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Pastor's Corner

WILL MY CHILDREN BE SAVED?

That is the anxious question that is in the mind of so many parents and grandparents. Today's Gospel seems to make it worse. We read in John 3:6, "The one who believes in Him (Christ) is not condemned; but the one who does not believe is condemned already, for not having believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God."

Now I can hear you say, "My children don't even believe in a personal God. They only admit that there must be a creative energy that engineered the universe, something greater than themselves, a kind of good Higher Power. Is that enough? Well it is very hard to follow your conscience to be faithful to the vague conception of God when you are facing tremendous temptations of the world. You are at high risk of falling into the trap of self-indulgence, if you are not in relation with a real, personal God, that can make specific demands on you, that knows you and calls you into likeness to Himself.

But the Council of Vatican II said that the sincere non-believers, who cannot adhere to Christ because of invisible ignorance, will be judged according to their conscience. If they do the good that they are called to do and avoid evil, if they seek the truth, Christ will save them. But it is a perilous path. The path of the faithful Catholic is much safer, and paradoxically much easier, because it leads us away from the snares of the enemy and provides us with the supernatural weapons to fight evil in. Or maybe you ask, "My children believe in Christ, but not in the Church, will they be saved?

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Here we can look at the two dimensions of believing. There is the belief in the set of Catholic doctrines and morals; there is also the belief in Jesus Christ as God and Savior. If your children believe in the second way, at least, it means that they trust in Christ, they put their faith in Him. But they may not (yet) accept the full Catholic teaching, the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Provided that they honestly seek to adhere to the complete truth, they will be saved by Christ. What will happen in the end, if they were lazy in seeking the truth to the point of forgetting about it? The answer is in every page of the Gospel. But ultimately only God can know them and judge them. Let God be God.

So there is hope. But there is a real duty to seriously pray for the believers and the fallen-away Catholics. There is also a real duty for us, lay people and priests, to evangelize these people.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (grades 6-8) – DEFEAT FOR HUMANITY

"If we do not end war – war will end us." – H.G. Wells. Why do we have to end it when it does not even affect us? Besides, what can someone like you and I do to help end wars that are going on in far away places? Do you want answers? Then what are you waiting for! Join us on Monday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement to get answers and learn some creative ways we could do to help end war!

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 this Sunday (March 18) at 6:30pm in the church basement. This can change your life so you owe yourself to come and find out!!

PARISH NEWS

YOUNG ADULT GROUP – SERVING THE HOMELESS

Our Lord says "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." It is in serving the poorest of the poor that we serve our Lord Jesus Christ. So come and join the Young Adult Group as we serve the homeless with sandwiches, fellowship and prayers next Saturday (March 24) at 9:30am. For more info or to register please contact Arda at 604-435-9611 ext.6 or arda@marysyouth.com

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU!

Congratulations to our Canucks Raffle Winners. Ryan Vales, the winner for the Coyotes Game and Kerr Tomayao, the winner for the Kings game. Also thank you to all who have contributed to our fundraiser. With your continued support, St. Mary's Youth Ministry is able to serve our youth bringing them closer to Christ.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Fr Bill Comerford C.Ss.R. will conduct a Lenten Parish Retreat March 20-22. 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.

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.

MIGRANT MINISTRY

Migrant Ministry invites all temporary foreign workers, caregivers, farm workers, new immigrant families who wish to experience faith-based support, March 25, 10am-12:30pm, in the School Gym.

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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.

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.

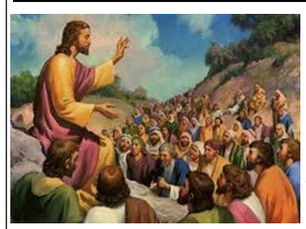
7PM CHOIR

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

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Help bring God's kingdom to our neediest brothers and sisters in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. On March 24/25, please give generously to the 2nd collection Share Lent.

CATHOLIC EVANGELIZATION WORKSHOP:



Embracing Your Missionary Identity on Wednesday, March 28th from 7pm – 9pm in the Church Basement. Pope Benedict XVI has called for a New Evangelization, how do you want to respond? This workshop will inspire your heart by equipping you to embrace your missionary identity. If you want to learn how to be a witness for Christ, or how to share your faith in a way that is natural and fruitful, please consider attending and consider bringing friends and associates. Brett Powell is an excellent teacher known for making an impact with audiences by providing practical and inspiring training in evangelization and leadership development. His workshops are fun, engaging, informative and inspiring. To register please contact Brett G. Powell, MA National Programming Director *Catholic Christian OUTREACH* **:** brett.powell@cco.ca.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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)

Mon. Mar 19: 6:30pm Jr YM—SPARK (Church Basement)
6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

Tue. Mar 20: 7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Lenten Retreat (Church)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

Wed. Mar 21: 6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:00pm Lenten Retreat (Church)
7:30pm Neo Catechumens (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Thu. Mar 22: 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm Lenten Retreat (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Fri. Mar 23: 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:30pm Youth Ministry (School Gym)
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 Lenten Penitential Service (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Sat. Mar 24: 9:15am D & A (Rectory Basement)
10:00am Youth Ministry (School Gym)
2:00pm CFC-SFC (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC (School Gym)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)

Sun. Mar 25: 10:00am Migrant Worker's (School Gym)
10:00am Handmaids (Rectory Library)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
2:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
7:30pm Neo Catechumens (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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