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Pastor's
Corner

GRADUATION SPEECHES AND HOLY TRINITY?

A University dean plagiarized his commencement graduation speeches. The graduates found out the source on their I-phones and were able to “predict” the next sentence of the speaker! This is quite saddening. But there is more. David Brooks, a “New York Times” columnist surveyed a number of the speeches given at commencement graduation ceremonies. He was shocked by *“the depressing sameness of these speeches throughout his country, by elders who meant to inspire young graduates heading out into the world. Almost uniformly, they talked about following your dreams, living your life to the full, becoming the person you want to be, realizing your life projects. The commencement speakers, in short were never functioning as avatars of American individualism: self assertion, the fulfillment of the individual dreams, many going so far as to wrap this philosophy in religious terminology.”* (Fr. Robert Baron). Oprah and Eckhart Tolle are masters of this art of wrapping the individualistic culture and philosophy in religious language. David Brooks complains that this sort of philosophy that is being inculcated and passed on to the next generation *“leads to spiritual boredom and to a deadening self-preoccupation. The point is not to find yourself. The point is to lose yourself.”* (David Brooks). American individualism is in sharp tension with the way God created us., with our deepest identity, that we find when we surrender ourselves to another in love. American individualism...pursue your dream, follow your thirst, do what you want, just do it, accelerate the tension between what we are created for and what we take for granted.

What is the connection with this solemnity of the Holy Trinity? Precisely this: we were created in the image and likeness of God. Who is God? He is not the Supreme Individual who created the universe to fulfill His dream. *Pastor's Corner Continued....*

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He is, in Himself, the highest form of Community, of Family. He is three persons in one. He is not a thing. His strength does not rely on self-sufficiency, but on self-giving to another in love, in surrendering. When Scripture says, God is Love, He says more than God has love or God loves. It says that the very being of God is structured according to love. It says that, before the foundation of the world, from all eternity, God “was” in Himself a Lover, a Beloved, and the Love that unites them...Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The essence of God is being in love for the other.

What does it have to do with us? We are created in the image of God. We become ourselves, we become real and alive when we are most like God. Celebrating the Holy Trinity is recognizing that what is most real, what is the purpose of humanity in the Universe is not self promotion but self-giving in love.

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

We are hosting the Annual Inter-parish Youth Basketball Tournament in our parish this year. Our Jr. YM Team is the reigning champions for two years running and Sr. YM Team is looking to get their first trophy. The teams are co-ed and we need your help to repeat the success of previous years. Practices will be on Saturdays from 10am to 12pm in the school gym starting on June 25. If you are interested please register with Arda so you can join one of our Youth Ministry Basketball Teams. Call 604-435-9611 ext. 6 or e-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com.



SPARK (grades 6 - 8) – TWO BECOME ONE



When we get married we want to make sure it's with someone we love. But what does love mean? Is it a feeling that gives butterflies in our stomach? If so what do you do when the butterflies leave? What does “for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health” mean to the butterflies? Join the Jr. Youth Ministry to see how the two can become one. Join us on Monday, June 20 at 6:30pm in the church basement.

PARISH NEWS

CANADA DAY PICNIC



Mark your calendars for the 6th Annual Parish Picnic on Canada Day, Friday July 1st at Burnaby Fraser Foreshore Park. We begin with outdoor mass at noon, followed by lunch, entertainment and lots of fun & games. For the potluck, we request that you bring enough food to feed your family and 2 or 3 others, so we can really experience sharing and community. You may also bring your own barbecue, lawn chairs, and coolers. The school bus will be available to transport parishioners, leaving the church parking lot at 11am and returning at 5pm. There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer to reserve your spot on the bus starting next weekend. So, come and join your fellow parishioners for fun and fellowship as we celebrate Canada Day!

MIGRANT MINISTRY

St. Mary's Parish Migrant Ministry invites all temporary foreign workers, caregivers and farm workers to a workshop on Employment Standards on Sunday, June 26th from 10am- 12:30pm in the school gym. This will address your concerns on employee's rights and how to protect yourself in the workplace. Please bring family and friends.

PROJECT ADVANCE

Our parish goal this year is \$92,000.00; we are now at 15% of the target. Though we still have a long way to go, we know we will meet our goal with all your support. As per Archbishop J. Michael Miller's message last week, what better way to put our Project Advance Theme, “Touching Many Lives” into action than sharing God's abundant blessings with those around us. Therefore please continue to send in your pledge forms or pick up a new pledge form. Committee members and volunteers will be in the church foyer after each mass during the month of June to assist you. So far less than 3% of registered families have contributed, therefore we encourage every one of you to participate in this event, 100% participation is the key to making this event a success!

LIKE YOURSELF/LIKE YOUR LIFE SEMINAR

Presented by Rose Marie DePaoli, M.S.W., R.S.W., Counsellor of Catholic Family Services, followed by questions and answers. Wednesday, June 22 at 7pm in the Church basement. Fee: individual \$10.00 and couple \$15.00. Please contact Catholic Family Services for info or to register 604-443-3220. All are welcome.

PARISH NEWS

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you an adult who would like to join the Catholic Church? Perhaps you are a baptized Catholic, but lack one of the Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion or Confirmation)? Maybe you just would like to learn more about the Catholic faith and what the Church teaches? Welcome to St. Mary's RCIA program! We start in early fall and are taking registration now. Do not miss this life-changing opportunity. Please contact: Arda Akoglu 604-435-9611 ext.6, stmarys_ym@yahoo.com.



DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

A WEEKEND VOCATION LIVE-IN FOR YOUNG MEN

Seminary of Christ the King Mission is planning a weekend live-in, July 1-3, for young men who are interested in the priesthood or the life of a religious brother. This is open to anyone who is thinking of entering the seminary in the next few years. Suggested fee is \$25. For more info 604-826-8715 or rector@sck.ca.

OUR YES TO GOD

The Focolare Movement invites you to Mariapolis 2011. Presentations, sharing, daily Mass, prayers, recollection, games, outdoor activities and special programs for teens and children to be held July 14-17 at Trinity Western University, Langley. For more info: 604-468-2871 or ffvancouver@shaw.ca

PRO-LIFE NURSING CONFERENCE

Nurses, nursing students, and care aides are invited to attend "Code Blue: Igniting the Heart of Pro-Life Nursing", a conference hosted by Canadian Nurses For Life, with aims to unite, educate, promote dialogue and take action on pro-life issues. Rosemary Heights, Surrey, July 29-30. For more info and registration, visit www.canadianursesforlife.ca; call Rachelle Yong at 604-317-7841.

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT ST. MARK'S COLLEGE

Registration is now open for the Summer Continuing Education and Graduate courses July 4-15. Register by phone, mail or in person at 604-822-6862. For more info visit stmarkscollege.ca.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Jun 19: HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Mon. Jun 20: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr. YM- SPARK (Church Basement)

Tue. Jun 21: 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm CWL (School Gym)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

Wed. Jun 22: 3:00pm St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex)
6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:00pm Catholic Family Services (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Thu. Jun 23: 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Fri. Jun 24: 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Sat. Jun 25: 9:45am Bible Study (Church Basement)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
1:00pm Handmaids (School Gym)
3:00pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
4:30pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)

Sun. Jun 26: 9:30am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)
1:00pm CFC-FFL Youth (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (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 9:45am

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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