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Pastor's
Corner

UNMASKING THE DEVIL'S STRATEGIES!

On September 21st, Fr. Elton Fernandes, S.J. gave a day of recollection to the priests of Vancouver. Here you will find part of the handout he gave on temptation.

- Temptation draws us toward sin by making it appear pleasing.

- It is not a sin to be tempted. Even Jesus was tempted. It is how we react to temptations (assent to sin or not) that has moral value.

- Temptations can be a great struggle that takes away our time and energy.

- **When being tempted, it is helpful to remember:**

>> Every temptation has an element of good. For example, a person who is tempted to overeat has a desire to be nourished and fulfilled.

>> Every temptation is based on a half-truth or lie. For example, if I pursue this behaviour, I will be happy and satisfied.

>> Temptations come and go, they will not last forever. (I will add here to the written words of Fr. Elton, some of his verbal commentaries): "The temptation can be so strong that it may seem to you that there is no way out but to succumb to it. That is what the devil wants us to believe. In reality, even the most intense temptation comes to an end if we persevere in resisting it prayerfully".

>> Temptations help us identify where we tend to sin (CCC 2847)...Know your weak spots.

>> Temptation can be an opportunity to feel God's power at work in our weakness (2 Cor. 12:9).

Pastor's Corner Continued...

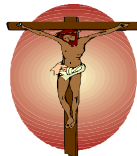
Pastor's Corner Continued...

>> Know what grounds you in Christ. In the midst of temptation, hold firmly to what you know is true and from God.

>> Pray for perseverance and strength. Prayer changes things. Place yourself in God's hands.

Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested. (Hb. 2:18)

Thank you Fr. Elton.



God Bless you all, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (grades 6 - 8) – @PRAYTOGOD

Can God tweet? Does He have Facebook? Can you text Him? No? If not, how do you communicate with Him? Join us on Monday, September 26 at 6:30pm in the Church basement to find out the most effective way of sending messages to God. Yes this is something way better than twitter!



YM BASKETBALL



Youth Ministry Basketball League is starting. Do you want to be a part of it? We have a Jr. YM Team for grades 6 to 8 and a Sr. YM Team for grades 9 to 12. The teams are co-ed and your skill level doesn't matter at all. Practices will be on Saturdays from 10am to 12pm in the school gym starting on October 22. 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: arda@marysyouth.com.

HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD

We invite single mature women, widows, separated, divorced, single parents, wives of overseas workers to the Christian Life Program. The *free* integrated series of talks, reflection and discussion helps renew understanding of God's call., on Saturday, Oct 1 from 10am-noon in the gym. Snacks provided, more info available in the foyer.

PARISH NEWS

D & A MEN'S GROUP

St. Mary's Parish wants to establish a D & A Men's Group (*Discipleship and Accountability*) that will meet on a regular basis. The emphasis will be on becoming godly men, strong in faith, hope and love. Experience together the power of brotherhood in Christ between men. We will pray together and for one another, learn to deepen our Catholic Faith, receive solid teaching and share our joys and difficulties in living out with integrity and passion our demanding calling as Catholic men. Minimum age is 18. Meetings will take place in the Church Basement Library, starting Saturday, Oct 1, from 8:30am (with Mass until 9am in the Church) until noon, twice a month. If you are a serious candidate, please contact Fr. Gabriel (gabrielop@telus.net or call 604-435-9611 ext.3).



PROJECT ADVANCE

Thank you for your generous contribution and support to Project Advance. To date we are at 80% of our parish goal, \$18,400 short of our projection of \$92,000. Therefore there will be a second collection on Oct 1/2 to help fill this gap. It is important for the parish to make the target so that it will cover the administration fee pertaining to the campaign and to receive a rebate to assist with our parish student aid program. Please continue to send in your pledges through the Sunday collection or donate online through www.rcav.org please make sure to indicate the correct parish. Thank you again for your generous support.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Are you willing to help save the lives of innocent children? How? By sharing just one hour of your time on Friday, Oct 7. For more information, call 604-433-6497.

WORKSHOP ON LEADING WORSHIP

There will be a workshop on leading worship on Saturday, Oct 8th from 1:30pm-4pm (arrival 1.15pm) in the Church basement. The purpose of the workshop is to support singers, musicians and prayer leaders in the ministry of leading worship. Topics will include the role and importance of being a lay worship leader, how to be an effective worship leader, various forms and methods of prayer, practical tips on leading worship, including choice of songs and being part of a worship team. For more details and to register go to: <http://worship.shawwebpace.ca>.

PARISH NEWS

SEMINARIAN NEEDS HELP TO PURSUE VOCATION

We are blessed to have a seminarian from St. Mary's at Christ the King Seminary in Mission. The tuition, books and boarding costs are \$3400. He is in need of financial assistance! If you are able to donate any amount to this worthy cause, please mark your sealed envelope for the attention of "Ossie-Vocations" and place in the Sunday collection basket or contact him at the Parish Office 604-435-9611 ext. 7 or email smpacc@telus.net. Tax receipts will be issued for your donations, which will be treated as strictly confidential.

UNDERSTANDING MASS ANEW WITH THE NEW MISSAL

St. Mark's College Continuing Education will offer students a renewed understanding of the source and summit of our faith in the Mass. Fr. Bill Burke, the Director the of National Office of Liturgy for the CCCB, is a dynamic teacher who will help students to unpack the meaning of the Mass as we celebrate it today as well as give us the tools to incorporate the changes coming in Advent 2011. Oct. 15- 9am to 4pm at St. Mary's. For more info, email: continuinged@stmarkscollege.ca; call 604-822-4463; <http://stmarkscollege.ca/news>.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' MASS

Archbishop Miller cordially invites all college and university students including faculty to the University Students' Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 8 at 7:30pm. Confessions will be available at 6:30pm and a reception will follow at Holy Rosary Hall after the Mass.



ENRICH YOUR FAITH

Archdiocesan Formation Institutes offer a one-day courses for adults. Topics include "What's New at Mass? A Revised Roman Missal Workshop", Church history, apologetics, "Basics of the Faith", theology of the body; PREP, RCIA, LWC. Oct. 22nd, 10am-4pm at St. Patrick's Vancouver.. \$35 includes lunch. For more info and to register: www.rcav.org/fall.

SERVE WITH AGAPE STREET MINISTRY


Agape Street Ministry is in great need of women and men who would commit themselves to one night a week to offer love and hope to women on the street. Areas involved Surrey and Vancouver. Training provided. Please call 604-590-2460.


THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH


Sun. Sep 25: 2:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
6:00pm Camp Flame Reunion (Church Basement)

Mon. Sep 26: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm JR YM- Spark (Church Basement)

Tue. Sep 27: 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

Wed. Sep 28: 8:30am Respect Life (Rectory Dining)
 3:00pm St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex)
6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Thu. Sep 29: 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
 7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm Ignatian Spirituality (School Gym)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Fri. Sep 30: 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Sat. Oct 1: 8:30am Mass (Church)
9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)
9:00am D&A Men's Group (Church Basement Library)
9:45am Bible Study (Church Basement)
10:00am Handmaids (School Gym)
3:00pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
7:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

Sun. Oct 2: 2:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
2:00pm Youth For Christ (Church Basement)

PARISH INFORMATION

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS: Monday - Friday: 8:00am

Weekday Morning Rosary 7:00am / Weekday Morning Lauds 7:30am

WEEKDAY EVENING MASS: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7pm followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:00pm

SATURDAY MASS: Our Lady's Mass 8:30am

SUNDAY MASS: 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: 8:30am

FIRST FRIDAY: Adoration throughout the day after morning mass
CONFESSION:

Weekdays: After all Masses (except Thursday Evening Mass)

Saturday: 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.

BAPTISM: To register your child, see website or contact Parish Office.

MARRIAGE:

One of the couple must be Catholic and a parishioner of St. Mary's Parish 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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