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**Pastor's  
 Corner**

**IF ONLY I COULD UNDERSTAND YOU**

My mom and dad often complained that they could not understand me when I was a teenager. They wished that they could enter into my mind to know what I was thinking about and why! And I am sure they wished to enter into one another's minds to understand each other. But nobody can give his mind, his spirit to another. We have to guess one another's spirit by outside signs and works.

Can you imagine then, how hard it would be for us to know the mind of God, to know his innermost being, if he had not revealed himself to us? Without grace and revelation that is, without the Holy Spirit and the Word of God that Jesus gave us, we could barely know the mere existence of God. But he has given his spirit, "who explores the depths of everything, even the depths of God." (1 Corinthians 2:10).

But it does not stop here. The Church of Christ not only gives us a glimpse into God from the outside, but she even lets us enter into his inner life as love. Indeed, the Holy Spirit attests from within our hearts that we are born not of the flesh, but of God. We are truly sons and daughters of God in and through Christ. We have a place in the inner life of God, in the dancing inner circle of the trinity. We are within the embrace of the Father and of the Son.

What does the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit say to you, all in unison? "Let us be your own." They want to belong to you! The Father gives all that he is to the Son, the Son gives all he is to the Spirit. The Spirit gives all he is to you. They all agree to give themselves to you and to your brothers and sisters so that we may love one another as they do.

Will you receive them as your gifts? Will you give yourself to them so that they can live in you and you in them? If you do so, you will obtain the fulfilment of all desires. Yes, because you were created in the image of the Trinity, right at the beginning. You were called to become one with the Trinity.

*God Bless You, Fr Pierre*

**PARISH NEWS**

**YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

Do you like to play basketball? Do you want to represent St. Mary's in the Annual Inter-parish Youth Basketball Tournament? Last year our Jr. Youth Ministry Team went undefeated and won the tournament and our Sr. Youth Ministry Team represented us as well. The teams are co-ed and we need your help to repeat the success of last year. If you are interested please register with Arda so you can join one of our Youth Ministry Basketball Teams. Call 604-435-9611 ext. 6 or e-mail stmarys\_ym@yahoo.com.



**CONSECRATE YOUR FAMILIES TO THE SACRED HEART!**

On the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, you are invited to consecrate your families to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate heart of Mary and to enthrone their hearts into your homes. This consecration will be at all Sunday masses on **June 13** (including anticipated mass on Saturday, June 12). Consecration is total self dedication to our Lord's Sacred Heart; to live in union with Him by love, grace and obedience to His commandments. Quite simply, we are asking Jesus and Mary to help us lead good lives and lead us home to our Father in Heaven. There is no doubt that we are living in dangerous times, physical and spiritual dangers are all around us. We need to turn to Jesus to protect our homes and families. Kits will be distributed during the mass, and will be limited to one kit per family. St. Mary's parish is inviting you to a simple, yet very powerful way to obtain blessings and graces for you and your families. Come closer to His Sacred Heart, where you can rest and hear His loving heartbeat!



**INTERGENERATIONAL HEALING SERVICE**

Fr Bill Comerford, of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, will present two "Intergenerational Healing Services" here at St. Mary's. On **Friday, June 4**, Fr Bill will celebrate Mass at 7pm and following mass he will present a talk and teaching on "Healing the Family Tree" in the church basement. The following **Friday, June 11**, Fr Bill will hold a talk, teaching and offer a separate Mass in the church basement for Healing of The Family Tree.

**COME SAY GOODBYE TO SR. MARIE BOUCHARD**

We will say farewell to Sr. Marie Bouchard on Sunday, June 13 after the 11:15am Mass. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

**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 or email stmarys\_ym@yahoo.com.

**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).

**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.



**SMYAC COFFEE NIGHT**

With the recent controversies surrounding the Church regarding sexual abuse, how do we as Catholics make sense of it? How are we able to differentiate the **information** from the **noise**? How do we keep it from affecting our faith? Come join us on Saturday, June 5 from 7pm to 9pm in the Rectory Basement as we discuss this topic. Light refreshments will be served. For more info, please contact us at [smyac\\_team@yahoo.ca](mailto:smyac_team@yahoo.ca).



**PARISH LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Parish Library will be closed from July to August and will re-open in September. Please return all borrowed items on or before June 20. You may leave them in the "Book Return Bin" found at the library.

## PARISH NEWS

### **RCIA - BECOMING A CATHOLIC**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed for:

- Adult inquirers, that is, for the non-baptized/ baptized in other faiths (if you wish to find out more about Christianity or becoming a Catholic).
- For adult Catholics, who are baptized, but not catechized and/or did not complete the other Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion and/or Confirmation).

All are welcome, so if you are interested in the Catholic Faith or know someone who is, the RCIA program is the answer!

You may register for RCIA classes which will begin soon. For further information please contact: Carolina Prada at 604-733-3457 or carolturkia@yahoo.com.

### **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.

### **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.

## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### **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 – St. Augustine's Parish, Vancouver / Oct. 18 – St. Joseph's Parish, Port Moody/Nov. 8 – 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

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Mon. May 31:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

**Tue. Jun 1:** 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)  
7:00pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)

**Wed. Jun 2:** 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex)  
6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



**Thu. Jun 3:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm Ablaze! (Church Basement)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



**Fri. Jun 4:** 9:00am Lectio Divina/Bible Study (Rectory Dining)  
3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:45pm Healing Talk (Church Basement)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



**Sat. Jun 5:** 9:00am 2000 Hail Marys (Rectory Dining)  
11:00am Talitha Koum Lunch (Church Basement)  
3:00pm Baptisms (Church)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
7:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)  
7:00pm Marriage Movie Night (Church Basement)  
7:00pm SMYAC Coffee (Rectory Basement)

**Sun. Jun 6:** 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)**

Leaders Jason Costa and Jonquil Francis

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

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**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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