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**Pastor's
 Corner**

DEALING WITH YOUR ANGER

Anger is by far the most confessed sin. And you don't need to be a priest in the confessional to know that there is a lot of anger, a lot of verbal and even physical violence in our world. Everywhere, whether you drive your car, or at the workplace, in the family, at sports, in the movies, even in the Church. What can we do about it?

Jesus invites me to look inside myself to find the source of my violent words and actions. He is telling me that my own violence is born from hidden resentments and fears. That brother is annoying me! Why? Maybe I am jealous of him, or I feel threatened by him, or resentful of him. Those feelings simmer in me. They slowly infect my mind. They become a dangerous preoccupation, that is susceptible to be expressed in violent words, and sooner or later in actions that break my relationship with my brother. I could even say to my brother, "I wish you had never been born."

When you get there, it is time for you to realize that God loves that brother as much as He loves you! In fact, with the very same infinite love with which He is loving Jesus Christ Himself. Actually, God the Father is right now loving your enemy, as much as He is right now loving you. Of course, He is not loving the wrong that your enemy is doing to you. He is not loving the hatred you have for your enemy.

So, what can you do about your anger? In prayer, go to the very centre of your being where you are loved by God, remember that love, celebrate that love. Through that love, you are connected to everybody in the universe, even that brother that so irritates you. Pray that you may love him, and wish him well as much as God does.

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Here is another practical tip: tell yourself that this brother who is making you angry, wants just like you, to be happy and wants just like you to avoid pain. By doing so, you stop looking at his external behavior and reach to the inside of that brother's interiority. And you may recognize yourself there. For example, when I see a car driver cutting me off from the right at a traffic light, I remember that just like me, he may be late for work, or rushing for an emergency. Just like me, he doesn't want the shame of being late one more time.

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

Jr. YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 6 - 8) – BE MY VALENTINE



It's Valentine's Day! Flowers, cards, cookies and chocolates...all for those we love, and of course a little for us! Join the Jr. Youth Ministry as we celebrate Valentine's Day in style and fun. When: Monday, February 14 at 6:30pm Where: Church Basement.

A NEW SPIRIT IS BLOWING THROUGH

St Mary's Prison Outreach invites all members and anyone interested in visiting the youth at Burnaby Youth Correction Services to a very important meeting on Friday Feb. 18th at 7pm in the School Seminar Room. There will be a short film by Larry Lynn. Any questions, please contact Eileen Hardy 604-436-3655.

DISCIPLESHIP SERIES

Would you like to deepen your life of faith, prayer, fellowship and love of neighbor? In the Discipleship series program, small groups of 5-12 parishioners will meet and reflect on themes from the Gospels. If you are interested in being part of a group, simply fill out a sign up sheet in the foyer.

BC CHRISTIAN MEDITATION RETREAT

The BC Christian Meditation Community is holding a retreat of silent prayer and reflection on Saturday, February 19 at St. Mary's Church Basement. Fr. Jerry D'Souza, Pastor of St. Edmund's Parish will speak about "Going Deeper - Meditation and Interiority". There will also be a presentation entitled "Silence and Self", followed by group discussion. Everyone is invited, meditators and non-meditators alike. Registration 9am-9:30am. Retreat 9:45am-4pm with noon break for lunch and mass. Bring your own lunch, refreshments served. Donations welcome.

PARISH NEWS

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



St. Mary's School will be selling Purdy's chocolate heart lollipops and almond bars in the vestibule after the February 12 & 13 Masses. Proceeds will go towards resources for our new Kindergarten classroom. Thank you for your support!

COUPLES FOR CHRIST CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

Couples for Christ invites all married couples, widowed and separated Catholics to a Christian Life Program that starts on February 19, at 7pm at St Mary's Church basement. Fellowship and free light snacks follow. Couples for Christ is a private international Catholic association of the faithful of Pontifical Right issued last April 25, 2005. We are a charismatic community committed to the work of global evangelization, particularly the renewal of Christian couples. The key elements of Couples for Christ spirituality include charismatic worship, group sharing and intercessory prayer, and a special love for the poor. The program is free but pre-registration is requested. To register or inquire, please call: Elhy & Jona-604-782-4802; Bobby & Myra-604-454-0342 or Agu & Anna-778-397-1867.



SINGLES FOR CHRIST CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

Are you ready for life's next hurdle? CFC Singles for Christ invites you to a Christian Life Program starting on February 19th-April 23rd, in St. Mary's School Gym from 1:30 to 4:30pm every Saturday. SFC is a family ministry of Couples for Christ: A Catholic Single Ministry that provides a supportive environment for single men and women ages 20 and above. Pastoral care offered guides singles in a state of life discernment either called for marriage, single blessedness or religious vocation. For more info, email sfc.vancouver@gmail.com or call Marco 778-317-5181;/Richard 604-716-6533/Regz 778-919-8921/Anna 604-551-6814.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY IN FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Do you have a vehicle and are you free one Tuesday per month, from 5:15 to 6:45pm? Collingwood Neighbourhood House needs volunteers to pickup leftover bread from Cobs Bakery at Brentwood Mall and deliver it to the centre. For more information call Edward at 604-861-6708.



PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE 2010

Kudos to all parishioners of St. Mary's and in particular to those who contributed to this year's campaign. Your generous donations made it possible for us to achieve our parish goal of \$86,000. To date the contribution is at \$91,000 which enables the parish to cover the administrative expenses as well as receive a rebate for the parish. The rebate will go toward the development of the St. Mary's Kindergarten classroom. This year's participation rate was 16.7%. We are pleased with this number but we would certainly be delighted to see a higher percentage in Project Advance 2011. Thank you for your generosity.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

Inspired by the life of Saint Ignatius, this 6-week course introduces students to the essentials of Ignatian spirituality. Topics include discovering God's voice in daily life, Ignatian contemplation, guidelines for discerning life choices, and nurturing a faith that leads to justice. Instructor: Fr. Elton Fernandes, SJ. 6 Thursdays from 10am to 12pm, March 10 to April 14, at St. Mary's Parish. Cost \$50.00. For more information, email: continuinged@stmarkscollege.ca.

LOVE, BUILD AND LIVE

Love the Learning. Build the Friendships. Live the Faith. If you are a woman interested in understanding the mission of women in today's Church, you are invited to an information evening to learn more about ENDOW - Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women. ENDOW educates and inspires women through small study groups using documents of the Church. Please join Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB on Feb. 18, 7-9pm at the Italian Cultural Centre Room #5 for an information evening to learn more about this new initiative. There is no charge but preregistration is required. Call 604-443-3220.

TALK BY JIM MURPHY

Jim Murphy is coming Mar. 4 & 5. His topics: Is Holiness achievable, Obstacles to Holiness, Why Holiness is Essential and the Fruit of Holiness in Our Lives. Both days begin with Mass: Friday 7pm and Saturday 9am at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, 7455 10th Ave Burnaby. Info: Vern 604-460-0114 or www.vccrs.ca.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Feb 13 : 1:00pm Migrant Workshop (Church Basement)
1:00pm CFC-FFL Youth (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
6:30pm Young Adult bible Study (Rectory Dining)

Mon. Feb 14: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr. YM-SPARK (Church Basement)

Tue. Feb 15: 6:30pm Prep Catechism (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm CWL (Church Basement)

Wed. Feb 16: 5:00pm L'Arche Mass (7401 Sussex)
6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)
6:30pm Prep Catechism (School)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Rectory Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Thu. Feb 17: 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm Pastoral Council (Rectory Dining)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Fri. Feb 18: 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:00pm CCO (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC-SFL (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Sat. Feb 19: 9:00am Christian Meditation (Church Basement)
10:00am Handmaids (School Gym)
1:30pm CFC-SFC (Seminar Room)
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)
6:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

Sun. Feb 20 : 10:00am Handmaids (School Gym)
2:30pm Liturgy Committee (Rectory Dining)
6:30pm Sr. YM FLAME (Location TBD)

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, see website or contact 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 (*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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