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Pastor's  
Corner

**JOHN PAUL II, A SAINT FOR FREEDOM**

Today, May 1, 2011, we celebrate the beatification of someone we feel we know personally. We have seen him so often on television, on the front page of our newspapers and magazines for the last thirty-three years. He came to visit us in Vancouver: Pope John Paul II.

When I was a young priest, I did not appreciate him. Then I began to be drawn to him in the late 80's. First it was his freedom. He had been a good skier while a Cardinal, and even after being a pope he skied at least once, as far as I know. The pope's freedom was manifest in many other ways, for example in his open support to the Charismatic "movement", in his constant invitation to a personal relationship with Christ, in the "creation: of the Luminous Mysteries, but most of all in the installment of the Divine Mercy Sunday, which we celebrate today.

At first, I did not understand this "devotion", especially because it falls at the beginning of the Easter season. Lent is over! Why speak of confession and sin during Easter? Today's Gospel tells us why: Jesus shows His wounds and then gives peace and pardon. Jesus was put to death by us and reminds us of it first, with His wounds, and then forgives us. First by showing our sin, He shows us our need for grace. We have killed the author of life. We have shot ourselves in the foot by killing our only Hope. But that same God's son we have killed, gives us His Blood for healing. The Father reconciles us and nourishes us with the Body and Blood of the Son we have murdered. If that sin can be forgiven, then all our sins can be forgiven! The unforgivable sin against the Holy Spirit is simply the refusal of God's mercy, out of pride.

*Pastor's Corner Continued...*

Our mission is to testify joyfully about this forgiveness and the freedom it brings, and then to forgive others as God has forgiven us.

Thank you Blessed John Paul and please bless us from heaven.

*Father Pierre*

**PARISH NEWS**

**Jr. YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 6 - 8) – NO EVENT**

There will be NO Jr. Youth Ministry event this Monday (May 2), due to the federal elections being hosted in our church basement. We will resume on Monday, May 9.

**Sr. YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 8-12) – LAST CHANCE**



Did you fall asleep and forget to register for the Youth Day? Well you are in luck because we still have a few empty spots left in our bus. But you better wake up because this is your last chance to join. Youth Day with its line of awesome celebrities promises to create unforgettable memories. Register this week and join us on Friday as we take off to find our roots. Contact Arda at the Youth Ministry Office for more details.

**P.R.E.P. (CATECHISM) REGISTRATION FOR 2011/2012**

Early Bird Registration for P.R.E.P. for the upcoming school year has now begun. If you are new to P.R.E.P., please obtain a copy of the registration form (one per child) found in an envelope pinned on the bulletin board in the church foyer. After you complete the registration form, please bring it (along with the registration fee and a copy of your child's baptismal certificate) to the **SCHOOL OFFICE (upstairs)** during P.R.E.P. evenings **only**. (Tues. & Wed. nights 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m., during the month of May). All other information can be found on the registration form.

**ST. MARY'S STREET MINISTRY 7TH ANNIVERSARY**

Please come and join us in our 7th Anniversary celebration on Friday, May 6. Our celebration will start with a Thanksgiving mass at 7pm followed by potluck in the church basement. Prayer partners, donors and supporters are all invited!

**PARISH NEWS**

**PROJECT ADVANCE**

Please take a moment to read the 2011 Project Advance brochures that are inserted in this week's bulletin. It outlines in detail the causes that will be supported by the campaign and a sample of a monthly gift plan. There will be a video presentation at all masses on May 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> to give you more details of this year's goals. For parishioners who have contributed in the past, pledge cards will be mailed to you this year. Committee members will be available next week to collect returned pledges or register new donors. Thank you in advance for your generous support and participation in this important event.

**ST. MARY'S CWL ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON**

CWL is again hosting the Mother's Day Luncheon on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 11am to 2pm. This is a great opportunity to treat your mother to a fabulous lunch and show her your appreciation. We have great menu at a very low cost so buy your tickets now before it's sold out!! Ticket prices are \$20/adult, children 7-10 yrs/\$9 and children under 6yrs FREE. Committee members will be selling tickets in the foyer after all masses, so come buy your tickets and enjoy a great Mother's day lunch with your family. For more information or purchase tickets please contact Teresa Lung at 604-437-7745 or email [teresa.lung@telus.net](mailto:teresa.lung@telus.net)

**MIGRANT MINISTRY**

The Migrant Workers and Family Outreach Program wishes to invite all caregivers, temporary workers, farm workers and other migrant workers and their families to join us on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm in the school gym, for a dialogue on how the Church community can help with the various needs of immigrants with temporary work permits or those newly arrived in Canada. This is open to all so bring your family and friends.

**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 **3-4 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.



## 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; at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 2465 Crown St. May 6 from 7-9pm and May 7 from 10-4:30pm. To pre-register for free manual, email: varobertson@shaw.ca; phone: 604-460-0114.

### **FOCUS ON LIFE**

The 13th Annual Gala Dinner featuring Guest Speaker, Jason Jones, filmmaker, philanthropist and producer of the critically acclaimed film Bella, will be held at Hyatt Regency on May 9. Doors open at 5:30, dinner begins at 6:30. Tickets: \$75. To reserve tickets contact Signal Hill at 1-800-774-4625.

### **PROTECT HUMAN LIFE**

The 4th Annual March for Life will be held in Victoria on May 12. Mass at noon at St. Andrew's Cathedral. March begins from Centennial Square at 2 p.m. For more info- [www.M4LVictoria.ca](http://www.M4LVictoria.ca) or contact the Respect Life Office at 604-683-0281.

### **FEDERAL ELECTION 2011**

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a guide inviting Catholics to vote with discernment in the federal election: [http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/2011\\_Federal\\_Election\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/2011_Federal_Election_Guide.pdf) for the 2011 Federal Election Guide.

### **NOTRE DAME SHOW TIME**

Notre Dame Regional Secondary proudly presents the musical "Bye, Bye, Birdie," May 3rd - May 6th, at Capilano University, North Vancouver. Showtime is at 7:30pm, with a Seniors Matinee on Wednesday, May 4th at 12:00pm. Tickets are \$20, available at the door or through Mr. Dardano at 604.255.5454 or via email [jdardano@ndrs.org](mailto:jdardano@ndrs.org).

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Archdiocese of Vancouver:

- Director of Development
- Caretaker, In-residence Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre

Visit [www.rcav.org/employment](http://www.rcav.org/employment) for full details.

- Part-time Secretary at St Ignatius of Antioch Parish. The successful applicant must have good computer skills, be able to relate comfortably with other people, and have a record of reliability in previous employment. Please send a resume and CV to [stignatius@recav.org](mailto:stignatius@recav.org); phone 604-822-4463.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sun. May 1:** 2:00pm Migrant Ministry (Rectory Basement)

**Mon. May 2:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
7:00pm Liturgy Committee (Rectory Dining)  
7:00pm Lay Apostle (Church)  
7:00pm CWL Exec (Rectory Living Room)

**Tue. May 3:** 6:30pm Prep Catechism (School)  
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)  
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

**Wed. May 4:** 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex)  
6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)  
6:00pm Project Advance (Rectory Dining)  
6:30pm Prep Catechism (School)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



**Thu. May 5:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

**Fri. May 6:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
6:00pm CFC-SFL (Rectory Basement)  
6:30pm Dev & Peace (Rectory Dining)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
8:00pm Street Ministry (Church Basement)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



**Sat. May 7:** 9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)  
9:45am Bible Study (Church Basement)  
1:30pm CFC-SFC (School Gym)  
3:00pm Baptism (Church)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
7:00pm CFC (Church Basement)

**Sun. May 8:** 10:00am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)  
11:00am Mother's Day Lunch (Church Basement)  
2:00pm CFC (Church Basement)  
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
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 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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**YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)** E-mail: [stmarys\\_ym@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarys_ym@yahoo.com)

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: [www.saintmarysyouth.com](http://www.saintmarysyouth.com)

**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Principal: Ms Brenda Krivuzoff Website: [www.stmary.bc.ca](http://www.stmary.bc.ca)

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm

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**PASTORS & STAFF:**

**Pastor** Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P.

**Assistant Pastor** Fr. Gabriel de Chadarevian, O.P.

**Executive Assistant to Pastor** Vesna Jankovic

**Office Manager** Ossie Fernandes

**Youth Ministry/Volunteer Coordinator** Arda Akoglu