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**Pastor's
 Corner**

**WHY DO WE KEEP FIGHTING EVER
 SINCE THE FALL?**

People keep asking, "Why self-abuse is a sin? It does not hurt anyone! Why is internet pornography a sin? It does not hurt anyone?" The answer to that is, "Inevitably, you will end up acting it out. But before you do it consciously, your relations with yourself and with others will be changed. You will want to use others for your own satisfaction, whether it is pleasure, power, glory. You will disrespect people and God in your life. At first, you will not be aware of it. When you will be, damages will have already been done."

Today's first reading about the fall gives us an insight into this. The Evil one tempts Adam and Eve to eat the forbidden fruit on the tree of knowledge of good and evil. What does it mean? It is about wanting to grasp God's unique privilege of deciding what is good and what is evil. It is not so much a privilege but a consequence of His being. He created everything. The natural law of the Universe and of our conscience is a reflection of the Eternal Law. This Eternal Law is His very mind. Therefore we have to obey our conscience and the natural law because this is how we are created and this is how everything works together. The devil wants Adam and Eve, and all of us, to believe that God is jealous of us, that he does not want us to be fully alive. Therefore he encourages us to grasp the fruit, to decide for ourselves what is good and what is evil. He wants to use our human free will, to make up our own criteria for good and evil. Basically he wants us to usurp the place of God, to be God, to be the center of the Universe.

Each time we sin, we fall into and entertain the deception of the Evil one, the illusion that obeying God will rob us of our happiness. We become addicted, and use our desire for pleasure, power, and glory as the criteria for our behavior.

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We use others for our personal purposes. And others respond to us by doing the same. We start the fight. Two gods, two centers of the Universe cannot coexist. They both want to occupy the same place. To use others without being used themselves by others. True love becomes impossible. To love one another is to help one another to surrender to what is greater than us: God. To love is to serve the purpose of God and the purpose of the Universe as God wants it.

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

For more check out: wordonfire.org, sermons 531 & 370

PARISH NEWS

Jr. YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 6 - 8) – FUN TIME



There is a time to study, and a time to learn but then there is a time to have fun and a time to play. It's time for Jr. Youth Ministry to play so join us on Monday, March 14 for a night of fun and fellowship in the church basement at 6:30pm. Bring a friend if you can.

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.

ANNUAL YARD SALE

The sale will take place on April 30th and is sponsored by our Respect Life group to help women in distress. Your donations of goods (tools, books, dishes, toys, etc) would be greatly appreciated, but NO CLOTHING please. Items may be dropped off in the large box in the church foyer starting next week.

CORNERSTONE AT ST. MARY'S PARISH

Join Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) on Friday, March 18 at 7:30pm in St. Mary's Church Basement for a monthly gathering of young adults and a guest speaker. Music provided by Kevin Eng (Coordinator of Music Ministry at St. Mark's College) More info: 604-822-4463 /email stmarks.campusministry@gmail.com or vancouver.cco.ca/2010/04/29/cornerstone.

PARISH NEWS

LENTEN PRAYER AND FASTING

Fr. Pierre and Fr. Gabriel invite all parishioners of St. Mary's to join the Lenten Prayer and Fast. In the foyer you will find sign-up sheets for fasting, and prayer pamphlets to accompany you in your fast. We encourage everyone to participate.

PENNIES FOR HEAVEN

The Knights of Columbus St. Mary's council is appealing for your generous support to our Annual Pennies for Heaven Drive. We will be collecting in the Church foyer during March and April. All proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charity Foundation in support of Vocations to the Priesthood.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES

Have your loved ones stopped practicing the faith? Do they no longer believe in God? Then this seminar by Vernon Robertson is for you. It will be at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Burnaby on Apr. 9th from 9:45am to 4pm. To pre-register and for a free manual (for participants) email: varobertson@shaw.ca; phone: 604-460-0114.

INFO MEETINGS ON PERMANENT DIACONATE

Archbishop J. Michael Miller and Monsignor Gregory Smith will be conducting information meetings on the Permanent Diaconate on Mar. 15 at 7:30pm at St. Helen's Parish, 3860 Triumph St., Burnaby and on Apr. 2 at 2pm at St. Andrew Kim Parish, 10222 – 161st St., Surrey.

3-DAY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

To the National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother in Portland, Oregon April 8-10. Father Peter Chiang will be the chaplain for this Retreat. Info, brochure, or registration please call Sampaguita Travel Bureau (604) 874-9533 ext. 105 or Lennie (604) 594-7296 or lennieptl@telus.net.

GRACE THAT REIGNS:

Jacqueline Loh will be offering two Lenten Healing Missions on the theme "*The Word Made Flesh.*" Mission 1: April 8th -7:30pm & April 9th– 9am at St. Joseph the Worker in Richmond with Fr. David Poirier S.A.(Franciscan Friar.) Mission 2: April 16th - 9am at St. James in Abbotsford B.C with Fr. George Varghese. For details please visit: www.GracethatReigns.com.

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 13:** 2:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study (Rectory Dining)
- Mon. Mar 14:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr. YM-SPARK (Church Basement)
- Tue. Mar 15:** 6:30pm Prep Catechism (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Fr Vincent Talk (Church)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Ablaze Prayer Group (Church Basement)
- Wed. Mar 16:** 5:00pm L'Arche Mass (7401 Sussex)
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)
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- Thu. Mar 17:** 10:00am Ignatian Spirituality (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm Pastoral Council (Rectory Dining)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Fri. Mar 18:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:00pm CFC-SFL (Rectory Basement)
6:00pm CCO (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)
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- Sat. Mar 19:** 9:45am Bible Study (Church Basement)
10:00am Handmaids (School Gym)
1:30pm CFC-SFC (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)
3:00pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
- Sun. Mar 20:** 1:00pm Migrant Workshop (Church Basement)
2:00pm CFC-SFL (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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