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**Pastor's
 Corner**

THE DISMANTLING OF SIN

Today is Palm Sunday. You will read the “S” parts during the Passion narrative. It will be hard for you to speak the words of Judas, the betrayer, those of Peter who denied even knowing Jesus; to identify with the spiritual sloth of Peter, James and John at the agony. Or to see all of the disciples running away from Jesus, after putting on a little fight. Then to say the words of the false witnesses during the “trial” at the Sanhedrin. St. Matthew portrays Jesus “as the one who journeys into sin, journeys into the land of sin, darkness and dysfunction, in order to undo it from within, in order to swallow it up with the Divine Compassion which He embodies (...) “What we see, in Matthew’s Passion of Jesus Christ are almost all the forms of human dysfunction on display. It is as though Matthew allows all these different types of darkness to come forward. As Jesus moves toward His death, following His father’s will, He is surrounded on all sides by what goes wrong with us. The point is: Jesus is drawing them out of their hiding places. They come out into public view so that He might swallow them up” (Fr. Robert Barron).

While reading the Passion narrative this Holy Week, let us try to acknowledge our participation in the sinful dysfunctional behaviours that attacked Jesus. I propose one of these, here: lies. In the Passion, the lies take the form of false witnesses. Those false witnesses proclaimed solemnly at the trial of Jesus at the Sanhedrin. There we see people lying about Jesus, making up stories about Him. They tell what the authorities want to hear.



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They do it because they hope it might affect positively their careers, because it might put them in a better light, because they don't want to be excluded from the Temple and the synagogues. We too do the same. We lie to get ahead, to make ourselves look better, to put someone else down. Let us have the courage to admit our tendency to “play fast and loose” with the truth.

What is the Good News of the Passion? “The Good News is: it is into that country of sin that Jesus has journeyed. And it is by His Infinite Mercy, made plain on the cross, that all of that sin can be swallowed up. We are meant to see our sin, yes! But we are meant also to see how it can be enveloped by this ever greater Divine Love” (Fr Robert Barron).

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

Jr. YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 6 - 8) – MARKED BY GOD

You have been marked. Marked by God that is. But why did He mark you? Are you special or something? Well maybe you are, but if you don't know why, then what good is that to you? Join SPARK for a fun-filled event where we will discover the secret of the seal and the power that it gives. Join us on Monday, April 18 at 6:30pm in the church basement. Bring a friend if you can.



YOUTH DAY 2011 – MAY 6 & 7

I can not believe a whole year has passed and it's time for Youth Day again. Yes, the highly anticipated, impatiently waited event of the year is almost here. If you have been to Youth Day before then you know what I am talking about and if you have never been there before, well this is your chance! Team up with the St Mary's Sr. Youth Ministry (grades 8-12) who will be joining hundreds of teens for an awesome weekend of faith, fellowship, and fun! Registration forms are available on the Youth Ministry web-site at www.saintmarysyoung.com under “forms” menu. Early registration deadline is April 22 (you will get a free t-shirt). Don't miss



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 29 -7pm to 10pm and Saturday, April 30 from 9:30am to 4:30pm. Register online at servant_ablaze2011@yahoo.ca or 604-454-3143 (pls. leave your name and contact info) or sign up in the foyer.



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The novena begins on Good Friday for 9 days. Those who go to confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, first Sunday after Easter will be granted complete forgiveness of their sins.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2011

Calling for volunteers! Our committee needs volunteers to assist in our campaign. If you are a new parishioner, come join us and show your support for the parish. If you have participated previously, we sure need your expertise to make this event successful. Volunteer cards are available in the church foyer; please return all cards by April 24th. There will be an information and training meeting on April 27th at 6pm at the Rectory. We look forward to working with all of you in this year’s campaign.

INTERNET SAFETY

St. Mary’s School is hosting an Internet Safety Presentation for parents with children in Grades 4-8 on April 20 at 7pm in the school gym. Today’s students face far more risks than previous generations. It is important that parents are aware of the risks and have current information, tools and resources to help make the online world a safer one for their children. Parents only please.



READY, SET, LEARN

St. Mary’s School is hosting a Ready, Set, Learn early learning parent information meeting on Thursday, May 12 at 7pm in the school seminar room. This workshop is intended for families with **3 year olds** to support their young learners through play-based activities and to gain knowledge about community resources. Parents **must** register with the school office at 604-437-1312 to reserve your spot. Attendees will receive an educational package for home use. Parents only please.



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HOLY WEEK

On Easter Sunday, we will have an additional Mass at 3pm. There will be an additional Good Friday service celebrated in the School Hall this year. Please note, **flowers will not be used for veneration on Good Friday.**



MIGRANT MINISTRY

The Migrant Workers and Families Outreach Program is calling all caregivers, temporary workers, farm workers and other migrant workers to come and be part of a support group here in St. Mary's Parish. This program provides faith and values formation, family enrichment programs, fellowship and referrals to different community agencies that can help you with your needs. If interested, please email stmarysmigrant@yahoo.com or call 604-435-9611 or register with our volunteer after Saturday 5pm Mass and all Sunday Masses. Bring your family and friends.

SHARE LENT

Development & Peace is still accepting donations to Share Lent. If you have not done so, place your donation in an envelope marked Share Lent and put it in the collection basket or mail to: Dev & Peace-Share Lent 10 St. Mary St. Suite #420, Toronto, On M4Y 1P9/phone: 1-888-234-8533 online: sharelent.devp.org.

LIGHT OF JESUS COMMUNITY'S EASTER CELEBRATION

On April 24, Light of Jesus Community's "The Feast" will be special as it is an Easter Celebration. Join us at 2pm in the school gym. Come with your family or a friend and be immensely blessed. (We meet every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at St. Mary's school gym from 2pm to 4:30pm).

RESPECT LIFE YARD SALE

Your donations are greatly appreciated, however we will suspend collection of donations until after Easter. The collection will resume on April 25, or you may bring your donation directly to the yard sale on April 30. Thank you for your generosity.

EASTER CHOCOLATE DRIVE

St Mary's Street Ministry is now collecting Easter Chocolate for our outreach programs. Please kindly drop them off in the Chocolate Drive Box in the church foyer. We thank you for your generous donations and support.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Apr 17: 6:30pm Sr YM- FLAME (Church Basement)

Mon. Apr 18: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr YM Spark (Church Basement)
645pm Combined Vigil Choir (Church)

Tue. Apr 19: 6:30pm Prep Catechism (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze Prayer Group (Church Basement)

Wed. Apr 20: 6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)
6:30pm Prep Catechism (School)
7:00pm Mass (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
8:15pm Vigil/RCIA Rehearsal (Church)



Thu. Apr 21: **HOLY THURSDAY (no 8am Mass or morning lauds)**



Church open all day from 9:00am-10pm
7:00pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
followed by Adoration & Confession until 10pm(Church)

Fri. Apr 22: GOOD FRIDAY (no 8am or 7pm Mass)



Church open all day from 9:00am-10pm

10am-2:30pm Confession (Church)
3:00pm CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION (Church)

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Followed by Veneration & Confession to 10pm
6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)



Sat. Apr 23: HOLY SATURDAY (no noon or 5pm Mass)

Church open all day from 9:00am-10pm

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)

3:00-5:00pm Confession (Church)

9:00pm Easter Vigil



Sun. Apr 24: EASTER SUNDAY (Regular Mass times, with an extra Mass at 3pm)

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 9:45am

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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