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**Pastor's
 Corner**

**HAVE YOU PERSONALLY RECEIVED
 ANYTHING FROM GOD, LATELY?**

Many, if not most of us, have taken on religion in our lives as a means to brace ourselves through the storms or to face the ever-present possibility of death. We strengthen ourselves with prayers, rituals, beliefs, teachings.

Sooner or later, this approach is doomed to fail. Why? Because we are using God and religion as an artificial leg that helps us to limp around. Religion and God never really feel part of ourself. They are still an artificial leg that we have to strap on everyday. Most importantly God is never encountered for Himself, but only used as a brace for our lives.

But if we persevere in this approach, we will discover the need for a more personal relation with God. Precisely because without that encounter, God and religion remains a force, a thing to be used, not a person to love. In that second stage of our spiritual development, we try to "manufacture" a personal relationship with God, by using our mind, our will, our heart and emotions.

That too cannot work for a long time. We soon fall flat on our face. Why? Because God is infinitely greater than us. We cannot tame Him. We cannot force Him into a relationship with us. We cannot even know Him unless He reveals Himself to us. That is true even in a relationship between two human persons. You can try to seduce someone but you can never force him/her to loving intimacy.

In the third stage of our spiritual development, we acknowledge that religion is more about the desire of God for us than about our need and desire for Him. We learn to open up ourselves to His Word, to His Presence here and now. We beg the Lord to reveal Himself to us in such a way that we will have a vital, two-way relationship with Him.

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Would you like this for yourself? Come to Mission Ablaze, Friday, the 28th of October in the Church basement, from 7pm to 9:00pm and Saturday, the 29th, from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (grades 6-8) – THE DEEP END

Do you like adventure, challenge and fun?

Then, this week's Spark Night is the event for you! Join the Jr. Youth Ministry on Monday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement and take on the challenge as we dive into the deep! Scared? Don't worry! Come and discover how the power of praise can save you!



FLAME (grades 8-12) – HEROES

Do you have a hero with superpowers? I don't mean an imaginary one but a real person. If you know how to get in contact with them anyone can have a real hero who can help you. Do you want to find out how? Join the Sr. Youth Ministry on Sunday (October 16), at 6:30pm in the church basement for a night of faith, fun and fellowship.



YOUTH MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Youth Ministry is looking for generous parishioners who can contribute to the Youth Ministry Scholarship Fund which will support our youth in their education. Every year two youth (one from Jr. YM & one from Sr. YM) will be chosen based on attendance, positive participation and development to receive an annual sponsorship. Will you share your treasure with us? If so please contact Arda at 604-435-9611 ext.6 or arda@marysyouth.com.



APPLES FOR SALE

St. Mary's School is selling 4 varieties of apples from the Okanagan after the Saturday 5:00, Sunday 9:30, 11:15 and 1:00 Masses on Oct. 23 while quantities last. 5lbs for \$5.00 and 40lb cases for \$40.00.

PARISH NEWS

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD



Do you know someone who loves serving Christ and His Church? Do you think they should be recognized for their efforts? We want to encourage everyone to volunteer by recognizing those who dedicate themselves to the work of the Church. If you know someone who exhibits such passion for volunteer work please fill out one of the blue 'Volunteer of the Year Nomination' forms in church foyer and place in the red box. Only one nomination per person.

MISSION ABLAZE

Broken, wounded, tired, hopeless, unsure of the future, angry, defeated? Come to the Mission Ablaze Seminar on Oct. 28, 7pm-9pm and Oct. 29, 9am-5pm. Seminar is free with snacks and drinks; please bring bag lunch. St. Mary's Church basement. More info 604-435-9611 ext. 230 or www.stmarysvancouver.ca.



LOVE WORKS

Will you be an angel for Mariel? Love Works Charity humbly ask for your support in our fundraising effort to provide for the heart surgery needed by 16yr old Mariel Mendoza, who has congenital heart disease. After all Masses on Nov 5/6, we will be selling rosaries, the proceeds of which will be used for his surgery. Thank you and May God bless you!



STREET MINISTRY SEEKING SUPPORT

St. Mary's Street Ministry is seeking financial support to enable a young full-time volunteer missionary to come and work with us for 3 months. We need money to cover for her food, health insurance and bus fare. A representative from St. Mary's Street Ministry will be available after mass next week to answer your questions and to collect donation. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

MIGRANT WORKERS

Preparing for Permanent Residence: October 23, 1:00pm to 5:00pm South Vancouver Neighborhood House, 6470 Victoria Drive, Vancouver. Phone Julie or Lorina at 604-874-0649.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

APPEAL FROM ARCHBISHOP MILLER

Our Baptism calls each of us to be missionary: to share our faith and to participate actively in the Church's vocation to bring the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ to everyone. World Mission **Sunday, October 23**, gives us the opportunity to reach out to more than two-thirds of the world's people who have yet to hear the Gospel of Christ or to experience his abiding love through the word and witness of missionaries. Through World Mission Sunday our Holy Father Pope Benedict calls us to a universal celebration, a worldwide recommitment to the Church's evangelizing mission. Our beloved Blessed John Paul II wrote: "Missionary activity renews the Church, revitalizes faith and Christian identity, and offers fresh enthusiasm and new incentive. Faith is strengthened when it is given to others!" With cordial greetings and the assurance of my prayers for you and your families, I am Sincerely yours in Christ, J. Michael Miller, CSB Archbishop of Vancouver.

IS JESUS CALLING YOU?

A Silent Live-In Retreat for women interested in discerning a call to religious life hosted by the Sisters of the Child Jesus. The retreat will be held at Mary's Mountain, 48368 Elk View Road, Chilliwack from 7pm, Nov. 11 to 3pm, Nov 13. Suggested donation \$50. For further information or to register contact Linda 604-824-4184 or Sister Denece 604-985-4872. Register early since space is limited.



ARCHDIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS




All are invited to the Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress, Sat., Nov. 5, at St. Matthew's, Surrey. Mass at 9am with Archbishop Miller. Victoria Bishop Richard Gagnon and Fr Tien Tran will give presentations. All day exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, exhibit of Vatican Eucharistic miracles, and benediction at 3:30pm. \$15 includes lunch and break. Register at www.rcav.org/eucongress. Info at 604-683-0281 or eucongress@rcav.org.

VOCATION LIVE IN

On the weekend of November 4-6 there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604.826.8715.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Oct 16:** 9:00am Handmaids (School Gym)
6:30pm Sr YM FLAME (Church Basement)
- Mon. Oct 17:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr YM SPARK (Church Basement)
- Tue. Oct 18:** 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
- Wed. Oct 19:** 9:30am School Mass (Church)
5:00pm L'Arche Mass (7401 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)
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- Thu. Oct 20:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm Ignatian Spirituality (School Gym)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Fri. Oct 21:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:30pm CCO (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Sat. Oct 22:** **8:30am Mass** (Church)
10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
2:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm CFC-YFL (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
7:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
- Sun. Oct 23:** 9:30am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
2:00pm CFC-FFL (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 / 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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YOUTH MINISTRY (YM) E-mail: arda@marysyouth.com

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