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**September 26, 2010**

**Pastor's  
 Corner**

**TO SEE OR NOT TO SEE?  
 HEAVEN OR HELL? HERE AND FOREVER.**

In today's parable, can you guess what is the rich man's mortal sin? I say mortal sin because he did go to hell. His sin is not that he calls the police to have Lazarus removed from his door. It is not that he accuses Lazarus of "being too lazy to find a job." It is not that he spits on Lazarus each time he passes him. The rich man did not do any of these things.

What then, is his sin? It is not that he had gained his wealth by dishonest means. The parable does not say he did so. It is not the enjoyment of his wealth. What is his sin? It is his moral blindness and his indifference to the sufferings of someone he knows by name, and could easily help. Each day he had to step over the body of Lazarus to enter his door. The moral blindness of the rich man has created a wall or gap between the poor man and himself. That gap becomes final and unbridgeable in the next life. The rich man will be sealed forever in hell. His riches had isolated him in this world from the sufferings of a human being he met every day. After death he will remain isolated from others, from the "world", from God and from his true self. All this because of the sin of indifference! For being too invested in his own self-centered interest.

Is there a person in my life that I see every day without doing anything about his/her sufferings and still pretend it is okay?

Then there is the other Lazarus, the poor of the "Global Village" that may be far from our door, but just a phone call away, just a click on the computer. Despite the sophisticated means of communication, we rarely see the poor except on the news, when some natural cataclysm happens.

In North America we live in a highly segregated society. "We are balkanized into low-scale or upscale housing developments, socially defined neighbourhoods, daycare and nursing homes, school systems, income brackets, and brand names. It is sobering to think that we live in a country (USA) where, combined, the top 400 wealthiest people have as much money as the lowest

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210 million. These poor are invisible to us." (Fr. William Bausch)

We, who are among the ten percent of the richest people in the world, owe it to the rest of humanity to do something for the other ninety percent. Notice Lazarus! And then, to the best of your ability, do something about him.

The Gospel doesn't say how Lazarus became poor. Was he the victim of a long drought, or of over-taxation. Or "the victim of a powerful landowner who cheated him out of his land, reduced him to a tenant and finally to the precarious status of a day labourer hanging out, like some of the migrant workers of today, waiting for someone to come along and hire him." (Fr William Bausch)

Can we do something for the nannies who are exploited in the greater Vancouver area?

*God Bless, Fr. Pierre*

**PARISH NEWS**

**SR. YOUTH MINISTRY & YOUNG ADULT LECTIO DIVINA**



Bible is boring, right? You probably tried to read it and gave up all confused thinking this is not relevant to your life. Or did you feel like it's a whole other language that went over your head? And yet it's God's Love Letter to us, His children. So how can we make the words of the Bible come to life and see their relevance in our own life? Easy...join the Sr. Youth Ministry, partnering with the young adults to break open the Word of God. Come and experience the power the Bible has speaking to your life. **When:** Sunday, September 26 at 6:30pm. **Where:** Church Basement.

**JR. YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 6-8) – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL JESUS**

Isn't it mind-blowing to think that GOD became a man like us? Can you imagine what He must have been like when he was your age? Come and join the Jr. Youth Ministry as we try to reflect on the miracle of Jesus' coming among us and the mystery of incarnation. **When:** Monday, September 27 at 6:30pm. **Where:** Church Basement.



**CATHOLIC FORUM**

Featuring "The New Evangelization & Mission Oriented Parishes" by Msgr. Mark Hagemoen; on Tuesday October 5 at 7pm in St. Mary's Church. Come and participate in thoughtful and engaging discussion.

**PARISH NEWS**

**IMMIGRANT SERVICES**

Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISS) is pleased to announce that it is offering settlement services to parishioners of St. Mary's. ISS services include information, orientation and referral in settlement related topics such as housing, the educational system, medical coverage, etc. It also assists live-in caregivers during their temporary work status and their transition to permanent resident status. For more details, contact Resochita C. Arma, Filipino Settlement Counselor at 604-684-7498 (ext. 1666) or email [resoquita.arma@issbc.org](mailto:resoquita.arma@issbc.org).

**CFC SINGLES FOR FAMILY & LIFE CHRISTIAN LIFE SEMINAR**

CFC SFL is a Catholic Ministry where unmarried (never been married) men and women experience Jesus Christ, know their state of life and experience true brotherhood and sisterhood having God at the center of it. There will be a Christian Life Seminar every Saturday starting Oct 2-30 from 6-9pm in the School Seminar Room. There will be 2 talks, a discussion and fellowship in every session. Unmarried men and women age 20-39 are invited to attend. CFC SFL provides a support group to help and guide the members in their state of life. For inquiries about the seminar, please contact [ourjoyinchrist@gmail.com](mailto:ourjoyinchrist@gmail.com) or call Saki 604-781-4772 or Emily 778-241-6064.

**DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

**BURNABY LIFE - CHAIN**

Annual Life - Chain 2010 is next Sunday October 3rd from 2 to 3pm on both sides of Kingsway between Imperial & Edmonds. We gather behind St Francis de Sales School for prayers and to collect the Pro-Life signs at 1:30. All are welcome!

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

The Fall Action Campaign theme is: **Water For All-Let Justice Flow** at St. Mark's College, 5935 Iona Drive on October 1-3. Friday AGM 7pm to 9pm, Saturday Workshop 9:30am to 4pm. *Guest Speaker: Pat Gillespie*, Director of Office of Evangelization, Archdiocese of Vancouver. Sunday Day of Reflection 9:30 am to 3pm. Mass at 11am. Refreshments and snacks served, bring your own lunch. Everyone welcome! For details call Cora 604-517-0029.

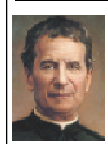
## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### **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>.

### **VATICAN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION**

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World will be on display from Oct. 1-3 at St. Anthony's Parish, 2347 Inglewood Ave., West Vancouver.; Tel: 604-926-6881.

### **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).

### **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.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Sept 26:** 1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
1:00pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)  
6:30pm Sr YM (Church Basement)
- Mon. Sept 27:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm Jr YM (Church Basement)
- Tue. Sept 28:** 6:30pm Prep Catechism (School)  
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
- Wed. Sept 29:** 8:30am Respect Life (Rectory Dining Room)  
6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)  
6:30pm PREP Catechism (School)  
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:30pm St. Vincent de Paul (Rectory Dining)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Thu. Sept 30:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Fri. Oct 1:** 9:00am Lectio Divina/Bible Study (Rectory Dining)  
6:30pm Line Dancing (School Gym)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Sat. Oct 2:** 9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)  
9:00am Handmaids (School Gym)  
3:00pm Baptism (Church)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
5:00pm CFC-SFL (School Seminar Room)  
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)  
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)
- Sun. Oct 3:** 1:00pm Youth for Christ (School Gym)  
3:00pm 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 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 / Sunday 6:30pm (*Youth Mass Bible Study*)

**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

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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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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm

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