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**September 19, 2010**

**Pastor's  
 Corner**

**LOSING YOUR LIFE AWAY?**

In Vision, Fr. Mark Link, S.J., gives a contemporary version of today's parable: "Natives seized a shipwrecked sailor, took him to their village, set him on a throne, and treated him as a king. Then the sailor learned his fate. He would be king for a year and then taken to a barren island to be left as an offering to the gods. The sailor quickly devised a plan. As king, he ordered carpenters to build a boat, farmers to plant gardens on the island, and masons to construct buildings on it. That story makes a good parable of Christian life. Like the shipwrecked sailor, we know our future; and we should be preparing for it wisely. How wisely and carefully am I preparing for my future?"

Stephen Vincent Benet writes:

*Life is not lost by dying!  
 Life is lost minute by minute,  
 day by dragging day,  
 in all the thousand, small,  
 uncaring ways.*

Am I more resourceful and diligent in handling the affairs of the short life than the never ending life to come?

Here is a story of a man who used his God given talents to short change God himself, in Jesus, Fr. Mark Link S.J. writes: "In *In the Pursuit of the Great White Rabbit*, Father Edward Hays tells a story of a man who was in grave difficulty. He vowed that if God would save him, he would sell his home and give the money to the poor. But when the problem was resolved, he found himself bound by a vow that he wished he hadn't made. And so he set upon a solution. He put his home up for sale, stipulating that whoever bought it must also buy his cat. When the two items sold for \$200,000, the man kept his vow. He banked the \$199,900 (the price of the cat) and gave \$100 (the price of the house) to the poor.

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Why is it that the people of this world are much more shrewd in handling their affairs than the children of the light?"


Why? One of the reasons is that we are not really convinced of the reality of life after death. We lack hope in eternal life.

Let us pray for that faith and hope.


*God Bless, Fr. Pierre*

**PARISH NEWS**

**Sr. YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 8-12) – YOUR LOVE**

 Ke\$ha sings about love being like a drug. What does "love" really feel like? Is it like a drug or something better? Join the Sr. Youth Ministry (FLAME) as we dig deep to find out more about "love". When: Sunday, September 19 at 3:00pm. Where: Church Basement.

**Jr. YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 6-8) – FATHER SAFARI**

 We are on the hunt for fathers, in search of the perfect father. Join our hunt and find out for yourself who is the best father of all. Join us on Monday, September 20 at 6:30pm in the Church basement for an evening of music, fun, faith and of course...all you can eat pizza!!

**P.R.E.P. (CATECHISM) REGISTRATION**

For those who have not enrolled their children in P.R.E.P. classes yet, we will continue to receive registrations until the end of September – please drop by the school office from **6:30pm to 8pm** on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the month of September. **THE FOLLOWING CLASSES ARE NOW FULL: Tues. Grade 2, Grade 3, Grade 5; Wed. Grade 7.** Registration fee is \$90, and registration forms will be available in the office. **WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY MORE REGISTRATIONS BEYOND SEPT. 30, 2010.**



**ST. MARYS STREET MINISTRY**

We are collecting the following items for the homeless outreach program: Wrapped chocolate/candy (within 6 months of purchase), granola bars, tooth paste/tooth brush, hand sanitizer, socks/winter gloves. Please drop off items in the candy box in the church foyer. Thank you for your support and prayers.

**PARISH NEWS**

**HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM**

The Handmaids of the Lord, a ministry of the Couples for Christ extends an invitation to all single mature women, widowed, single moms, separated or divorced to a Christian Life Program. It is an integrated course which runs for 9 consecutive Saturdays starting Oct. 2 in the St. Mary's Gym from 10am–12 noon. This will help you renew your understanding of God's call to be able to foster a deep, loving and strong relationship with the Lord. Admission is free. Please contact Agnes Bauzon at 604-435-0297 or Mila Zipagan at 778-686-4635.

**PAKISTAN FLOOD RELIEF**

An estimated 20 million people in Pakistan are suffering due to the devastating floods in their country. They are faced with displacement, food shortages, lack of shelter, minimal clean water and diseases. Development and Peace thru Caritas Int'l & Caritas Pakistan are launching this appeal. You can help by donating to D&P: 1-888-664-3387; www.dev.org; or by cheque (indicate Pakistan Flood) to: Development and Peace 1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd. West, 3rd Floor, Montreal QC H3G 1T7.

**DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

**RELIC OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY AMIDST US**

Relic of St. John Vianney will be coming to Parishes Oct. 3 to Oct. 8. Morning and evening Mass and Confessions at each parish. For complete list of Relic viewing schedule, visit [www.rcav.org](http://www.rcav.org), click on News & Events.



**ST. JOHN BOSCO'S RELIC IS COMING**

Our Lady of Good Counsel in Surrey is pleased to announce the arrival of the holy relic of St. John Bosco on Oct. 9 and 10. For more information and details call 604-581-4141 or visit: <http://www3.telus.net/OLGC/orwww.donboscoamongus.org>.



**REFLECT ON SALT, LIGHT AND LEAVEN**

Father Abbot John Braganza, OSB, will present the too little known Post Apostolic Exhortation of John Paul II, on the Vocation and Mission of the Lay Faithful. The title of the long reflection is "Salt, Light and Leaven." The presentation will be made in the Gymnasium of the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, Oct. 2 from 10am–3pm.

## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### **BE HEALED BY THE TOUCH**

Come let the touch of Jesus heal you. Acclaimed speakers, Maria Vadia and Fr. George Montague, SM will present at Broadway Church, 2700 Broadway, Vancouver. Friday, Sept 24; 7pm to 10pm & Saturday, Sept 25, 9am to 6pm concluding with Mass at 5pm. For tickets (\$20) contact Lennie at 604-597-8227. For details visit [www.vccrs.ca](http://www.vccrs.ca).



### **MARY, MOTHER OF ALL CHRISTIANS**

Saturday, Sept 25th from 9-6pm at Chandos Pattison Auditorium, 10238-168th St. Surrey. Speakers include: Msgr. Eduardo Chavez, Postulator for St. Juan Diego of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mark Shea (noted Marian writer), Dr. Brook Herbert (scholar), Dr. Christine Jones (scholar). Concludes with Mass at 5pm. Tickets \$25 adults & \$10 students. Call 604-888-7727 or 1-877-477-7212, or [www.rpcollege.bc.ca](http://www.rpcollege.bc.ca) to order tickets.



### **KNOW WHY YOU BELIEVE**

Courses in apologetics (reasons for believing), "Basics of the Faith", & ministry formation will be offered at the Archdiocesan Fall Institute on Sept 25 at Holy Cross Secondary in Surrey, 10 am-4pm. Registration and info: [www.rcav.org/ore](http://www.rcav.org/ore), 604-683-0281.

### **SENIORS THANKSGIVING MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP**

Thursday, October 7 at St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver. Mass at 10:00am followed by a light lunch and "meet and greet" with the Archbishop. Please contact your parish office to register. Space is limited!




### **CHRISTOPHER WEST SEMINAR IN VANCOUVER**

Christopher West will talk on Oct. 2, from 8am-4pm about "Freedom to Love-Applying Pope John Paul's II "Theology of the Body" to Life & Relationships." Archbishop Miller will celebrate Mass at 8am. Call 604-270-9463; or [www.bc.cfc.ca/prolife](http://www.bc.cfc.ca/prolife).

### **FAITH IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE**

"Religious Freedom is more than freedom of worship or even freedom of worship and belief. It requires freedom to teach, preach and publicly organize." Featuring Archbishop Chaput, Bishop John Corriveau, and Dana Scallon at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Victoria, on Friday, Oct. 15-Oct. 17. Cost for Conference \$50, Banquet \$75. More info: [www.standrewscathedral.com](http://www.standrewscathedral.com).

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Sept 19:** 2:00pm Sr YM (Church Basement)
- Mon. Sept 20:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm Jr YM (Church Basement)
- Tue. Sept 21:** 6:30pm Prep Catechism (School)  
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)  
7:00pm CWL (Church Basement)
- Wed. Sept 22:** 6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)  
6:30pm PREP Catechism (School)  
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Thu. Sept 23:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Fri. Sept 24:** 9:00am Lectio Divina/Bible Study (Rectory Dining)  
3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
7:00pm CFC-FFL Youth (Rectory Basement)  
7:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:30pm CWL Trivia Night (Church Basement)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Sat. Sept 25:** 12:45pm Bible Study (Church Basement)  
3:00pm Baptism (Church)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)  
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)
- Sun. Sept 26:** 1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
1:00pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)  
6:30pm Sr YM (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 PERPETUAL HELP:**  
Wednesday 6:00pm  
**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 Of-  
fice.  
**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 / Sunday 6:30pm (*Youth Mass Bible Study*)  
**RCIA:** Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Contact the Parish Of-  
fice.  
**PREP:** Catechism Program for children attending public schools  
**TEEN PREP:** Interactive Catechism Sessions for Teens  
Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30pm to 8:00pm  
Coordinator: Erwin Mow E-mail: [stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca](mailto:stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca)  
**YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)** E-mail: [stmarys\\_ym@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarys_ym@yahoo.com)  
Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: [www.saintmarysyouth.com](http://www.saintmarysyouth.com)  
**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Principal: Ms Brenda Krivuzoff Website: [www.stmary.bc.ca](http://www.stmary.bc.ca)  
Phone: (604) 437-1312 Fax: (604) 437-1193  
**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm  
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