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**Pastor's
 Corner**

**HAVE YOU RENOVATED YOUR
 KITCHEN LATELY?**

What a strange way to prepare for Christmas! The liturgy speaks to us of an ending of the world, comparing it to the great flood that came suddenly during the days of Noah, breaking and killing everything on its way, except those in the ark. Christ coming like a thief who breaks into our life. Can God do such "evil" things? Is he revengeful? Is he that angry?

No, God is always good. But we experience his actions in a negative way because we are sick. Two comparisons, two images will help us understand this. The miners who spent weeks buried underground got so used to the darkness that they became incapable of bearing the sun's light. That God-given light became very painful. They had to be exposed progressively to it, until it felt natural again. We get so used to the darkness of sin in our personal lives and in the life of our civilization that God's truth becomes painful and overwhelming. We think God is making excessive demands on us, but He is in reality giving us the greatest gift of life and truth. The saints know this.

Have you renovated your kitchen recently? I mean a thorough renovation, not just patch work. This is the second image. To radically renovate, you have to break everything in your kitchen, the counter, the cupboards, the sink. For a while, your kitchen looks like a dump. Then you clean and rebuild anew. That is what will happen at the end of the world. Even the physical world will be transformed! But don't be fooled by the apocalyptic language. The physical breakdown is mostly a symbolic language meant to speak of the human, and social readiness of our personal spiritual lives and the organization of the human community, all this broken and reshaped according to God. Then God will be the greatest good for each and for all. All will be unified by its living relationship with Christ. Will it be painful? Yes, the more we will have to die to our human ego, the harder it will be.

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Christ is saying, "Don't wait until you die, or until the end of time." In either case, there will be a purgatory. The idea is to live the paschal mystery right now! Will some people be punished and sent to hell? It seems very likely, when we listen to Jesus' preaching in the Gospel. But even there, God is Love, He is not punishing them but protecting them with His love! Yes, it is out of mercy that God "created" hell! Those people who became people of the dark throughout their lives have become incapable of withstanding God's love. They hate it. All they want is to be protected from God's love. They are mistaken, but this is what they want, as a result of their previous life choices. Do you want to be among them?

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

"Endurance is the ability to bear a hard thing long enough to let God turn it into glory." (adapted from Philip Yancey)

PARISH NEWS

YOUTH MINISTRY COLLECTION



Dear parishioners, next week there will be a second collection to support the work of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry of our Archdiocese. Youth ministry in our Archdiocese continues to grow, as evidenced by the number of parishes with youth ministry programming, and the number of participants at diocesan events and training opportunities. Parishes with youth ministry programming, such as our parish, will receive a rebate from this collection. Please be generous in supporting the youth of our parish and diocese.

NEW WINTER ITEMS FOR THE HOMELESS



St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Society and St. Mary's Street Ministry need really warm stuff – winter gear including hats, gloves, socks, scarves, ear muffs, toques, etc. We will be collecting donations of **NEW** winter items during the month of December as part of our outreach program for the homeless. Please drop your donations into the box in the foyer marked "**Socks, Gloves, Scarves and Toques**". **Please note that we are NOT collecting any other clothing at this time.** Again we thank you in advance on behalf of the poor, with your generosity we will have another great year.

PARISH NEWS

2011 SUNDAY ENVELOPES

The 2011 envelopes are now ready to be picked up from the Church basement; please do so as soon as possible. Envelopes that are not retrieved will be reassigned to someone else. You will notice your envelope number changes every year, as assigned by the computer program. **Therefore it is vital that you do not use any other envelopes as of January 1, 2011, other than the 2011 box you have just claimed.** Do not "lend" your envelopes to other family members, friends or visitors; there are visitor envelopes in the church foyer available for this purpose.

CANDY DRIVE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

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

CATHOLIC FORUM

Invites you to explore: "Does the Marriage Tribunal still matter?" with Msgr. Lopez-Gallo, on Tuesday, December 7th at 7pm in the Church. Everyone is welcome.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2010

Thanks to many generous donations, we have collected \$5,170 from the second collection 2 weeks ago, and with these additional contributions we are now at \$84,170. Not only have we reached the parish target, but we will receive a rebate to assist in the kindergarten development project. Please continue to drop off donations through the Sunday collection basket; you have until end of December to claim the donations for your 2010 income tax. Thank you again for your generosity.

2011 CALENDARS

Thank you to Oliveira Funeral Home for supplying 2011 calendars for our parishioners. Please take one home, one per family.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

PRO-LIFE MASS & VIGIL.

Peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children & their parents. Saturday December 4, 2010. 9:00am Mass at St. Edmund's Parish, 545 Mahon Ave, North Vancouver. Followed by Vigil at Lion's Gate Hospital.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

L'ARCHE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

In recognition of the International Day of the Disabled, L'Arche Greater Vancouver presents their Christmas Concert featuring Corpus Christi Chamber College Choir on Friday, December 3 at 7:30pm. Concert and reception at St. Margaret's Anglican Church (1530 East 22nd Ave, Vancouver). Free admission with an opportunity to donate to L'Arche. All are welcome. RSVP to Amanda Wong: development_assistant@larchevancouver.org or 604.435.9544 ext 33.

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, 604-434-1328 or 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.

THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE LIKENESS OF GOD

Theology of the Body: "The human person, in the image and likeness of God" according to Pope John Paul II. Come and discover God's original design for us, our call to holiness, and our destiny with him in heaven. Fr. Alan Boisclair will present an 11 week course, starting Jan. 12 at St. Andrew's Parish, Vancouver or Jan. 13 at Christ the Redeemer Parish, West Vancouver. The cost is \$50 and includes the textbook "Man and Woman, He Created Them - A Theology of the Body." For info: www.rcav.org

PROJECT BROTHERHOOD

Do you want to help our brothers and sisters in great need in Mexico? Join Project Brotherhood in a missionary opportunity to help the needy in Mexico from July to July 29, 2011. For info contact Mario at 604-537-2311, 604-589-2870 or gardunom@projectbrotherhood.com. Registration deadline is January 31, 2011.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Nov 28: 2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
6:30pm Sr Youth Ministry (Church Basement)

Mon. Nov 29: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr YM -SPARK (Church Basement)

Tue. Nov 30: 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. Dec 1: 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex)
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)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Thu. Dec 2: 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Fri. Dec 3: 9:00am Lectio Divina/Bible Study (Rectory Dining)
3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Sat. Dec 4: 9:00am 2000 Hail Marys (Rectory Dining)
11:30am Seniors Anointing Mass (Church)
12:45pm Bible Study (Church Basement)
1:00pm Seniors Christmas Lunch (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
5:00pm KOC Christmas Party (Church Basement)
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)

Sun. Dec 5: 9:30am Handmaids (School Gym)
2:00pm Youth for Christ (School Gym)
6:30pm Sr YM - FLAME (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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