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Pastor's
Corner

**FIRST, CHANGE THE WAY YOU SEE
YOURSELF**

Do you have binocular vision? We need to have one eye focused on the presence of sin in us— the original sin, and one eye focused on the image of God in us. If we don't see these two aspects of ourselves, we run either into discouragement or prideful illusion. Let me quote one of my mentors, Fr. Robert Barron:

"Sin is nothing but the corruption of what remains essentially good, namely the awakening to freedom and responsibility... We do indeed need a saviour (and not simply a teacher), but there remains in us something to be saved. Finding that quality, that light, that divine spark is essential to the process of metanoia (conversion)".

Robert Barron, *And Now I see...A Theology of Transformation* (New York: The Crossroad Publishing Company, 1998), p 54.

Last week, we saw in the Gospel about the Samaritan woman at the well, that original sin distorted our will, our desires, our thirst for God. But the thirst is still there. It needs to be reoriented. For this to happen, we need to see more clearly God, ourselves and the world. Original sin has clouded our vision. We were all born blind through original sin, spiritually blind.

Like the apostles in today's Gospel, who are looking to blame the man born blind, asking Jesus who is responsible for that, we too tend to blame other people who don't belong to our "in group". Like the Pharisees, we build the identity of our "in group", by accusing those outside. But this affects the very way we see ourselves and God. We see it happening in today's Gospel. The Pharisees get more and more angry at Jesus and shut themselves out of his Saving Power. They become increas-

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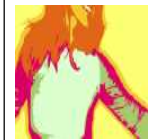
On the other hand, the man born blind starts to see Jesus as a man "who healed me", then as a Prophet, then as a Man of God and from God, finally the Son of Man, and he worships Him...In that process, he sees himself as someone worthy to be healed by a man, that as someone being worthy of the attention of a Prophet, finally as someone to whom God talked and healed, someone for whom God is longing.

His anger towards the Pharisees who excluded him is about to be transformed into compassion and a desire to evangelize them. May you see yourself in that light which makes you see your dignity and your calling.

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

Jr. YOUTH MINISTRY (gr 6-8) – MODDEST IS HOTTEST



When you are getting dressed or talking to your friends, if Jesus appeared right next to you, would you be OK with what you are wearing or what you just said? In our world, where the media convinces us that modesty is a thing of the past, we need to know how to live as authentic Christians. Join SPARK as we try to find out the answers to some hard questions on modesty. Join us on Monday, April 4 at 6:30pm in the Church Basement and bring a friend if you can.

Sr. YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 8-12) – GO-KART

Prepare to qualify! Start your engines and race the circuit with Sr. Youth Ministry at TBC Indoor Kart Racing on Friday, April 8 at 6:30pm. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, April 6 so be quick and don't be left behind. The cost is \$20 and the forms are available on www.marysyoung.com/forms.



4TH PARENTING WORKSHOP

The next in the series of parenting workshops: TEACHING YOUR CHILDREN VALUES: "The values that we teach our children are their best protection from peer pressure and the temptations of consumer culture. With clearly defined values, our children can make their own decisions rather than imitate their friends"(Richard & Linda Eyre). Come and learn some practical skills on how to teach your children values on Friday, April 8 at 7pm in the Church Basement. By donation please.

PARISH NEWS

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

St. Mary's Lenten Penitential Service will be on Friday, April 15, following the 7pm Mass. Please avail yourselves of this opportunity with several priests available to hear confessions.



CWL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The Catholic Women's League (CWL) invites everyone to a pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 10 from 8:30am to 1pm in the School Gym. This event is a great opportunity for ladies of all ages to meet the CWL Members and consider joining the league. Come and see for yourself what the sisterhood of faith, fun and fulfillment can do for you. All proceeds from the breakfast will go to Share Lent. So, come for a hearty breakfast and for a good cause.

MIGRANT WORKERS & FAMILY OUTREACH PROGRAM

On Sunday, April 10, from 3pm-6pm in the Church basement, our Parish is launching a new ministry called the "Migrant Workers and Families Outreach Program". Our objective is to provide a faith based support program to individual migrant workers and families that can help address some of their needs and concerns. There will be teachings, workshops, prayer gatherings, fellowship, & counselling referrals. We invite all migrant workers and families to be part of this program. We also welcome volunteers to join us in this service. There are posters and brochures available in the foyer for contact information.

CFC SINGLES FOR FAMILY AND LIFE

This community provides a supportive environment to help singles live a full and meaningful life with Christ at the center of it. SFL is a Catholic ministry where unmarried men and women experience Jesus Christ, know their state of life, and strong witnesses of God's love. If you have never been married, are 20-39 years of age, you are invited to attend a Christian Life Seminar. This seminar leads to a renewed understanding of God's call to us to be better Christians, by integrating the basics of Christianity to how it relates to unmarried individuals in today's society. The seminar is free and starts on Friday, April 8 at 7pm in the Rectory basement. This will run every Friday for 7 weeks. There will be 1-2 talks per session, a group discussion, fellowship and reception. For information/inquiries, please call Marian 778-385-5926 or email ourjoyinCHRIST@gmail.com.

PARISH NEWS

"ABLAZE" LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Get set 'ablaze' in the Spirit through a Life in the Spirit Seminar to be conducted by 'Mission Ablaze' Group of St. Mary's. Friday, April 29th -7pm to 10pm and Saturday, April 30th from 9:30am to 4:30pm. Register online at servant_ablaze2011@yahoo.ca or 604-454-3143 (pls. leave your name and contact info). Registrations forms will be available in the church foyer next weekend and more details to come in next week's bulletin.



DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

GRACE THAT REIGNS

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.

TAKE A COURSE WITH THE ARCHBISHOP!

St. Mark's College is offering a one-day course with Archbishop J. Michael Miller, "A New Mission for a New Millennium." Apr. 9 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Mark's College, 5935 Iona Drive, Vancouver. To register: continuinged@stmarkscollege.ca; 604-822-4463.

LENTEN JOURNEY- PRELUDE TO HOLY WEEK

Lent is a period of preparation for the glory of the Easter reality of Christ's Resurrection. The Catholic Women's League of St. Anthony of Padua Parish invites you to participate in an hour of journey towards Easter that transcends beyond just 40 days of isolated personal sacrifices. April 8, at 7:00pm, St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 1370 West 73rd Avenue, Vancouver.






DISCOVERING GOD'S VOICE

"Discover Intimacy with Christ Amidst the Challenges of Daily Life" with Father Elton Fernandes, SJ. Parish Lenten Retreat will be held on Apr. 13, 14 and 15 from 7-8:30pm at the Guardian Angels' Parish, 1161 Broughton Street, Vancouver. Free parking available. More information: call 604-684-5775; e-mail office_guardianangels@shaw.ca.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Apr 3:** 1:00pm Youth For Christ (Church Basement)
Mon. Apr 4: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr YM Spark (Church Basement)
7:00pm Lay Apostle (Rectory Basement)
Tue. Apr 5: 6:30pm Prep Catechism (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
6:45pm Vigil Choir (Church)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
7:30pm Ablaze Prayer Group (Church Basement)
- Wed. Apr 6:** 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)
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- Thu. Apr 7:** 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. Apr 8** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:00pm CFC-SFL (Rectory Basement)
6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:00pm Parenting Workshop (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Sat. Apr 9:** 9:45am Bible Study (Church Basement)
3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
- Sun. Apr 10:** 8:30am CWL Breakfast (School Gym)
2:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study (Rectory Dining)

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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