so that it refrains from evil for love.

That same Holy Spirit does wonders for our human relationship. He turns our Babel towers into a Pentecost where every nation can hear the Word in his own language. He breaks distrust and anger that put man against man.

Fr Mark Link S.J. wrote: *"The Spirit gives me:*

- *new eyes to see the face of Jesus in all who stand in need;*
- *new ears to hear the voice of Jesus in all who cry to heaven for justice;*
- *a new tongue to tell the message of Jesus to all who have never really heard it;*
- *a new heart to share the love of Jesus with all who have never experienced it."*

God Bless You, Fr Pierre



*P.S. Get a subscription to "Magnificat". Most of the above quotes come from issues of the monthly missal "Magnificat".*

**PARISH NEWS**

**JR. YOUTH MINISTRY (gr 6-8) – PARENT IMPACT**

Do you love your mother? How about your father? How is your relationship with them? Can it be better? It's not fun when we don't get along with our parents and nobody wins. Join the Jr. Youth Ministry as we look for ways to improve our relationships with our parents. Talks, movie clips, games, music, fellowship, pizza and more. Don't miss out! Monday, May 24 at 6:30pm in the Church Basement.



**CONCERT - GRACE & GRATITUDE**

St Mary's Youth Ministry presents the PS98 band in the Gospel Concert, "Grace & Gratitude" on **Saturday, May 29 at 7:30pm**. The concert will be here at St Mary's and the tickets are \$10. You can get your tickets from the parish office and/or in the church foyer before the concert. Proceeds from the concert will benefit St. Mary's Youth Ministry'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.



**PARISH NEWS**

**WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR STORY**

Do you have a testimony to share to encourage others on their faith journey? If so we want to hear from you. One of the objectives of our Pastoral Council is to increase adult faith education on human sexuality. To deepen our understanding on Human Sexuality and to help us with that goal we will be hearing testimonies from people whose understanding of the beauty of the human sexuality has had an impact on their lives. So if you would like to share your story please contact Arda at the parish office to get details and to obtain testimony guidelines. Call 604-435-9611 ext.6.

**DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF PASTORAL COUNCIL?**

Our parish needs Christian leadership to help make decisions about our pastoral life and growth. If you feel that you have what it takes to enable us to develop our sense of Evangelization, Worship, Word, Service, Community, Stewardship and Leadership, then please contact the parish office to find out more about this leadership opportunity and to obtain an application form. The form is also available online at [www.stmarysvancouver.ca/node/4540](http://www.stmarysvancouver.ca/node/4540)

**INTERGENERATIONAL HEALING SERVICE**

Fr Bill Comerford will present an "Intergenerational Healing Service" and "Healing the Family Tree" on **Friday, June 4** and **Friday, June 11** here at St. Mary's, starting with the 7pm mass both evenings. More details will be available in the coming weeks, so please mark your calendars.

**MARRIAGE MOVIE NIGHT**

Join us for an encore presentation of "FIREPROOF YOUR MARRIAGE" on Saturday, June 5th at 7:00pm in the church basement. **Fr Pierre will administer the renewal of vows for married couples.** The evening will wrap up with a wine and cheese, so please join us.



**2010 MARIAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE MISSION GROTTA**

Please join the Knights of Columbus in their annual Pilgrimage to the Mission Grotto on **Saturday, May 29**. Meet at 9:00am in the church parking lot; transport by carpool. At the grotto, the procession will begin at 11:30am, followed by mass at noon. After the mass, there will be potluck lunch and fellowship. Departure from the grotto at 3pm.



## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### **TALITHA KOUM 10TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER**

Please join us in our 10th anniversary celebration with a traditional native lunch and entertainment on Saturday, June 5 from 11am to 2pm in the church basement. Tickets are \$50 (\$25 tax deductible) and are available online [www.talithakoumsociety.org](http://www.talithakoumsociety.org) or Jack at 604-454-4768.

### **LIVE-IN CAREGIVER PROGRAM—FREE WORKSHOP**

There are new regulations to the Live-in Caregiver Program. Join in a free interactive workshop with a representative from Citizenship & Immigration Canada on Saturday, May 29 from 1pm to 3pm at ISS of BC Welcome House, 530 Drake Street (corner of Seymour & Drake). Please call Chit to confirm attendance: 604-684-7498 (ext 1666) or [resoquita.arma@issbc.org](mailto:resoquita.arma@issbc.org).

### **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 1-877-7-SIGNAL to order tickets.


### **CATHOLIC FORUM**

2nd Series of the Catholic Forum will feature Fr John Horgan speaking on **Tuesday, June 15 at 7pm at St. Mary's Church**. The topic will be "The Supernatural and Miraculous in Catholic Theology and Faith." Everyone is welcome.

### **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 three options: June 17 at St. Augustine's Parish, Vancouver / Oct. 18 at St. Joseph's Parish, Port Moody / Nov. 8 at St. Theresa's Parish, Burnaby. Only \$20/person. Pls. call 604.931.7211 to save your seat! Individuals MUST pre-register/pre-pay at least one week before seminar date. Time: 7pm to 10pm. Visit: [www.denisboyd.com](http://www.denisboyd.com) for more info.


## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH


**Sun. May 23:** 9:45am Willingdon Liturgy (4435 Grange Street)  
 2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
2:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)

**Mon. May 24:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm Jr Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

**Tue. May 25:** 6:30pm Prep (School)  
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

**Wed. May 26:** 8:30am Respect Life (Rectory Dining)  
 6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)  
6:30pm Prep (School)  
6:30pm YM Leaders (Rectory Library)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:20pm St Vincent de Paul (Rectory Dining)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

**Thu. May 27:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
 7:00pm Ablaze! (Church Basement)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

**Fri. May 28:** 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 29:** 12:45pm Bible Study (Church Basement)  
1:00pm Handmaids (School Gym)  
3:00pm Baptisms (Church)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)  
7:00pm Couples for Christ (School Gym)  
7:00pm CFC (Church Basement)  
7:30pm Psalm 98 Concert (Church)

## 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)**

Leaders Jason Costa and Jonquil Francis

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**YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)** E-mail: [stmarys\\_ym@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarys_ym@yahoo.com)

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: [www.saintmarysyoung.com](http://www.saintmarysyoung.com)

**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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**PASTORS & STAFF:**

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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**

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