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Pastor's
Corner

DO YOU USE GOD

Way back when I was a young adult, before joining the Dominicans, I gave my girlfriend an expensive bottle of perfume. She used it to seduce another man! I was upset! This is what we do to God, as Hosea said in the Bible. We use the gifts we have received from God to worship someone or something other than God, something even less than God, even less than ourselves! That is why Jesus got angry in the temple and chased the temple vendors.

But the anger of Jesus is not motivated by human jealousy. It is not like me when I felt cheated by my girlfriend who used my gift for someone else. I felt threatened in my self-esteem. I was concerned more about me than about her. God is concerned about us. He does not need to build up His self-esteem. He knows that we become like what we worship.

God wants us to become like Him. Anything else is not enough. **If we worship something less than us, we become like it.** Don't we say about a man who makes money that his goal in life is to turn himself into a money-making machine? Ultimately, he becomes an "it" not an "I", a thing enslaved to a thing, not a person. That is what he will continue to be, if he goes to hell: an "it", a person sadly reduced to an obsession about self-aggrandizement. Just like the evil spirit, that is depersonalized by their sins, their addictions. We refer to them as an "it".

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If you want to be happy, first stop worshipping false gods. Be free. Be clear about your ultimate concern. Concretely, this means that you have to want to please God above all things, to love God more than yourself.

Let Christ chase away the thieves in your own self, the temple of God. May your body and soul not be a marketplace.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

P.S. Check Fr. Barron's homily for this week in wonderfire.org.

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (grades 6-8) – SPARK CHALLENGE

It's game time with SPARK once again! This time you will have the opportunity to team up with your fellow youth and play against your leaders! Will the leaders' team dominate the games? Or will YOU rise up and lead your team to victory? Take on our challenge and come on Monday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement for an evening of guaranteed fun and fellowship!



FLAME (grades 8-12) – LIFE WITHOUT LIMBS



Does life sometimes seem unfair? How can we overcome hardships? These are questions we all face in our lives one time or another. Come and find the amazing answer. What you hear and see will blow your mind... guaranteed!!! Take our challenge and join us for the Sr. Youth Ministry event next Sunday, March 18 at 6:30pm in the church basement. This can change your life so you owe yourself to come and find out!!

FEELING COLD?

A new furnace should arrive in about 3 weeks. We apologize for the lengthy delay, which was due to extensive testing to find the right furnace for us.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT



Fr Bill Comerford C.Ss.R. will conduct a Lenten Parish Retreat March 20-22. He will speak at all weekend Masses on March 17/18. Please note there is no retreat on Monday, March 19. Everyone is welcome, no registration required. The retreat is free, but a freewill offering will gratefully be accepted. The retreat schedule is as follows:

Tuesday: 8am Mass, followed by talk and ministry time. Topic: **"Pray with Expectant Faith."** At 7pm, Mass followed by teaching: **"Our call to new life."**

Wednesday: 8am Mass, followed by teaching: **"Healing and Forgiveness."** At 7pm, Mass followed by talk **"Jesus the Healer."** This will be followed by blessing of oil, salt and water. Please bring your own. Attendees will also be specially blessed during the evening session.

Thursday: 8am Mass, followed by teaching and ministry: **"The mature Christian–Mary, as Model."** Also, answers for questions on current topics. At 7pm, Mass followed by **"The Gift of the Eucharist."** Blessing and Divine Praises.

A PERSONAL INVITATION

Are you feeling empty? Lacking purpose? Looking for meaning? Come and be nourished, be empowered, be inspired and be blessed! Light of Jesus Family invites you to a "Living in the Light" Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 17 from 9:30am–6pm in the Church Basement. For info: lojc.vancity@gmail.com or call 778-574-3505 (Emily) or 778-885-8774 (Mel).

INTERNATIONAL FAIR

St. Mary's will be hosting an International Fair in September and will need YOUR HELP to make it a successful event. If you are interested in volunteering, please pick up a volunteer form available in the church foyer today and return it to the drop-off box in the foyer by Sunday, March 17th.

LEGION OF MARY



"ACIES", Renewal of the Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary at Holy Name Church, 4925 Cambie St. on Saturday, March 25 from 1pm-4pm. All St. Mary's Legion of Mary active and auxiliary members please attend. For more info, contact Letty at 604-677-2643 or Katie at 778-926-4882.

PARISH NEWS

THE MAN OF THE SHROUD EXHIBIT

The Exhibit was a great success! On behalf of Fr. Pierre and St. Mary's Man of the Shroud Planning Committee, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers and all who helped out in any way to make this Exhibition a huge success! Thank you to all who prayed for this exhibition. Together, we have touched many souls through this exhibition. We have completed our evangelistic mission in this event. I believe God is very happy with each one of us! Thank you! We did it! Mildred Moy, Coordinator, St. Mary's Man of the Shroud Exhibit.

THE CATHOLIC FORUM

The Catholic Forum invites you to explore the topic: "The Vatican II Council: the most important event in the Catholic Church in the last 500 years", on Tuesday March 27 at 7pm in St. Mary's Church. The guest speaker is Dr. Christine Jones, President of Redeemer Pacific College. For further info, contact Dr. Paul Ungar at 604-588-5696 or Cathy Neugebauer email: ve7cld@shaw.ca.

7PM CHOIR

The Sunday 7pm Mass is looking for new choir members. Please contact linactys@yahoo.com for more information.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

RETROUVILLE

Retrouville helps couples recover intimacy and a loving marriage. You CAN heal the pain and rediscover romance!! For info or to register for the program beginning the weekend of April 13 - 15 call 604-530-6710, email 1009@retrouville.org or visit www.retrouville.org.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY Come and discover God's original design for us, our call to holiness, and our destiny with him in heaven. Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body; instructor: Fr. Alan Boisclair, BA, MDiv, STL (Marriage & the Family). Course locations and dates: St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver - Apr. 18 to July 11 on Wednesdays from 7pm to 9:15pm; Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Vancouver - Apr. 19 to July 12 on Thursdays from 7pm to 9:15pm; Cost: \$60 till Apr. 10; thereafter \$70. Preregistration required. Call 604-683-0281 ext. 370; email: tob@rcav.org; www.rcav.org/TOB for online registration.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Mar 11: 10:00am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)
10:00am Handmaids (Rectory Library)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
2:00pm CFC (Church Basement)

Mon. Mar 12: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr YM- SPARK (Church Basement)

Tue. Mar 13: 6:30pm Baptism Prep (Church)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

Wed. Mar 14: 2:00pm Willingdon Mass (4435 Grange St)
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. Mar 15: 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Fri. Mar 16: 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:30pm CCO (School Gym)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
7:45pm Holy Spirit Talk (Church Basement)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Sat. Mar 17: 9:30am Lenten Retreat (Church Basement)
10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)
3:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
6:00pm CFC (School Gym)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Seminar Room)
7:30pm ARC (Church)

Sun. Mar 18: 10:00am Handmaids (School Gym)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)
5:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
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

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