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Pastor's Corner

HERE COMES THE JUDGE!

We don't like to be judged. Our secular culture negates the existence of sins and of final judgment. We are led to believe that we cannot evaluate the beliefs and the motives of any religions. Many think that we cannot find any objective truth, therefore there is no more right and wrong, in human behavior, except when practical reasons are invoked. Yet our society judges and puts aside people based on their look, on their language and on their social status. When we remind people that we should use deeper criteria, they challenge that there is no objective truth in the deeper sphere of human beliefs and spiritual options. Consequently they are left with outside appearances and external success as a means of criterion.

Yet, today's solemnity of Christ the King reminds us that God will come at the end to judge. We cannot avoid this perspective on God: it is everywhere in the Bible and on the lips of Jesus Himself.

Fr. Barron has a profound way of explaining the meaning of God as judge. By affirming God as the ultimate judge, we mean that "God is the criterion by which our lives are judged, whether we like it or not. God is our ultimate good. Therefore our lives are in relation to that ultimate good; they are willy-nilly, necessarily judged. Are we in line with God or not...He is the keynote...Are we in tune or not, in relation to that keynote? That is what God the judge means. Jesus, the incarnation of the second person of the Trinity, embodies therefore the Divine Judgment. In a certain way, He cannot help it. This is His nature. As the embodiment of God, Jesus is the criterion by which our lives are determined." (Fr. Barron, Sermon 99, Wordonfire.org.)

Remember, Jesus did not come to condemn the world, but to save it (John 3:17.) But we condemn ourselves by choosing to be with or against Him. Have you seen the waves of the sea crashing against a rock? "There is something firm and unbending about the rock.

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Waves crash against it and are divided by it. So Jesus, in His life, in His teaching, in His very way of being, is a kind of a rock. We break against Him, to the right and to the left." Now you are ready to read today's Gospel, Matthew 25:31-46. The ultimate criterion that Christ will use is this: How do you concretely love the least of your brothers and sisters? Not as abstract love of humanity. What do you do to the least of them, those you can see and touch now? You may consider Migrant Ministry— Christ in the stranger; Street Ministry— Christ in the homeless; St. Vincent de Paul— Christ in the hungry; Prison Outreach— Christ in the prisoners; Hands of Veronica or Healing Prayer Ministry— Christ in the sick. Very likely, there is someone right beside you in your home, in your workplace that is Christ-in-disguise.

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (grades 6-8) – MAGNIFY

What do you know about Mama Mary? Did you know that she's the best mom of all? What qualities does she have that makes her the best mom? Are we asking too many questions? That only means one thing, Power Points! Join us on November 21 at 6:30pm in the Church basement for a relay race, red rosaries and so much more!



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. YM 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 YM website and at the parish office. Questions? Contact Ana at ana@marysyoung.com. Questions? Contact Arda at arda@marysyoung.com



RESPECT LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS & CAKES

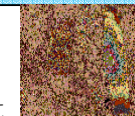
Please support St. Mary's Respect Life by purchasing Christmas cards and cakes on sale in the foyer after all Masses this weekend and next.



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FLAME (grades 8-12) – TAG & CLIMB

Are you ready to tag & climb? Sr. Youth Ministry is going laser tag and rock climbing and you don't want to be left behind. So you better be quick because we only have 13 spots available. First come, first serve or should we say 'You snooze you lose'? The cost is \$15 and the registration forms are available from the Youth Ministry web-site and at the parish office. Questions? Contact Arda at arda@marysyoung.com



ADVENT PRAYER BOOKLETS

This weekend after all Masses, Advent Prayer Booklets will be for sale in the Church foyer. Booklets are \$1 or \$2 and will help enrich your Advent journey.

EUTHANASIA PETITION

The Respect Life office would like to bring to your attention a serious threat to the right to life in Canada of the elderly, disabled and dying. The BC Civil Liberties Association has brought the case to court to establish a "right" to euthanasia and assisted suicide. If they win, the court ruling will legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada. Please stop by the foyer to sign the Euthanasia petition and make our voices heard!

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.

LOVE WORKS CHARITY

Love Works would like to thank everyone who contributed to the cause of Mariel's open heart surgery. We have made a total of \$3,603.10. Please keep us in your prayers.

SENIORS ANOINTING MASS & CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mass of Anointing for St. Mary's Seniors on Saturday, December 10 at 11:30am, followed by Christmas dinner at 1pm. If you are **60 or over**, come for a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. St Mary's School Children's Choir will entertain you, and there may be a visit from the "man in red"! Contact Eileen at 604-436-3655 or Nancy at 604-437-1312 to reserve your spot. RSVP by Dec. 7th.



PARISH NEWS

2012 SUNDAY ENVELOPES

The 2012 envelopes are now ready to be picked up from the Church basement; please do so as soon as possible. Envelopes that are not retrieved will be reassigned to someone else. You will notice your envelope number changes every year, as assigned by the computer program. Therefore it is vital that you do not use any other envelopes as of January 1, 2012, other than the 2012 box you have just claimed. Do not "lend" your envelopes to other family members, friends or visitors; there are visitor envelopes in the church foyer available for this purpose.

LIVING ROSARY

Because many parishioners were inspired in the solemnity and beauty of praying the living rosary, we will do this special prayer on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Thursday, December 8 at 8pm in the Church. Share this prayerful evening with you entire family! "A family that prays together, stays together." Bring your family, friends and all your concerns to Jesus and Mary. Experience the power and joy of bringing the people you love in the embrace of the Blessed Mother. Please note, for those who wants to bring their special candle that evening, make sure to get a candle wax catcher from the facilitators before we dim the lights in the entire church.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS




ST. THOMAS MORE CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 26, 10am-4pm & Sunday, November 27, 11am-4pm. Join us as we celebrate the holiday season at our 21st annual Christmas Craft Fair. Over 125 local crafters, Basket Raffles, Plant Sales, Used Book Sales, Bistro, Tea Garden, Free Child minding, Bake Sales, and more! Admission by donation or a non-perishable food item. 7450 12th Avenue, Burnaby (Kingsway at 12th Avenue) www.stmc.bc.ca.

SET FREE RETREAT

Saints Cyril and Methodius Church invites you to attend the "Set Free" Retreat with Fr. Elias Vella and Diana Mascarenhas at Rosemary Heights, December 9-11. "Set Free" is a concept inspired to liberate the human being through the person of Jesus Christ, His Sacrifice and Resurrection, His Word and the Sacramental life of the Church. To register or for more info www.eliasvella.org, Bertha 604-936-4669, Rozalia 604-944-1554.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Nov 20:** 8:30am Craft Fair (School Gym)
1:00pm Knights of Columbus (Seminar Room)
6:30pm Sr YM- FLAME (Church Basement)
- Mon. Nov 21:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr YM - SPARK (Church Basement)
- Tue. Nov 22:** 6:00pm Knights of Columbus (Church)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
- Wed. Nov 23:** 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. Nov 24:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:45pm Prayer for Priests (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Fri. Nov 25:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:30pm Sr YM- FLAME
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Sat. Nov 26:** 9:00am D&A Men's Group (Rectory Basement)
10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
2:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
2:00pm CFC-YFL (School Gym)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)
- Sun. Nov 27:** 10:00am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

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

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