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**Pastor's
 Corner**

THE BIRTH PANGS OF THE COSMIC-CHRIST

Almost everybody acknowledges that evil is well organized and powerful these days. Jesus is telling us in today's Gospel that this is a manifestation of the old world which refuses to let go of its power in favour of the new world. We are going through birth pangs, those waves of suffering that precede new life.

Is it the end of the world? I really don't know. But the end of my world is close. Same for you! We are always going through birth pangs! Let us not see these as death pangs. They are manifestations of a resistance to let go. In our personal lives, we can make a big difference by cooperating with the new life. We can push in sync with the baby that is coming out and let go when he lets go. The newborn is no less than the Jesus-Christ in His Mystical Body.

Let us look at some of the birth pangs in the Gospel. The first one mentioned is brought about by the many false messiahs who pretend to have authority over us, who demand our adhesion. The usual suspects are many, power, sex, reputation, success. The second birth pang is war and insurrection. In our personal lives, -and also in the lives of the Church and civil society- the forces of sin and evil don't want to surrender, even when they know the battle is lost for them. Pride, our own, and the pride of others, never wants to admit defeat. Envy and selfishness fight until the end even though it is not effective anymore. In fact, the closer their end, the more they attack! Try to figure out how these evil forces are at work in you, in your family, in your workplace.

The third birth pang mentioned in today's Gospel is the earthquake. Again we need to read this symbolically. What is the most solid thing on which you rest? The ground, the earth.

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When the earth is shaking and cracking, you experience the shaking of the foundations of your life.

This is really happening. Nothing stable is left. Truths and guidelines are relativised. It seems people have no fixed, immutable principle to govern their life journey.

The fourth birth pang is famine. When you get close to Christ, you will experience famine. The very things that used to feed you, will not feed you anymore. Only God will satisfy you. That is why we fast. We fast not only of food, but of entertainment, pleasures, power, selfishness, control...

Fr. Robert Barron inspired this reflection, my thanks to him!

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

JR. YOUTH MINISTRY (gr 6 -8) – RETURNING AGAIN



Do you know what happens when we die? What happens to your body and what happens to your soul? Why is it important to know this stuff? Come and gaze into the future to see what your life will be like after death. Join the Jr. Youth Ministry (SPARK) for a night of fun, faith, fellowship and all you can eat pizza on Monday, November 15 at 6:30pm in the Church Basement

SR. YOUTH MINISTRY & YOUNG ADULT LECTIO DIVINA



Do you have family problems, school problems or even bigger ones? Do you want to find out how to solve them? When you need guidance for your life, no one can do it better than God Himself. So where can you find this divine guidance? In His Word of course. Join the Sr. Youth Ministry and the young adults of our parish as we break open the Word of God, the Bible. Come and experience the power the Bible has speaking to your life and find the peace you have been looking for. **When:** Sunday, November 14 at 6:30pm **Where:** Church Basement.

ANNUAL SENIORS (65+) CHRISTMAS DINNER - DEC 4

Mass and Blessing for the Seniors at 11:30 am. Dinner to follow in the gym at 1:00pm. Please call and leave your name and number in your party with Eileen Hardy (604) 436-3655.



PARISH NEWS

ABLAZE PART II



Following the Ablaze series presented in the spring of 2010, we are now offering the next session titled "Ablaze Growth Seminar." This will be a nine week series offered on Tuesday evenings, 7-9pm from November 16 – 30 and January 11- February 22 (no sessions to be held in December). In order to attend, you must meet the following criteria: you have attended and completed all 8 Ablaze sessions; *or* you have completed a Life in the Spirit Seminar *or* you have been baptized in the Holy Spirit. Attendance at all 9 sessions is recommended.


CWL SPECIAL SPEAKERS NIGHT ON NOVEMBER 16TH

CWL has invited two guest speakers to their general meeting on November 16th to speak on two important topics that affect many of us. The presentation is on Alzheimer Decease and Sharing the final journey, how to help if someone you love is terminally ill or dying. Any parishioners who are interested are welcome to attend. The presentations begin at 7pm at St. Mary's school gym, each presentation will be approximately 1 hour including a question and answer period. Please come and join us for this informative session.

DEV & PEACE FALL CAMPAIGN

All across British Columbia today, Catholics are drinking to the health of accessible, public water systems for all of the world's people. The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) invites you to make a toast to the human right to water, and make a pledge to get off the bottle. Buying bottled water here in Canada promotes the privatization of a common good necessary to all life. It enables companies to enter developing countries and acquire public water sources, thus blocking access for local communities dependent on these rivers, lakes and wells. Declare every area of your life a "Bottled Water Free Zone".

CANDY DRIVE – FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Save Halloween Candies for the poor! St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Society and St. Mary's Street Ministry  are running a Halloween candy drive for the month of November. If you have any Halloween candies to donate, please drop them off in the boxes in foyer. Thank you again for your generosity.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

NOTRE DAME 7TH ANNUAL GALA

Nov 19th at the Italian Centre. Show your support to help raise funds for Phase II of the new building. Silent and live auction, dinner and dance, door prizes and raffles. Tickets: \$65. Contact Lucia DeCotiis at 604.255.5454 or ldecotiis@ndrs.org.

EXPERIENCE MARY'S CALL

An Advent Retreat at the Cenacle Nov. 27 from 9:30am-4pm. Experience Mary's call in a way you never have before, and ponder your own call during this Advent season. Refreshments and lunch provided. \$50 offering suggested. For more information call Sr. Monica at 604-266-1611.

ADVENT RETREAT AT ROSEMARY HEIGHTS

Descend from Your Heads into Your Hearts, facilitated by Sister Cecilia Hudec, SC. We are invited to descend into our hearts into stillness and attentiveness as we connect deeply with God. Saturday, Nov. 27 from 9:30am-4pm. \$68.00 includes lunch. To register, e-mail earthliterations@shaw.ca or call 250-220-4601.

JOIN THE VIGIL FOR LIFE

Archbishop Miller will lead a Vigil for Life Saturday, Nov. 27, at Holy Rosary Cathedral to begin the Advent season with prayers of thanks and protection for human life. Pope Benedict XVI has asked all the world's bishops to promote the Vigil for Life during the Advent season and to invite the faithful to pray for the unborn. The vigil will include Eucharistic adoration and will start at 7pm. See www.rcav.org for more information.

MASS FOR THE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Archbishop Miller cordially invites all college and university students including faculty to the University Students' Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral Sunday, Nov. 28, at 2:30pm. Confessions will be available at 1:45pm and a reception will follow at Holy Rosary Hall after the Mass. Visit www.oyyam.com.

PARTICIPATE IN END OF LIFE ISSUES WORKSHOP

Workshop begins with 9am. Mass, then light brunch. Talks on advance directives, nutrition, hydration, Church teaching on end of life issues and a doctor's perspective. It will end with panel discussion. Panel: Fr. William Ashley, Kit Mykyte and Susan House from the Catholic Health Association of B.C., Leah Scott, a social worker at Queen's Park Care Centre, and Dr. Howie Bright. Nov. 20 at St. Paul's, Richmond.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Nov 14: 2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
6:30pm Sr Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

Mon. Nov 15: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr YM -SPARK (Church Basement)

Tue. Nov 16: 6:30pm Prep Catechism (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Ablaze Growth Seminar (Church Basement)
7:00pm CWL (School Gym)

Wed. Nov 17: 6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)
6:30pm PREP Catechism (School)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
8:00pm Street Ministry (Rectory Basement)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Thu. Nov 18: 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Fri. Nov 19: 9:00am Lectio Divina/Bible Study (Rectory Dining)
3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:00pm Jim Murphy (Church Basement)
7:00pm CCO (School Gym)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Sat. Nov 20: 9:00am Jim Murphy (Church Basement)
9:00am Handmaids (School Gym)
12:45pm Bible Study (School Seminar Room)
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)
7:30pm ARC (Church)

Sun. Nov 21: 1:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
6:30pm Sr Youth Ministry (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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