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Pastor's
 Corner

TOUCH ME

“Look at my hands and my feet: see that it is I myself. Touch me and see.” (from today’s Gospel in Luke 24:39) Would you dare touch the Lord if He asked you? After seeing the wounds your sins carved in these hands? Yet, He became very friendly with them, as if the Resurrection had erased all their past sins... all the betrayals... **and it did so!** “Have you anything here to eat?”, He asked. Just like a friend visiting you and asking for snacks. Ghosts don’t do that. Ghosts are supposed to haunt you! At least, this is what the ghost stories are about.

Even in the time of Jesus, some people wanted to explain away the Resurrection, to interpret it as a mere symbol. But the disciples did not eat with a mere symbol. Jesus was real. How can we believe them? We can believe them because we know how much their lives were transformed in a radical and permanent way after seeing the Risen Lord. They were fully aware that in Christ, they had the power to conquer the world. They lived a passionate, fearless and loving life right through their death as martyrs. And they still intercede for us. All of this would be unexplainable if they had been the victims of a collective hallucination. But all of this make sense if they really saw and touch the Real Body of Jesus.

Why can’t we share their privileges? We wish we had been there with the Apostles. Can Christ renew this favour for us? He will, at the Last Day, and forever in the Kingdom. We will see Him, with our own eyes. But as for now, He says to us what He said to them, “It is better for you that I go to the Father, so that I might send you the Holy Spirit. If I do not go, you will not have the Holy Spirit.”

The Holy Spirit is a divine relationship to the Father, through Christ. He gives us an experience from within, of the transforming and redeeming love of Christ.

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The Holy Spirit also manifests Himself in a new and loving relationship between the members of the Christian community. This is what we get to see. Yet we still need to believe the testimony of the Apostles. We need faith. “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” (John 20:29)

God bless you, Father Pierre

PARISH NEWS

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 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.

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.

GRACE THAT REIGNS

Presents “**He has Risen—Going Forward with Love**” by Jacqueline Loh. Healing Prayers will be available. Open to the public—May 7, Monday, 7:00pm at St. Mary’s Church. Your offering will support the continuing ministry of Intercession for Our Priests in Vancouver, www.gracethatreigns.com ALSO—don’t forget!! **Prayers for Our Priests** at St. Mary’s is on Thursday, April 26th after the 7pm Mass. Prayer/Taize music/ silence and Exposition. We invite you to **come out and intercede for your priest**. Every 4th Thursday of the month.

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (grades 6-8) - HE SAYS/ SHE SAYS



He said this, she said that... Most of us have experienced gossiping one way or another. Should you listen to it or should you stop it? The answer is easy but the real question is why should we do it and how do we do it? Find out by joining us on Monday, April 23 at 6:30pm in the church basement. After last week’s flash mob, come and see what your leaders have under their sleeves for you!

FLAME (GRADES 8 –12) - OPEN GYM

Are you ready for a blast? This is gym blast with an open gym night for Sr. Youth Ministry. Volleyball, badminton and maybe even more... Come and join us on Friday, April 27 for a night of sports and fellowship. Whether you are a good athlete or can barely walk, this night will be guaranteed fun for you. Join us at 6:30pm in the school gym and bring a friend if you can.



YOUNG ADULT GROUP (ages 18-35) - GO KARTING

Ready, set, go!!! We invite all young adults (18-35) to join us on Saturday, April 28 for go-karting. With speeds reaching to 70km/hr this event will be tons of fun at TBC Indoor Kart Racing. The cost for the event is \$28 and includes a 2-race package and helmet rental. The registration deadline is Monday, April 23, 1:00pm. Join us for the race and then a quick bite to eat and your weekend will be one to remember. Contact Arda at arda@marysyoung.com for more info or to register.



QUEEN OF PEACE MONASTERY FUNDING

Join a fun-filled evening at the talent show night, May 5, Saturday, 7-9 pm, Church basement, and be part of the historical building of a monastery. Admission is \$10. Proceeds will help Dominican nuns in Squamish build a sacred place for people to be with God—listen, study and take long healthy walks. See us at the church foyer after mass. On May 6, Sunday, the Dominican nuns will visit our parish and be present at all masses.

PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE 2012

Time sure flew by quickly, our committee is once again preparing for this year's Project Advance event. Please take a moment to read the 2012's Project Advance brochure enclosed with this week's bulletin. It outlines in detail the different areas supported by the campaign and a sample of a monthly gift plan. Also please join us next week April 28th and 29th for a video presentation at each mass which will speak to you at greater length on this year's campaign. For parishioners who have contributed in the past, pledge cards are mailed to you again this year. Project Advance volunteers will be collecting returned pledges and registering new donors starting NEXT WEEK until end of June AFTER each mass at the foyer. Thank you in advance for your support and participation in this important event.

SEMINAR OF HOPE

The Seminar of Hope will help you grow in faith, hope and know God's peace, then DISCOVER how God is at work in you and your loved ones! COME to **"How to Pray for Your Sons, Daughters & Loved Ones"** by Vernon Robertson, St. Mary's Parish (church basement) - Friday, May 11, 7:30pm and Saturday, May 12, 9:30am-3:30pm. Seminar is free—donations are welcome. Pre-registration is necessary to get a copy of the seminar manual. Bring a bagged lunch and coffee mug; FREE coffee/snacks. Call 604.460.0114 or 604.454.3143.

ANNOUNCEMENTS




- ⇒ MIGRANT WORKERS: April 29, Sunday 10:30am-12pm at the School Gym. Topic: Effective Communication & Talk 5: Building Relationships
- ⇒ INTERNATIONAL FAIR - We need volunteers for this big event in June 2013. Pick up your volunteer forms today at the church foyer and return by Sunday, April 29th.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRESCHOOL

Now accepting registration for September 2012 school year. We have a 3 year old class and a 4 year old class. Please contact: Mrs. Eng or Miss Campos at 604.255.9839

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sunday:** 2:00pm Light of Jesus Family (School Gym)
April 22 2:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
6:30pm Sr.YM—FLAME (Church Basemen)
- Monday:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
April 23 6:30pm Jr YM - SPARK (Church Basement)
- Tuesday:** 6:30pm Confirmation Rehearsal (Church)
April 24 7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
- Wednesday:** 3:00pm St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex Ave)
April 25 6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession/Healing Prayer
7:30pm Neo Catechumens (Church Basement)
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Thursday: 6:00pm Marriage Prep Course (School Gym)
April 26 7:00PM RCIA (Church Basement)

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:40pm Prayers for our Priests (Church)
- Friday:** 3:00/6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
April 27 4:00pm Monastery Fundraising (Church Basement)

6:30pm Sr. YM—FLAME (School Gym)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession /Healing Prayer
- Saturday:** 9:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
April 28 9:30am DNA (Rectory Basement)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
10:00am Street Ministry (Church Basement)
12:15pm Liturgy Committee Meeting (Rectory Dining)
2:00pm CFC-SFC (School Gym)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)
6:00pm CFC (School Gym)
- Sunday** 10:00am Migrant Workers (School Gym)
April 29 1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus Family (School Gym)
4:00pm Knights of Columbus (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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