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Pastor's
Corner

"I KNOW MY OWN AND THEY KNOW ME"

Almost every weekend, during the Communion time of a busy mass, a little child loose contact with his mother. After receiving Communion, the mother goes back to her place and is unaware that her child has not followed her. He stayed around me hoping to get a host for himself or wondering what people are doing. When he realizes that his mom isn't around, he calls to her, and if she isn't too far, she picks up his voice among all other noises despite the singing of a big choir! As soon as the child hear her voice, even without seeing her, he runs towards her voice. Just like the blind man of Jericho, who rushed towards the voice of Jesus.

Or just like the shepherd calling his sheep. One day a priest was watching a gathering of four flocks in the Holy Land. The sheep were all in one pack "socializing". The priest wondered how each of the shepherds would recognize his sheep and reconstitute their flock. Well, the four shepherds went to four different locations around the flock and called their sheep. Each of them recognized his own shepherd, by his voice. In no time the four flocks went each their own ways following their own shepherd.

Have you ever wondered why you believe? Why do you listen to the God of Jesus Christ? Why this shepherd and not the other one? It is because deep inside you recognize His voice, His Presence. You and I are wired for God. Jesus is the voice of God made flesh. The very voice that created the world, and you, and me! Just like a fetus recognizing the voice of his mother and father, so do we recognize the voice of our Creator. In the old ways of shepherding, the shepherd

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would hold in his arms the new born ewe for a full day. The ewe would get to believe that the shepherd was his mother, because he would smell the shepherd, hear his heart beat and listen to his voice right from the beginning. And it would never forget this voice. One day this voice will call us to eternal life. You and I will perk up!

God bless you, Father Pierre

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (GRADES 6-8) - SPARK DAY OFF

There will be no Jr. YM event on Monday, April 30th. Our regular events will resume next Monday, May 7th. See you then!



YOUTH MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP

We know that going to school is expensive, especially if you are in a private school. But not to worry, Youth Ministry is here to help. One youth from SPARK (Jt. Youth Ministry) and one youth from FLAME (Sr. Youth Ministry) will receive a Youth Ministry Scholarship to help them defray the cost of their education. Scholarship Application Forms are available on the Youth Ministry website (www.marysyoung.com/forms). The criteria will be based on the youth's attendance, positive participation and development.



GRACE THAT REIGNS

Love is Heroic. Moses had his staff! Superman has his cape! You have God's love. You are well equipped to face your enemies with Joy. What is Love? How do we accept Love and use it more powerfully for yourself and for others? Join **Grace that Reigns** on May 7, Monday, for a night of presentation and healing prayer to rediscover God's ultimate weapon of choice: **LOVE**. Given by: Jacqueline Loh at 7:00pm St. Mary's Church basement. Proceeds will help expand the ministry of GTReigns. One Voice, Prayer for Our Priests. www.GracethatReigns.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

⇒ St. Mary's School still has openings for Grades 3, 5, 7 for September 2012. If you are interested please call the school office 604.437.1312

PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE 2012—SHARING WITH JOY

"Project Advance is stewardship in action. It expresses the vitality of the Body of Christ by assisting those in need, educating young people, preparing for the future and bringing Christ's message to everyone. May our generosity declare to one another and to the community at large that we are people who care and that you can make a difference!" (Archbishop Miller's message) Committee members and volunteers are available till end of June to collect all returned pledges and register new donors at the church foyer **AFTER** each mass. Participation from all parishioners is most important and is one key factor to make this a successful campaign, **NO** gift is too small. Gifts can also be sent online at www.rcav.org. Last year's rebate was used to support the new kindergarten class room project. This year, it will be routed towards the building of our own Parish Community Centre, thus, making it more important for all parishioners to participate. We thank you in advance for your generous support in making this a successful campaign.

LUKE 15 HOUSE FUNDRAISER

Looking for an excellent gift for Mom? Each year, on Mother's Day, Luke 15 House has a sale of Hanging Baskets at various parishes in BC—as a fundraiser. 14 inch Hanging Basket, Excellent Quality, Great Variety, Full Sun or Part Shade, \$30 each. Order now and pick up is on Saturday, May 12 between 11am-3pm. For orders and pick up locations, please call 604.930.4884 or 604.570.0363; email us at luke15house@email.com or trasquinha@shaw.ca



ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

CWL is again hosting the Mother's Day Luncheon on May 13th from 11am-2pm. A great opportunity to treat your lovely mother to a fabulous lunch and show her your appreciation. Great menu at very low cost. Buy your tickets now before it's sold out!!! Ticket price is \$18 per adult, children 7-13 years \$9 and children under 6 years FREE. For more information or ticket purchases, please contact Teresa Lung at 604.437.7745 or email at teresa.lung@telus.net

PARISH NEWS

QUEEN OF PEACE MONASTERY

Join a fun-filled evening and discover wonderful surprises while being part of the historical building of a monastery. Be entertained at our talent show on May 5, Saturday, 7-9pm at the Church basement. Admission is \$10 and tickets available at the door. Let's help the Dominican nuns in Squamish build a sacred space of beauty, simplicity and silence. We also sell books written by the nuns and raffle tickets for an inspired painting of the Immaculate heart of Mary. Please see our table after mass at the foyer. Volunteer forms are also available. On May 6, Sunday, the Dominican nuns will visit our parish and be present at all masses. Please help us extend a warm welcome to them.

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.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE ON SENIORS' CARE

Are you a senior or helping a senior? Do you have questions about the services available for seniors in this neighbourhood? Are you concerned about your future or the future of a senior? Join staff from Collingwood Neighbourhood House and special guests from Evergreen Community Health Centre and the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives for a community discussion on seniors' care. Learn about services that help seniors live independently and come up with a plan to ensure you or your loved one ages with dignity. Wednesday, June 6, 6-8pm (Mandarin with Cantonese translation) & Thursday, June 7, 2-4pm (English), Collingwood Neighbourhood House, 5288 Joyce St. Free event, food and drinks provided. Call 604.435.0323 to register.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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)
Monday:	1:00pm 2000 Hail Marys (Rectory Dining)
April 30	6:00pm Bingo (School Gym) 7:00pm CWL Executive Meeting (Rectory Dining) 7:00pm Healing Ministry (Rectory Basement) 7:00pm Confirmation (Church/Church Basement)
Tuesday:	7:00pm First Communion Meeting (School Gym)
May 01	7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement) 7:00pm PREP Rehearsal (Church) 7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
Wednesday:	10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex Ave)
May 02	5:00pm CCO (School Gym) 6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church) 6:30pm PREP First Communion Mtg (Seminar Room) 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession/Healing Prayer 7:30pm Neo Catechumens (Church Basement)
	
Thursday:	6:00pm Marriage Prep Course (School Gym)
May 03	6:30pm Knights of Columbus (Seminar Room) 6:30pm Finance Committee (Rectory Dining) 7:00PM RCIA (Church Basement) 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
	
Friday:	3:00/6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
May 04	5:00pm Monastery Fundraising (Church Basement) 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession /Healing Prayer
	
Saturday:	9:00am Catholicism Series (Church Basement)
May 05	9:00am 2000 Hail Marys (Rectory Dining) 10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym) 10:00am Lector's Training (Church) 2:00pm CFC-SFC (School Gym) 2:30pm Baptism (Church) 3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement) 4:00pm Monastery Fundraising (Church Basement) 6:00pm CFC-FFL (Seminar Room) 6:00pm CFC (School Gym)
Sunday:	8:00am Handmaids (School Gym)
May 06	1:00pm CFC-YFL (School Gym) 1:30pm CFC-YFC (Church Basement) 4:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym) 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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