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Pastor's
 Corner

RECLAIMING THE CONNECTION

Are you struggling to stamp sins out of your life without success? Are you wondering if you will keep hurting your beloved ones every day until you die? It could be that you have absorbed the spirit of self-reliance that is so prevalent in our culture. For many, many years, since my childhood, I have been imbued with this spirit of autonomy. I have tried to be good by my own power, with my own strength and ideas.

But Jesus tells us: "You are the branches. I am the vine. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. Whoever abides in me and I in them bears much fruit, **because apart from me you can do nothing.**" (Today's Gospel in John 15). If you try over and over and do not succeed, it is likely that you are not properly grafted to Christ. Or rather, that you were grafted to Him by baptism, but failed to really open yourself to His sap, to His grace, because of pride or because you are too attached to your sins. You get something out of them that you are not really willing to give up.

What can we do about it? First, we will open the flow of Christ's life in ourselves by true prayer. St. Francis de Sales had a hot temper. **He prayed every day for years and years** to receive the grace of patience. He got it. He became one of the most gentle person on heart. And was able to guide thousands of people on the way to holiness. He became like Jesus, a friend of sinners, a healer, a preacher and a warrior. That leads us to the second point. Read the gospel, and/or the life of a saint. Discover who Jesus is, pray to be like them, and then go and try. The Lord will let you struggle for a while and then He will let you experience his transforming union. He will pour out into you the desire to do what He wants, and the knowledge of how

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to do it step by step. The baptism with the Holy Spirit in 2004 re-grafted me into the Vine. Since then, I have re-discovered Jesus more as a Person, than as a vague moral inspiration. He is, as Fr. Barron says, "a field of force in which we live, a river in which we swim". May that River, that Power carry you to the Father and make you a channel of mercy and life.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE 2012

It is very exciting to start off the 32nd Project Advance again. Committee members and volunteers are available till end of June to collect all returned pledges at the church foyer **AFTER** each mass. Participation from all parishioners is most important and key to make this a successful campaign. We also welcome new donors. Online donations are also encouraged through the diocesan email, www.rcav.org. We hope that from the video presentation, we were able to showcase our own kindergarten class room, made through your generosity and rebate funds. Our goal this year is \$100,000 which can strongly support the building and development of our Parish Community Centre.

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 tere-



sa.lung@telus.net

CANDY DRIVE

St Mary's Street Ministry is now collecting chocolate for our outreach programs. Please kindly drop off **chocolate** purchased within the past **3 months** at the church foyer. We thank you for your generous donations and support.

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (GRADES 6-8) - FAKE OUT

Popularity—is it good or bad? It's so hard to fit in at school, with our group of friends and with what the media tells us that we sometimes put on a mask and pretend to be someone we're not. Is it even possible to be yourself and be liked all at the same time??? Join SPARK on Monday, May 7th at 6:30pm in the church basement and get your fake OUT, your true identity IN and still be accepted!



YOUNG ADULT GROUP—SERVING THE HOMELESS

Do you know where your next meal is coming from? Do you care about those who don't know? All young adults (18-35) are invited to join us as we prepare and serve a meal to our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the downtown Catholic charity organization The Door is Open. Come and be the hands and feet of Jesus serving Him in the least of His brethren. Come and join the Young Adult Group as we serve the homeless with sandwiches, fellowship and prayers next Saturday (May 12) at 8:30am. For more info or to register, please contact Arda at 604.435.9611 ext. 6 or arda@marysyouth.com



NEW PARISH CENTRE

We are very blessed to be part of an active and growing parish community. With close to 50 different ministries, our parish now needs a new parish centre to accommodate our needs. This is a big project and we are forming a Building Committee that will be in charge of this exciting undertaking. If you have expertise and willingness that you would like to contribute by being part of the committee, please send a brief summary or your qualifications to the parish office "Attn: Building Committee".



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - FLOWER SALE

Knights of Columbus Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale at the church's entrance, Sunday May 13, after masses. Minimum donation \$1.00 per carnation. Proceeds for K of C sponsored parish community projects.

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A REMINDER : GRACE THAT REIGNS

Monday Night at 7:00pm, May 7th. Love is Heroic. Moses had his staff! Superman had Kryptonite! You have God's love. What is Love? How do we accept Love and use it more powerfully for yourself and for others? Presentation, healing prayer and confession available to rediscover God's ultimate weapon of choice: LOVE. Where? St. Mary's Church basement. Proceeds will help expand *One Voice, Prayer for Our Priests*. www.GracethatReigns.com

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.

PREP REGISTRATION FORMS

The Parish Religious Education Programme (also known as PREP) offers religious instruction for children who attend public schools. The next PREP ministry year will start **September 11, 2012**. Registration forms are now available in the Church foyer on the bulletin board. Please fill out the forms and return them with your payment to the school office on one of the posted registration dates. Please **do not** return the registration forms to the parish office in the rectory—they will not be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ⇒ Migrant Ministry: May 13, Sunday, 10:30am-12pm (Gym)
Short Topic Talk: "Preparing to Apply for PR"
Talk No.6 on Values: "How Important is Our Family?"
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Prayer Vigil for Natalie Wooley is on Thursday, May 10 at 8pm; Funeral Mass is on Friday, May 11 at 1:30pm

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sunday:** 8:00am Handmaids (School Gym)
May 06 1:00pm CFC-YFC (School Gym)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory basement)
4:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
- Monday:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
May 07 6:30pm Jr YM—SPARK (Church Basement)
7:00pm Lay Apostle (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Grace that Reigns (Church)
- Tuesday:** 6:30pm Baptism Prep Class (Church)
May 08 7:00pm First Communion Meeting (School Gym)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
7:30pm Neo Catechumens (Guardian Angels Parish)
- Wednesday:** 2:00pm Willingdon Mass (4435 Grange St.)
May 09 6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)
6:30pm PREP First Communion Meeting (Seminar Room)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession/Healing Prayer
- Thursday:** 6:00pm Marriage Prep Course (School Gym)
May 10 7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass/ No Adoration (Church)
8:00pm Prayer Vigil for Natalie Wooley (Church)
- Friday:** 3:00/6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
May 11 6:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession /Healing Prayer
7:30pm Seminar of Hope (Church Basement)
8:00pm Neo Catechumens Retreat (Squamish)
- Saturday:** 9:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
May 12 10:30am Light of Jesus Family Meeting (Rectory Dining)
10:30am Seminar of Hope (Church Basement)
10:00am Lector's Training (Church)
2:30pm First Communion (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
- Sunday:** 10:00am Migrant Workers (School Gym)
May 13 11:00am CWL (Church Basement)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)
1:30pm CFC-YFC (Church Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus Family (School Gym)
2:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
4:30pm Knights of Columbus (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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