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**Pastor's
Corner**

KEEP THE FLAME!

In the time and culture of Jesus, the wedding celebrations focused on the bridegroom, not the bride, as it is today. The wedding could not start until the bridegroom came, and it was a custom for him to make the people wait and wait... Today it is the bride who makes the bridegroom wait! The bridesmaids' task was to escort the bridegroom from his house to the house of his bride with lighted oil lamps. Jesus sees Himself as the bridegroom. His bride is the Church; we are the bridesmaids who have to keep awake, with our light filled with oil, ready to be lit. Jesus comes at the end of the world, or, for each of us, at the hour of our death, whichever comes first! Then, the wedding banquet can start!

How do we keep our oil lamp filled and lit? How can I keep ready for death? Father Barron gives some advice:

- 1) Stay in contact with God! Don't allow your relationship with the Lord to fall into disrepair. Contemplate the things of God on a regular basis. Look into the eternity of God even as you live within time and space, with life's worries. That is what prayer is.
- 2) Stay close to the sacrament of confession, Not obsessively, not in a scrupulous way, but regularly— to bring your sins before the Lord and seek His forgiveness. Don't wait until the last minute, but be a regular participant in this sacrament of reconciliation. Most people don't want to see the priest...until they are dead. A priest cannot give the absolution to the dead, not even to someone in a coma.
- 3) Don't let grudges and resentments fester. Keep your relationships, especially the deep and important ones, in good repair. If you have got a grudge, a hatred, a lack of forgiveness, deal with that! How many people, on their deathbed, deeply regret the fact that they let so many relationships fall?

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I remember the minute before my father died. My mom was panicking. I said to her, "Hold his hand. Tell him you forgive him." She did. And she lived happily after that, free to love us, free to take on the spiritual inheritance of my father and share it with her children and grandchildren. It was a far better choice than burning in purgatory!

By the way, when my father retired at age 70, he had made a plan to talk regularly with me about the faith. He wanted an overview of the teaching of the faith in order to prepare for his death and to become a true disciple of Jesus. We were able to have only one "RCIA" session! He fell into Alzheimer's and could not have a steady and serious conversation until his death, nine years later.



Keep the flame, now! Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (grades 6-8) – RED CARPET

Spark is rolling out the red carpet for our very special Guest! Can you guess who? Is it Justin Bieber? Roberto Luongo? Or someone better? Find out on Monday, November 7 at 6:30pm. in the Church basement. Warning: paparazzi may be present!



SPARK RETREAT (grades 6 – 8)

Youth Ministry events are a lot of fun but imagine if you could have it last the whole day with so much more of everything YM; awesome speakers, games, friends, fun and food! That's exactly what we will have at the first ever SPARK Retreat. On Saturday, December 3, Jr. Youth Ministry is going on a retreat to go deeper in our relationship with Jesus and to spend the day with friends, old and new, with so much fun! The retreat is \$10 and spaces are limited so please register early to reserve your spot. Registration forms are available from the Youth Ministry web-site and at the parish office. Questions? Contact Ana at ana@marysyoung.com.



PARISH NEWS

MONEY FOR SCHOOL?

We know that going to school is expensive, especially if you are in a private school. But not to worry, Youth Ministry is here to help! Starting this year, Youth Ministry will be awarding a scholarship to one youth in Jr. YM and one youth in Sr. YM based on their attendance, positive participation and development. Parents, please encourage your youth to attend Youth Ministry events and activities and don't miss out on this great opportunity.



CHOCOLATE DRIVE FOR STREET OUTREACH

Would you like to bring a smile to the faces of street people? St. Mary's Street Ministry and St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Society are collecting individually-wrapped, bite-size chocolates bought within the last 2 months. Chocolates will brighten the day of the poor! Please deposit the chocolates in the box in the foyer. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

GRACE THAT REIGNS: INTERCESSION FOR PRIESTS

Jacqueline Loh will share some stories of the priesthood and will show us how Sr Breige and Fr. Kevin prayed for the priests and their needs in Ireland. She will introduce a new proposal for prayer for priests in our Archdiocese. Healing prayer will be available, on Wednesday, Nov 9 at 7:30pm in the Church basement. A goodwill offering would be greatly appreciated.

MIGRANT MINISTRY

Migrant Ministry is inviting all temporary foreign workers, caregivers, farm workers, new immigrant families who wish to experience faith-based support at St. Mary's Parish on Sunday, Nov 13, 10am-12:30pm, "Fellowship" and Sunday, Nov 27, 10am-12:30pm, "Fellowship and Question and Answer Forum" with the Philippine Consul General, Joey Ampeso, in the School Gym. Please bring your family and friends.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Catholic Forum invites you to explore the topic "Evangelization of those suffering in a Godless life: theological and psychological perspectives" on Tuesday Nov 15 at 7pm at St. Mary's Church. Presentation and discussion by Dr. Paul Ungar, MD PhD Grad Theology. For info: <http://dominicanlaity.ca/forum>, or Dr. Ungar 604-588-5696 or Cathy Neugebauer (email ve7cld@shaw.ca).

PARISH NEWS

ST. MARY'S CRAFT FAIR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Sunday, Nov. 20th, 8:30am-3:00pm. Join us for pancake breakfast (small \$2 or large \$3) and start your holiday shopping early! For lunch there will be hotdogs & chips and muffins. Table rentals are \$15 or 2/\$25.00. Contact Eileen 604-436-3655.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

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 Nov. 11- 7pm to Nov 13- 3pm. 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.

CREATION, EVOLUTION AND THE CRISIS OF FAITH!

A presentation by Hugh Owen, founder of the lay apostolate; The Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation, on Nov. 16 at Holy Family Parish, 4851 Beatrice St., Vancouver from 7-10pm
Info: Linda, 778-828-4048 or Steven, 778-997-1867; e-mail psalm19@mail2world.com

NOTRE DAME GALA

Notre Dame is hosting its 9th Annual Gala at the Italian Cultural Centre, on Friday, November 18th. Cocktails at 6:00pm and dinner at 7:00pm, with a live and silent auction, dancing, and a no-host bar. Tickets are \$75. Please contact 604-255-5454 or ldecotiis@ndrs.org for tickets or information.




ADVENT RETREAT DAY

Entering the quiet mystery of birthing, in Mary, in us. Gloria Sutcliffe, retreat & spiritual director, will facilitate this day. Nov. 26 - 9:30am to 4pm at the Cenacle, 5989 Mackenzie St. \$50 includes lunch and refreshments. Call Sr. Monica at 604-266-1611 for reservations.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH "CHRISTMAS AT THE ORPHEUM"

Archbishop Miller extends a heartfelt invitation to all parishioners and friends to join him for a performance of the world's perennial Christmas favourite, Handel's Messiah. Visit www.rcav.org/messiah2011 to purchase tickets online.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Nov 6:** 2:00pm YFC (Church Basement)
- Mon. Nov 7:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr YM - SPARK (Church Basement)
7:00pm Lay Apostle (Church)
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)
- Tue. Nov 8:** 6:30pm Baptism Prep (Church)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
- Wed. Nov 9:** 2:00pm Willingdon Mass (4435 Grange)
6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:30pm Grace That Reigns (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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Thu. Nov 10: 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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Fri. Nov 11: REMEMBRANCE DAY (Parish Office Closed)
3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
5:00pm YFC (Rectory Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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Sat. Nov 12 9:00am D & A (Rectory Basement)
10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
2:00pm Handmaids (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
7:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
- Sun. Nov 13:** 10:00am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
2:00pm CFC (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: 9:00am to 9:30am, 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 6:30pm to 8:00pm

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