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**Pastor's  
 Corner**

**LOVE AND POWER**

*This is a transcription and a summary of a homily of Fr. Robert Barron given in 2001.*

The earliest depiction of the Cross we have is found in what archaeologists believe was a training center for gladiators in Rome, probably for young people. It is a little bit of graffiti on the wall. It shows a crucified figure with the head of an ass. And there is a little figure prostrated at the feet and it says "The Christian worships his God." It was meant to make fun of Christians, probably of a poor Christian kid who was studying at that school. That is the strangeness of Christianity. Our God and King is a crucified criminal. The Romans found it to be a joke. That is what our Christ the King Gospel tells us today. "The leaders scoffed at Jesus saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, his chosen one!'" The soldiers also mocked Jesus...saying "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself?" The inscription over Jesus' head was meant to be ironic: "This is the King of the Jews."

How can we make sense of all this? How can the powers of this world, could be and still are— so opposed to the true kingship of God? At the beginning it was not so. Adam had received power and dominion over the world. He was allowed to name all the animals. He could legitimately exercise power and kingship as long as it was in connection with God's commands. It went wrong when Adam and Eve said "We became the criterion of our power. We with our minds, our will. How do we exercise power? The way we want to! Why do we exercise power? For our own purposes!" When they listened to the serpent, when they ate the fruit of that tree, they were saying "The ultimate point of reference of my life is no longer God and his purposes, but me and my purposes."

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At that moment says Fr. Robert Barron, their ego became like a "black hole" that draws everything to itself and lets nothing out. The world was not just for them. Everybody else existed only to satisfy their desires and purposes. That is sin.

At that moment, love and power are separated. Love is willing the good of another. In sin, I will my good, not the good of another. If you get involved, it is to satisfy me. Power is now defined as my dominion over you, over the world. The last thing the powerful person wants, is to succumb to love. Love means giving up power. It means focusing on the other. The separation of love and power is sin, But Jesus reveals that love and power coincide. In him who is God, infinite power, the one who holds everything together, becomes incarnate as love who pours out his life on the cross. The real kingly power looks like self-emptying love.

Does this work? You bet. John Paul II faced down the Communist powers, backed up by tanks and nuclear weapons. He faced it down with the power of love. This is the dynamite of the Church. This is what we celebrate on the feast of Christ the King.

*God Bless you, Fr. Pierre*

**PARISH NEWS**

**Jr. YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 6 -8) – THE OTHER CHEEK**



When someone hurts us we want to hurt them back. We want to get even. But Jesus tells us to turn the other cheek. Isn't that so unreasonable? Why should I want to forgive and forget? Join the Jr. Youth Ministry to see the surprising answer to these questions. Come for a night of fun, faith, fellowship and all you can eat pizza. **When:** Monday, November 22 at 6:30pm. **Where:** Church Basement.

**Jr. YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 6 -8) – SPARK BOWLING**

Next Monday (Nov 29) we are going to Old Orchard Lanes for a night of fun. The cost is \$10 and includes 2 hour game time, shoe rentals and transportation. The permission forms are on the website and the deadline is Wednesday, Nov 24. So hurry and don't miss out.

**ANNUAL SENIORS (65+) CHRISTMAS DINNER - DEC 4**

Mass and Blessing for Seniors 11:30am. Dinner to follow in the gym at 1:00 pm. Please register by calling Eileen 604-436-3655 or Nancy 604-437-1312. RSVP by Wednesday December 1st.

**PARISH NEWS**

**Sr. YOUTH MINISTRY (gr 8 -12) – FLAME BOWLING**



What's a weekend without the weekend fun? So get ready for some fun and join the Sr. Youth Ministry (FLAME) for bowling next Saturday (Nov 27) at REVS. Join us for an evening of knocking down pins and chatting up a storm.

Good fun, good food, good fellowship...GOOD TIMES!!! The cost is \$10 and includes 1.5hour game time + shoe rentals. The permission forms are on the website and the deadline is Wednesday, Nov 24. So hurry and don't miss out.

**RESPECT LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CAKES**

Respect Life will be selling Christmas cards and cakes this weekend, Nov 20 & 21 and next weekend, Nov 27 & 28 after all masses in the Church foyer. All proceeds are to support Pro Life. Thank you for your generosity!

**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**

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION CHRIST THE KING**

All baptized people are called to be leaders in advancing Christ's Kingdom. This is our common vocation as disciples and stewards. How are you responding to this call? Christ our King was a shepherd, a steward, and a servant leader. We too, as good stewards of our vocations, must lead others to Christ in the same way, by lovingly and humbly serving one another.



**MADONNA HOUSE**

Please join Madonna House (5450 Trafalgar St., Vancouver ) for a Morning of Recollection on Saturday, December 4 from 9:30am - noon. This will be a time of quiet reflection to help us all enter more deeply into the Advent Season. Please bring your bibles and rosaries. For more information please phone 604-267-1757 or email madonna02@shaw.ca.



## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### **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](http://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](http://www.oyyam.com).

### **HOLLY JOLLY DINNER AUCTION**

St. Francis de Sales School invites you to the 4th Annual Holly Jolly Dinner Auction Fundraiser Event on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Auction preview starts at 5:30pm, Dinner at 7pm. Enjoy a delectable dinner prepared by Dutchmen Caterers and an entertaining night with Guest Auctioneer, former Premier Bill Vander Zalm. Tickets on sale now for \$35 each or \$250 for a table of 8. Details at [www.sfds.ca](http://www.sfds.ca), 604-434-1328 or [sfdshollyjolly@gmail.com](mailto:sfdshollyjolly@gmail.com).

### **YOUNG ADULTS, JOIN THE SUMMIT**

Eucharistic Adoration - an evening of praise, worship, reflection, reconciliation and adoration. Catholic Christian Outreach hosts the Summit each month to gather young adults together to encounter Jesus. Dec. 4 at 7:30 pm at St. Paul's, Richmond. Join the CCO this Advent in preparation to welcome Jesus.

### **EXPERIENCE MARY'S CALL**

Advent Retreat at the Cenacle Nov. 27 from 9:30-4 pm. 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 info call Sr. Monica at 604-266-1611.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO VISIT CATHOLIC SHRINES IN ITALY**

Includes 6 nights in Rome and 2 nights in San Giovanni Rotondo, Assisi and Florence. Join Fr. Geddes from Holy Family Parish on this pilgrimage. Departs Feb 20, 2011 and returns Mar 5, 2011. Contact Susan Kotnik at 604-465-6911.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sun. Nov 21:** 1:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)  
2:00pm YFC (Church Basement)  
6:30pm Sr Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

**Mon. Nov 22:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm Jr YM -SPARK (Church Basement)

**Tue. Nov 23:** 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)

**Wed. Nov 24:** 8:30am Respect Life (Rectory Dining)  
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)  
7:30pm St. Vincent de Paul (Rectory Dining)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



**Thu. Nov 25:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm Pastoral Council (Rectory Dining)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



**Fri. Nov 26:** 9:00am Lectio Divina/Bible Study (Rectory Dining)  
3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:00pm CFC-FFL Youth (Rectory Basement)  
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



**Sat. Nov 27:** 9:00am Handmaids (School Gym)  
12:45pm Bible Study (Church Basement)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)  
3:00pm Baptisms (Church)  
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

**Sun. Nov 28:** 2:00pm Light of Jesus (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 6:00pm (*Young Adult 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)

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)

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

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**PASTORS & STAFF:**

**Pastor** Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P.

**Assistant Pastor** Fr. Gabriel de Chadarevian, O.P.

**Executive Assistant to Pastor** Vesna Jankovic

**Office Manager** Ossie Fernandes

**Youth Ministry/Volunteer Coordinator** Arda Akoglu