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Pastor's  
Corner

**ARE YOU RUNNING EMPTY?**

Do you come to Mass to be filled? Do you go to Adoration in order to receive or to give? Do you go to a spiritual retreat to be replenished? Do you refrain from praying because you feel empty, because you feel that you have nothing to give to God? Because you want to keep for yourself the little you have?

If so, you are on a dangerous path! You may end up losing even the little you have. Today's Gospel tells us that the law of economics (investment-risks-returns) apply also to spiritual life.

In the matter of faith and prayer we have to be like God whose life consists in giving Himself away totally, unreservedly. The problem is we want to grasp things away from God... like Adam and Eve snatching the forbidden fruit in order to become like gods. No, we receive God's life abundantly when we give away whatever He gives us.

You may feel your prayer is empty or that you are too tired? Pray anyway. Give God that little nothing that you still have. Give Him a little bit of time. He will bless your prayer. Ask to become a channel of His love and you will not only **receive** love; you will **become** love.

You may feel insecure in your faith and filled with questions and doubts. Then don't wait to be in control of it, to know it all before sharing it. Take the risk of sharing the little you know. Open up yourself to the risk of being ridiculed. Money won't grow until it is risked. So does your faith.

This is true at all levels. If you only breathe in and refuse to breathe out, you will die within minutes. If you refuse to express your emotions, they will shrink and you will become emotionally crippled. If you express your emotions to show love, understanding, encouragement to others, your emotional life will

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grow richer and fuller. If you use your mind to learn about faith and to witness it and teach it, your faith and your capacity to understand it will grow.

Practical tips:

- Don't be afraid to talk about something you learned from the Sunday homily at your workplace, or at the gym. God will use you to draw others to Himself and will give you a charisma for evangelization.
- Wear some sign of your faith anywhere, anytime...a small cross or a medal of a saint. It could be a conversation starter...
- Don't hide your rosary when you recite it in the streets.
- Say grace in a restaurant.
- Put a symbol of faith in your place of work.

Thanks to Fr. Barron for his inspiration.

*God Bless you, Fr. Pierre*

**PARISH NEWS**

**SPARK (grades 6-8) – HALLOWED?**

"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name..." this is something we say at least once a week, but do we really mean what we say or say what we mean? Do we even know what this prayer really means? Yes? Then come and share! But if not, your leaders and friends are here to help! Join us on Monday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement for another evening of faith, fun and fellowship!



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**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**

**FLAME (grades 8-12) – WAITING FOR YOU!**



Advent is almost here and that means we need to start getting ready for Christmas! But what does that mean? Decorations, shopping, time with family?

There is something so much more important than any of those. Are you getting ready? Join the Sr. Youth Ministry on Sunday, November 20 at 6:30pm in the church basement to find out how to prepare for this joyful event.

**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.



**CLERGY STUDY WEEK**

Please note our priests will be away at Clergy Study Week from Nov 14-18. On Monday & Tuesday there will be morning Mass as usual at 8am. On Wednesday & Thursday mornings at 8am, there will be Liturgy of the Word (no Eucharist), led by Sr. Normande. On Wednesday & Thursday evenings at 7pm, there will be Mass and Adoration, but no Confession or Benediction.

**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](mailto:ve7cld@shaw.ca)).

**MIGRANT MINISTRY**

Migrant Ministry invites all temporary foreign workers, caregivers, farm workers, new immigrant families who wish to experience faith-based support at St. Mary's on 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.

## 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


### **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.

### **L'ARCHE BENEFIT CONCERT**

L'Arche Greater Vancouver presents: *A Child is Given* on Sunday, November 20 at 3pm at Sherbrooke Mennonite Church, 7155 Sherbrooke Street, Vancouver. Come start the season with an afternoon of fine music featuring the Gallery Singers; Jonathan Quick, Music Director. This is a free concert with an opportunity given to donate to L'Arche Greater Vancouver. Light refreshments will be served following the concert. 

### **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**


The BC Christian Meditation Community is holding a day of Meditation and Reflection on Saturday, November 26 at Sacred Heart Parish, 525 Campbell Ave. Vancouver. Father Gabriel OP, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver will be the guest speaker. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. at the adjacent Kateri House, program to begin at 10:00 a.m. in the church following mass at 9:30 a.m. Everyone welcome. Bring your own bag lunch and snack. Refreshments served.


## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH


**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)

**Mon. Nov 14:** 8:00am **Mass** (Church)  
6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm Jr YM - SPARK (Church Basement)

**Tue. Nov 15:** 8:00am **Mass** (Church)  
7:00pm **Catholic Forum** (Church)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)  
7:00pm CWL (School Gym)  
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

**Wed. Nov 16:** 8:00am **Liturgy of the Word** (Church)  
 10:30am Hands of Veronica (Rectory Dining)  
6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)

**Thu. Nov 17:** 8:00am **Liturgy of the Word** (Church)  
 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)

**Fri. Nov 18:** 8:00am **Liturgy of the Word** (Church)  
 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)

**Sat. Nov 19:** 10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)  
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)  
2:00pm Liturgy Committee (Rectory Dining)  
3:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)  
7:30pm ARC (Church)

**Sun. Nov 20:** 8:30am Craft Fair (School Gym)  
1:00pm Knights of Columbus (Seminar Room)  
6:30pm Sr YM- FLAME (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

Coordinator: Stefan Oberg E-mail: stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca

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**YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)** E-mail: arda@marysyouth.com

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**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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Vesna Jankovic

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Ossie Fernandes

**Youth Ministry/Volunteer Coordinator**

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