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SUMMER ISSUE

Pastor's
Corner

ON THE SEVENTH DAY, GOD RESTED!

An old lady was complaining to her pastor about his day off. She said, "The devil does not take a day off." The pastor replied, "If I didn't take a day off, I would become like the devil!" Then he added, a bit facetiously, "Even God took a day off, after completing the creation of the Universe. It is called the Sabbath." The Jews of the Old Testament considered the Sabbath rest as an anticipation of heaven, a preparation for the great rest when the Kingdom of God would be realized; a way of entering into communion with the joy of God. We, Catholics, consider Sunday as a preparation for what we will do, forever, in heaven, in the world of the Resurrected.

Can you imagine yourself resting forever? "May he rest in peace." That looks like death to me. It is written all over the tombstones in the cemetery. To me, the kind of rest that is attractive is the one that comes after a hard-won victory! (It would have been nice for the Canucks!) A rest after a defeat is depressing, unless we see it as a preparation for another attempt at victory!

In heaven, we will celebrate the great victory over death, over division, sin, misunderstandings, hatred. Right now, during the summer months, we can celebrate the victories Christ already gave us over our personal and collective selfishness, our doubts, our fears. Even though there is still much to do, we can celebrate every Sunday, and every summer holiday. That celebration is called gratitude and praise.

Think of the reasons to be grateful. Grateful for being alive...in Vancouver...at St. Mary's parish. Gratitude for your family, your work, your passions. Gratitude for being able to see God in every event, in every person, in sickness and in health, in poverty and in abundance. All is grace, and grace is everything.

Pastor's Corner Continued...

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In the end, we will celebrate the great Victory in Christ, and there will not be any riots! Just a creative explosion of joy and praise and adoration. Practice this during your holidays.



God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

*Enter into His joy!
 He is already drinking at the Cup.
 He knows the final score of Game 7.*

PARISH NEWS

YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

We are hosting the Annual Inter-parish Youth Basketball Tournament in our parish this year. Our Jr. YM Team are the reigning champions for two years running and Sr. YM Team are looking to win their first trophy. The teams are co-ed and we need your help to repeat the success of previous years. Your skill level doesn't matter at all. Practices are underway every Saturdays from 10am to 12:00pm in the school gym. If you are interested, please make sure not to miss another practice.



SPARK (grades 6 - 8) – SECRET AGENT NIGHT



Secret Agent Night at Brentwood Mall! Sounds like fun? That's because it will be a lot of fun. Come and search for the disguised YM leaders in the mall and be the first group to find all four leaders to win. Want to join? Make sure to get a consent form from the parish office or the YM Website and bring the signed form with you on **Wednesday**, June 29. Yes, this week our YM event is not on Monday but on Wednesday. The time has also changed: we will meet in the church basement at **5:45pm**. Make sure to bring the consent form and money for skytrain.

TESTIMONIES

We are working on our new Parish Website and we need your help! We want to inspire not only our own parishioners, but visitors and non-Catholics as well. So we would like to include a segment where we can share our testimonies of faith. We would love to have yours. Please submit your typed testimonies to the parish office for consideration at stmarys_ym@yahoo.com. This is a great way to evangelize without ever leaving the comfort of your own home!

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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!

BULLETIN - SUMMER BREAK

The bulletin will now be on a summer break and will return later this summer. Please refer to the bulletin insert and parish website for news and events throughout the summer.



LIGHT OF JESUS COMMUNITY'S GARAGE SALE

Light of Jesus Community will hold a garage sale on Saturday, June 25, 5-7 pm and Sunday, June 26, 9am-6 pm in the school gym foyer. A variety of good-quality used items will be for sale. Everyone is invited.

SEMINARS AT ST. MARY'S

The following seminars by counsellors of Catholic Family Services are scheduled to take place at St. Mary's Parish. All are welcome. Individual \$10; couple \$15. For info or to register: 604-443-3220. **Helping Your Teen Cope with Anxiety** presented by Mary Ryken, M.S.W., R.S.W. on June 29 at 7pm. **Domestic Violence & Prevention** presented by Gabriela Hanova, M.A., M.Phil. on July 6 at 7pm. **Attachment and Relationship** presented by Roy MacIntyre, M.A. July 13 at 7pm. **Challenges and Blessings of Cross-Cultural Marriages** presented by Sr. Cecilia Hong, MIC, M.A. on July 20 at 7pm.

SATURDAY NOON MASS CHANGE

Because of the increase in weddings and baptisms at our parish, starting in September, the Saturday noon Mass time will change to 8:30am. This will allow these special sacraments to be celebrated without being rushed.



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.

PRO-LIFE MASS & VIGIL

Peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents. Saturday July 3 at 9am. Mass at Holy Spirit Parish, 244 Lawrence Street, New Westminster. Followed by Rosary at Royal Columbian Hospital.



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

SACRED MUSIC AT HRC

Sacred Music Inspired by Gregorian Chant Soprano Catherine Laub and Cathedral organist Denis Bedard performing works by Langlais, Bedard, Cornet and Grigny on the giant screen on July 22 at 8 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Richards & Dunsmuir, Vancouver. Tickets: \$20 for adults or \$15 for Students/Seniors. 604-682-6774/http://hrc.rcav.org/Concert_Series/index.htm

PRO-LIFE NURSING CONFERENCE


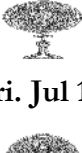

Nurses, nursing students, and care aides are invited to attend "Code Blue: Igniting the Heart of Pro-Life Nursing", a conference hosted by Canadian Nurses For Life, with aims to unite, educate, promote dialogue and take action on pro-life issues. Rosemary Heights, Surrey, July 29-30. For info and registration, visit www.canadiannursesforlife.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 26:** 9:30am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)
1:00pm CFC-FFL Youth (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
- Mon. Jun 27:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr. YM- SPARK (Church Basement)
- Tue. Jun 28:** 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
- Wed. Jun 29:** 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)
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- Thu. Jun 30:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Fri. Jul 1:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
12:00pm Parish Picnic (Fraser Foreshore Park)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Sat. Jul 2:** 9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining Room)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
3:00pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
- Sun. Jul 3:** 1:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)



The pastors and staff of St. Mary's wish you a safe and restful summer!

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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