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Pastor's
Corner

JESUS IS NOT POLITICALLY CORRECT!

Our Canadian culture puts such a premium on inclusiveness and tolerance that we are at risk of losing our identity, especially our religious identity. "I am ok, you are ok. It does not matter which religion you belong to, what you believe in, what you hold as truth, as long as you are a good and decent person, your personal beliefs don't matter at all. We will all be saved, we are all good citizens etc."

Charles Colson, a former aide to President Nixon wrote, "The great paradox of our age is this: in the interest of tolerance, we are aggressively seeking to scrub religious values, and even reminders of our religious heritage out of our public life. Yet it is that religious heritage that is essential for the recovery of our character."

Brothers and Sisters, we like to be open to a variety of viewpoints, we like to listen to a wide range of perspectives. We obey the etiquette of inclusion and tolerance, at the risk of losing sight of our identity, our heritage, and most of all the risk of losing the possibility to find and adhere to the truth.

But Jesus made "exorbitant" claims about Himself. He did say, "I am the Way". He did not say like other religious thinkers, "I found a way, that I will share with you". He did say, "I am the Truth." He did not say, like other religious founders, "I have discovered some thoughts and insights that will help you to know God." He did say, "I am the Life," not just, "If you do as I do, you will make your life better".

In today's Gospel of the Good Shepherd Sunday, He says, "I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits." This does not sound very inclusive! It makes us feel uncomfortable!

Let us face it! Jesus is not just a mildly interesting first century rabbi. Jesus is not just a mildly interesting religious founder or mystical thinker.

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He did not say, "Here is a way to seek forgiveness from the Father, rather He said: "I forgive you." And He said about His apostles and the Church: "What you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and what you unbind on earth will be unbound in heaven." He did not say, "God is my Creator." He said, "The Father is in me and I am in the Father. As I have glorified my Father, my Father will glorify me."

All these "outrageous" sayings were ratified when the Father rose Jesus on the third day, as He had foretold God would do. If Jesus had lied, we would not have heard about Him after His death, and the martyrs would not have shed their blood for Him.

What is the implication of all this for us, for me? Jesus is God. He must be the Creator; He is everything, my life, my origin, my goal, my path, my truth. My whole life must be oriented towards Him. No compromise. No second guessing. He is Lord or He is nothing. Your decision!

You must give your mind, your soul, your will, your emotions, your body. This is repentance and conversion. What do you gain, after giving everything? You receive the Holy Spirit, the very heart of God, His very life, the love that is between Him and Jesus now belongs to you.

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (grades 6 - 8) – NOT BY BREAD ALONE



We know that the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus, but still many times we find it hard to believe or make sense of it. It's at these times that we need to go deeper in our understanding and be strengthened in our faith. Join the Jr. Youth Ministry as we look at the Eucharist as the Source and Summit of our Christian faith and learn about the Eucharistic Miracles that have happened. Join us on Monday, May 16 at 6:30pm in the Church Basement.

Sr. YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 8-12) – LAZER TAG

A day for fun! Youth Ministry is going to Planet Lazer for laser tag on Friday, May 20. Grab a permission form and turn it in before Wednesday, May 18 to the parish office. The cost is \$10 and it includes game fees for 2 games. Visit www.marysyoung.com for forms or pick it up from the parish office.



PARISH NEWS

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 6:30pm to 7:45pm, during the month of May). All other information can be found on the registration form.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RETREAT

The purpose of the *Spiritual Exercises* is to discover what hinders us from drawing closer to Christ, to come to know Christ more intimately and to clarify his call to us. In other words, it is an opportunity to know Christ more clearly, to love him more dearly and to follow him more nearly. This retreat is a prayerful introduction to the *Spiritual Exercises*, given by Fr. Elton Fernandes S.J., and will take place Thursday May 19, 7-9pm, Friday May 20, 7-9pm and Saturday May 21, 9am-3pm. Please register on the sign up sheet in the Church foyer. The retreat fee is \$45.00 and is limited to 30 participants.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS 2011 MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

To the Mission Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Mission on Saturday, May 21. All are welcome. The St Mary's School bus will leave the parking lot at 9:30am. Minimum donation \$5 per person to take the bus. For those driving to Mission, we'll meet at Mission Heritage Park. Procession from the park to the Grotto at 11:30am. Mass at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at noon. Potluck lunch and fellowship after mass. Bus will leave Mission Heritage Park at 3pm to be back at St Mary's by 4:30pm. To reserve your spot on the bus, email KnightsColumbus13072@yahoo.ca or contact Gabby Sta Maria at 778-322-8884.

GUEST SPEAKER FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE SOCIETY

CWL would like to invite all parishioners to our General meeting on Tuesday, May 17th for a presentation on Domestic Abuse. A member from the Domestic Abuse Society will be speaking on important issues and their services. The presenta-

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PROJECT ADVANCE 2011

As per Archbishop Miller's message, "Project Advance is stewardship in action. It expresses the vitality of the Body of Christ by assisting those in need, educating young people, preparing for the future and bringing Christ's message to everyone. May our generosity declare to one another and to the community at large that we are people who care and that you can make a difference!" Committee members and volunteers are available until end of June to collect all pledges and register new donors in the foyer after each mass. Participation from all parishioners is important and a key factor in making this a successful campaign. No gift is too small. You can also give online at www.rcav.org. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

ST. MARY'S FAMILY FAIR

Look forward to a fun-filled event June 5th! St. Mary's CWL is hosting the St. Mary's Family Fair, 10:30am to 4pm, with something for everyone; entertainment, food, kids corner, book & garage sale, silent auctions, crafts, door prizes and much more. It's an event you don't want to miss! Not only is it a great way to support and participate in parish activity, but it's also a great to spend fun time with family and friends. So mark your calendar and don't miss this fun event!

CROSSROADS VISIT TO ST. MARY'S

Crossroads Pro-Life is sponsoring a pro-life walk across Canada again this summer from Vancouver to Ottawa. The walk is made up of volunteer Catholic College students from across the country and their mission is to take the Gospel of Life to the streets through prayer and peaceful pro-life witness. The walkers will be at all our Masses over the weekend of May 21-22 to share information and to ask for prayers and support for the walk and their efforts to save lives and change hearts across the country. More info about the walk can be found www.crossroadswalk.org.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Archdiocese of Vancouver, Director of Development
 - Caretaker In-residence, Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre
 - Part-time Administrative Support, Catholic Chaplaincy at SFU
- Visit www.rcav.org/employment for full details.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. May 15: 9:00am CFC-YFL (School Gym)
6:30pm Sr YM—FLAME (Church Basement)

Mon. May 16: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr YM— SPARK (Church Basement)

Tue. May 17: 6:30pm Prep Catechism (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm CWL (School Gym)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

Wed. May 18: 5:00pm L'Arche Mass (7401 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)



Thu. May 19: 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm Pastoral Council (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Ignatian Retreat (School Seminar Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Fri. May 20: 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:00pm CFC-SFL (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:00pm Ignatian Retreat (School Seminar Room)
7:30pm CCO (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Sat. May 21: 9:00am Ignatian Retreat (School Seminar Room)
9:45am Bible Study (Church Basement)
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)

Sun. May 22: 12:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
1:00pm Handmaids Migrants (Church Basement)
2:00pm Migrant Ministry (Rectory 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 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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