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**Pastor's
 Corner**

**REMAINING GOOD WHEN LIFE
 TURNS BAD!**

While he was being acclaimed by a huge crowd of people that gathered along each side of the street he was walking on, Gandhi knew he could be murdered any time by his political enemies. A shot was fired from a nearby bystander. Gandhi felt the bullet entering his body. Immediately, he extended his hands in a sign of forgiveness to his enemy and then collapsed to his death. The Lord's command on forgiveness of the enemy was so deeply rooted in his heart that, knowing he had been mortally wounded, he took his last second of life in this world to forgive his enemy! Would you have the same instant reflex if you were just about to die at the hands of your enemy? Such an evangelical reflex is possible only for those who have practiced the Gospel in much easier daily circumstances, so often and so consistently that the word of God becomes drilled into their hearts.

Not convinced? Here is another example. One day, Gandhi was boarding a moving train. One of his sandals slipped off of his feet and fell alongside the railroad track. He did not have any way to get it back. Immediately, Gandhi took off his other sandal and threw it next to the lost one. When asked why, he replied: "So that the poor man who finds it may have a pair!" Thinking about the good of the other had become a habit.

Gandhi was like those rabbis who put the words of God in their heart and soul, and "bind them as a sign on their hand" (First Reading.) He was like the wise man of today's Gospel who hears the words of Jesus and acts daily on them. When the rain falls, when the floods come, when the winds blow and beat against him, he does not fall, because he is grounded on rock, because he is rooted in God. He is linked, heart to heart, to the Creative Power of the Cosmos. His life is always in the process of being shaped by God.

Pastor's Corner Continued...

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This is how you want to live.
This is how you want to die.
This is how you want to live eternally.

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

(The measure of my belief is this: The extent to which I put it into practice.)

PARISH NEWS

Jr. YOUTH MINISTRY (gr 6 - 8) – TRUTH OF THE MATTER



How do you know what you know? And how do you know what you know to be true is the truth itself and not a lie? The truth of the matter is that we can't know unless we are told by someone who knows....confused yet?? Join the Jr. Youth Ministry to dispel the clouds and to learn the truth of the matter. Join us on Monday, March 7 at 6:30pm in church basement.

PENNIES FOR HEAVEN

The Knights of Columbus St. Mary's council is again appealing for your generous donation to our Annual PENNIES FOR HEAVEN drive in the Church foyer in March and April. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charity Foundation in support of Vocations to the Priesthood.

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. Six Thursdays from 10am-12pm, March 10-April 14, St. Mary's Church Basement. Cost \$50. For more information, email: continuinged@stmarkscollege.ca.

A GENTLER AND KINDER WORLD FOR OUR CHILDREN

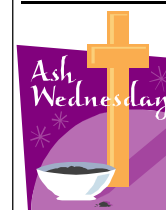
St. Mary's former pastor, Fr. Vincent Travers, O.P., will present: "Cherishing and Protecting Children" on Tuesday, March 15 at 7pm in the Church. This is a seminar for anyone who is interested in creating a world where only good things happen to children and vulnerable adults. After the presentation there will be time for anyone who wishes to raise issues of concern.

PARISH NEWS

ST. MARY'S LENTEN MISSION

"Eucharistic Principles of the Spiritual Life", by Fr. Emmerich Vogt, O.P. on Monday, March 7 and Tuesday, March 8. There are 2 conferences, the morning conference is from 8:45am-10am & the evening conference is from 7pm-8:15pm. The morning & evening conferences are the SAME, offered twice for your convenience. Fr. Emmerich will also take half hour appointments on Monday, March 7 and Tuesday, March 8 between 11am and 5pm. Appointments are booked through the parish office. Please see the poster in the Church foyer for more details.

ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 9



Mass times will be: 8am, 9:30am (School Mass), 5pm & 7pm, with a separate Prep Liturgy at 6:45pm in the School Gym. Due to crowding at the 7pm Mass, we encourage as many people as possible to attend the earlier masses. PREP parents are reminded to pick up their children in the BACK parking lot after class on Ash Wednesday due to the Mass in the church. (The PREP celebration will be in the gym.)

ASH WEDNESDAY - FAST AND ABSTINENCE

The Church prescribes fasting (only one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not greater than a full meal) and abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday. Catholics aged 18-59 are bound to fast; those 14-59 to abstinence. Those who are ill are freed from these obligations. Everyone, even those above the age of 59, are encouraged to fast and abstain. For people who can't fast because of age or medical reasons, try fasting from T.V, the Internet, secular reading, unnecessary activities and spend the time in prayer and spiritual reading.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Beginning on Friday, March 11th, the first Friday of Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:30pm.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, May 1, the Beatification of John Paul II. Eucharistic Celebration at 2:30 p.m. at the Holy Rosary Cathedral followed by a reception in Rosary Hall. More details soon.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

COME AND REST AWHILE RETREAT

A retreat by Madonna House for all in need of spiritual renewal, especially weary pro-lifers, to be held Mar. 26- 8:30am-4pm at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, 3690- 152nd Street, Surrey. Retreat consists of conferences, Mass, Confession and Stations of the Cross. Cost is \$35/person includes coffee break and lunch. To register call the Respect Life Office at 604-443-3220. Deadline is Mar. 21.

CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP

Discern your God-given spiritual gifts! Discern your call! Workshop offered by professional presenters from the Catherine of Siena Institute on Friday, Mar. 25, 7:30pm - 9:30pm and Saturday, Mar. 26, 9:30am - 4pm., simultaneously at St. Joseph's Parish, Mission and St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver. Materials, coffee breaks and lunch on Saturday included in the cost of \$49. For more information and to register: call the Stewardship Office at 604-683-0281 or visit www.rcav.org/stewardship.

THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE LIKENESS OF GOD

Theology of the Body is John Paul II's teaching on love, life and human sexuality. 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 Apr. 26 at St. Francis Xavier's Parish, Vancouver and Apr. 28 at St. Monica's Parish, Richmond. The cost is \$50, includes the textbook "Man and Woman, He Created Them-Theology of the Body." Visit www.rcav.org/tob for more information and registration.

CHABC BURSARIES

The Catholic Health Association of BC will be awarding two bursaries valued at \$250 each to two 2011 graduating students. Students are asked to submit a 500 word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of Spirituality in Health Care. Submissions must be received on or before March 31. For details, check the website at chabc.bc.ca under upcoming events.

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriage. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. For info or to register for the weekend of April 8-10, call 604-530-6710 or email vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Mar 6:** 1:00pm CFC-FFL Youth (Rectory Basement)
1:00pm Youth For Christ (Church Basement)
- Mon. Mar 7:** **8:45am Lenten Mission (Church)**
6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr. YM-SPARK (Church Basement)
7:00pm Lenten Mission (Church)
7:00pm Lay Apostle (Rectory Dining)
- Tue. Mar 8:** **8:45am Lenten Mission (Church)**
6:30pm Prep Catechism (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Lenten Mission (Church)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Ablaze Growth (Church)
- Wed. Mar 9:** **ASH WEDNESDAY (Fast & Abstinence)**
8:00am Mass
9:30am School Mass
2:00pm Willingdon Mass (4435 Grange)
5:00pm Mass
6:30pm Prep Catechism (School)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:30pm Street Ministry (Rectory Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Mar 10:** 10:00am Ignatian Spirituality (Church Basement)
5:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. Mar 11:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:00pm CFC-SFL (Rectory Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Mar 12:** 10:00am Handmaids (School Gym)
1:00pm Discipleship (Church Basement)
1:30pm CFC-SFC (Rectory Basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)



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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