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Pastor's
Corner

DOES THE RESURRECTION MAKE A DIFFERENCE NOW?

A senior parishioner told me during the Easter Triduum, "I thought that heaven was a bunch of souls on a cloud. Now, I know that the Resurrection of the dead means that the world will be made perfect by God." That parishioner was speaking like a great theologian! In today's second reading, John wrote, "Whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith." (1 John 5:4) Here the apostle John was speaking of the world that resists God's will and engenders chaos and suffering and death. Of course, the same John speaks of the world as good as in John 3:16, "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son." In the end, God will create a new heaven and a new earth as John wrote in the Book of Revelation. That new humanity will live forever without sin, without fear, in complete freedom and love. We can be part of it.

But what about now? What about us? Our world doesn't look redeemed! Our lives are undergoing suffering and death. Are we not slave of sin, doing what we don't want to do, and not doing what we want to do, as Paul wrote.

Yes, but John wrote in today's second reading, "Who is it that **conquers** the world but the one who **believes** that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1John 5:5) To believe is to be understood in its first meaning = to **trust** in Jesus Christ. It is amazing that John wrote this while the Church was still very small, very much persecuted. All the other Apostles had died, most of them had been martyred, including Peter and Paul. The local communities of believers were very small, around 60 people. The Church had no buildings, no Vatican, no civic rights. The Emperor could have crushed it anytime. Yet the Christians believed that victory had been won. For them and for us too, the main battle is won. We can sometimes "see" this new life at work in us. We call it **spiritual** life. It is a life lived in and through the power of the Spirit, that same Spirit, that

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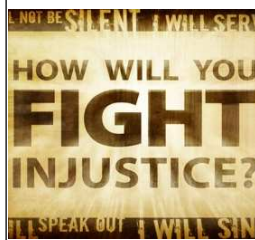
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same Power who rose Jesus from the dead. St. Paul wrote, "The Power, who was at work in Christ Jesus, when God rose Him from the dead, that **same** Power is at work in you that believes." Sometimes, we "see" that Power at work in conversions, healings, deliverances, prophecies, words of knowledge. We see the other side of the tapestry!

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (GRADES 6-8) - BREAKING THE CYCLE



There's so much injustice going on around us and it never stops! From the very comfort of our neighborhood and all over the world! It's a cycle that's been going on for a long time and we can only end it if we all do our part. Join us on Monday, April 16 at 6:30pm in the church basement and find out what you can do to take your part in fighting injustice!

KONY 2012

Have you seen the Kony 2012 video that went viral? If not this is your chance. And if you have already seen it we have more for you. We bring you the Invisible Children team that created the video with Akol from Uganda to share his experiences & answer your questions. Come and find out what all the commotion is about and do your part to protect the innocent children being kidnapped everyday. This event is for all Sr. YM youth (grades 8-12) and all young adults (18 to 35). Join us on Sunday, April 15 at 6:30pm in the church basement.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ⇒ PROJECT ADVANCE - There will be an information and Volunteer Training Night on April 16 at 6pm at the Rectory.
- ⇒ Development and Peace Share Lent Collection—Donations are still being accepted. Give your donations (marked Share Lent) at collection time during mass. Thank you for your generosity!

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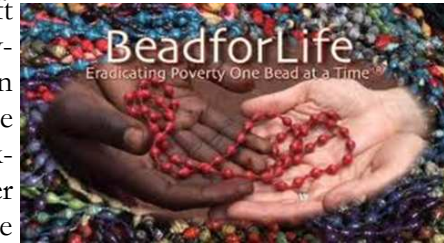
READY, SET, LEARN WORKSHOP



St. Mary's School will be hosting a Ready, Set, Learn Workshop for parents with 4 yr. olds. The workshop will provide information about how to support their young child's learning and develop positive connections with the school system and local community agencies. The parent workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 8 in the Learning Assistance room, ground floor of the school from 6:45-8:30pm. Please call the school to reserve your space at 604.437.1312. Only those parents who register will receive an activity package to take home.

LOOK GOOD, DO GOOD, FEEL GOOD!

The CWL invites all women of the parish to a BeadforLife Party on Tuesday, April 17 from 7-9 pm in the School Gym. BeadforLife's primary goal is to lift Ugandan women out of poverty. Come with a friend on this ladies' night out to see the array of bracelets, necklaces, earrings and other products available for sale and find out more about this Fair Trade Federation member charity. Women helping women in honor of the feast day of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Light refreshments will be served.



INTERNATIONAL FAIR

St. Mary's has a vibrant multi-cultural community and we want to celebrate our talents! There will be an International Fair taking place in June 2013 with events planned for kids, young adults as well as for those who are young at heart. We need volunteers to assist with many exciting events being planned for the entire weekend. Please pick up a volunteer form from the church foyer today that will give you more information and return by Sunday, April 29th.

STREET MINISTRY

St. Mary's Street Ministry would like to invite all supporters, prayer partners and anyone who are interested to come celebrate our 8th anniversary on Saturday, April 28, 11:30am-2:30pm in the church basement. It's potluck. Please bring a dish or two to share. There will be performances by our volunteers and guests. No alcohol allowed. All are invited.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

WORKSHOP FOR PASTORAL CARE VOLUNTEERS

The Catholic Health Association of BC is sponsoring a workshop on May 1st for Pastoral Care Volunteers. This session will be held at St. Michael's Parish in Burnaby and will start with Mass in the Church. Speakers will address various issues, including Depression, the Efficacy of a Pastoral Visit, the Sacramental Ministry to the Sick and Church Teaching on Health Care issues. Registration is \$60 for the day. Lunch will be provided. Registration brochure can be downloaded from www.chabc.ca.ca under "upcoming events". Everyone is welcome—those who volunteer in their local care facilities, as well as those who visit the sick and the elderly in their homes. Pre-registration is required by April 25th.

ENRICH YOUR FAITH:

Archdiocesan Formation Institutes offer one-day faith formation and ministry training courses for adults. Topics include: Church history, apologetics & more. Apr. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: \$35. For more information visit: www.rcav.org/oc/spring

FORGIVENESS AND FEARLESS LIVING

Life Transformation Series Workshops - Forgiveness makes you stronger! Embrace forgiveness, leave the past behind and live the life of courage, integrity and joy. St. Peter's Parish, 330 Royal Avenue, New Westminster on Apr. 26 at 7 p.m. Registration - \$20. Call 778-239-7996; email milena@mclifecoach.com; For more info visit www.mclifecoach.com

YOUTH DAY: REJOICE!

Youth Day 2012 is coming on May 4 and May 5 at Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary School in Port Coquitlam. Join hundreds of teens for an awesome weekend of faith, fellowship, and fun! Register now with your parish youth ministry or Catholic high school: early registration deadline is April 23. For registration info and promo materials, visit www.oyyam.com

OUR LADY OF SORROWS PRESCHOOL

Now accepting registration for the three and four year old program for the September 2012-June 2013 school year. For registration packages and more information, please contact the school office at 604-253-2434

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Apr 15:** 10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
10:00am Migrant Workers (School Gym)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church/Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Neo Catechumens (Church Basement)
- Mon. Apr 16:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:00pm Project Advance (Rectory Dining)
6:30pm Jr YM - SPARK (Church Basement)
7:00pm Healing Ministry (Rectory Basement)
- Tue. Apr 17:** 7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Catholic Women's League (School Gym)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
- Wed. Apr 18:** 5:00pm L'Arche Mass (7401 Sussex Ave)
6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)
6:30pm Development & Peace (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:30pm Neo Catechumens (Church Basement)
7:30pm Street Ministry (Rectory Living Room)
7:40pm Healing Ministry (Crying Room)
- Thu. Apr 19:** 9:30am School Mass (Church)
7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass / Adoration (Church)
- Fri. Apr 20:** 3:00/6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
5:00pm YM/PREP (School Gym)
5:30pm CCO (Church Basement)
6:30pm Development & Peace (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Ministry (Crying Room)
- Sat. Apr 21:** 8:00am PREP Retreat (School Gym)
9:30am Catholicism Series (Church Basement)
9:30am Christian Meditation (Rectory Dining)
1:00pm Youth Ministry (Seminar Room)
2:00pm CFC-SFC (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm Ablaze Meeting (Rectory Dining)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)
3:00pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)
6:00pm CFC (Seminar Room)
7:00pm ARC (Church)
- Sun. Apr 22:** 10:00am Handmaids (Rectory Dining)
2:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus Family (School Gym)
6:30pm Sr.YM/Young Adult (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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