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Pastor's
 Corner

CAN YOU TRULY LOVE ?

God is love. What is love? It is to will the good of the other **as other**; not for my benefit. Not just being kind to the other so that the other might be kind to me. Not just giving away something so that the other may give me something that I don't have in exchange of my gift. Only God can really love like that. God has no need of us. He created us out of sheer love. He loved us into existence. He wanted us to share His very Life, which is Love. Therefore, He wants to give us the grace of pure, unselfish Love. We cannot truly love unless God gives us that grace. The Dominican theologian Herbert McCabe wrote, "The way a singer sustains a song, is the way God sustains us." No singer, no song; yet the song is not the singer. No God, no love in the world. Yet the world is not God. God sustains our love just as the singer sustains the song.

When does the love of someone for us reaches fulfillment? "Only when the love is received by someone who is able to take the whole of it in." (Fr. Barron commenting on Thomas Aquinas) It is true also for human love. If I am giving myself away for the good of the other, that love reaches its fulfillment only if the other is capable of receiving it in himself, of knowing it and appreciating it.

Let us take one example. A mother loves her baby quite unselfishly. But her baby can only receive a tiny portion of what the mother wants to give him. The baby does not have the physical, emotional and spiritual ability to receive fully her love and return it back. But this ability will grow till the baby becomes a toddler, then a little boy, then a man. Eventually when the man reaches fifty, he will be able to take in all the love of his mother and return it. Because he will become her equal. So it is with God. His love in us reaches fulfillment only when we become His friends , His equal. But we are not His equal. We cannot

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take in the whole of His infinite Love. But in Christ, God became flesh. In Him, the love coming from the Father was fully received and returned. Grafted in Jesus Christ, by faith, repentance and baptism, we are not only creatures relating to their Creator, we are sons and daughters of God because we are brothers and sisters of Christ. In Christ, we can be loved as the Son of God is loved by the Father and take that love in us—Christ abides in us—and return it to the Father and to our brothers and sisters. Yes, even as to die to save our enemies.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (grades 6-8) – THE INCREDIBLES

It's movie night for SPARK and we are watching The Incredibles! Come see Mr. and Mrs. Incredible fight the bad guys and save the world from destruction. Join us on Monday, May 14 at 6:30pm in the church basement! Popcorn is on us! Free movie, free popcorn with an action-packed, fun-filled night, this is an event you don't want to miss!



FLAME (grades 8-12) – FLAME TIME

Come one, come all. It's FLAME time again and we are ready for another event filled with faith, fun and fellowship. Get ready for the games, open your heart to go deeper in your faith and step out your comfort zone to make some new friends. What's the event all about? Well you'll just have to come and see for yourself. Join Sr. Youth Ministry on Sunday, May 20 at 6:30pm in the church basement for a night of faith, fun and fellowship.

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 (Jr. 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.marysyouth.com/forms). The criteria will be based on the youth's attendance, positive participation and development.



PARISH NEWS

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".



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL would like to invite the women of St. Mary's parish to a very special evening meeting. On Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00pm in the School Seminar Room, we will celebrate the Crowning of Mary. For this beautiful Marian tradition, you are invited to bring a single (one) flower for the Crowning ceremony. Light refreshments will be served. On another note, the CWL is grateful for the parish women who supported the Bead for Life Party in which \$703 was raised for Ugandan women. Thank you and we hope to see you this Tuesday.



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

⇒ 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

⇒ 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.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

MIGRANT/REFUGEE MINISTRY RETREAT

Prayerful Retreat for those who support migrants and refugees. The retreat will begin with Mass - 9am at St. Helen Parish, 3860 Triumph Street, Burnaby on June 2nd. The rest of the day will be filled with talks, a reflection by Fr. Claudio Holzer (cs) and fellowship with others with a plan to end at 2:30pm. If you are planning to attend, please email egarrucho@rcav.org. Kindly bring a dish to share in a potluck lunch. For more information, contact Evelyn Vollet, Director, Office of Service/Justice 604.683.0281.

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING

Corpus Christi CWL will be presenting a lecture on Advance Care Planning on May 17th at 7:30-9:00pm at the Corpus Christi school gym, 6350 Nanaimo Street, Vancouver. The workshop will show how you can make your health care intentions known in keeping with the teachings of the Catholic faith. Admission is free and is open to anyone interested in learning about Advanced Care Planning from a Catholic, Faith-Based Perspective. Come learn about the latest tools to help with the planning and care we all want when we are terminally ill or at the end of our life. Please feel free to bring family and friends. Donations of non-perishable food would be appreciated.

ONE DAY RETREAT

Marian Movement of Priests One Day Retreat with Father Andrew Goodwin at Canadian Martyrs Church, 5771 Granville St., Richmond on May 12 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The retreat will include two talks, Holy Mass, a cenacle with Exposition and the Holy Rosary and more. Please bring a bagged lunch. Coffee/tea will be provided. All are welcome. Contact Person: Lynne Heath: 604-272-9880; e-mail: elh65@shaw.ca

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday: 10:00am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)
May 13 11:00am CWL Mother's Day Luncheon (Church Basement)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus Family (School Gym)
4:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)

Monday: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
May 14 6:30pm Jr YM - SPARK (Church Basement)
7:00pm Healing Ministry (Rectory Basement)

Tuesday: 7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
May 15 7:00pm Catholic Forum (Church)
7:00pm CWL (Seminar Room)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

Wednesday: 9:30am School Mass (Church)
May 16 5:00pm L'Arche Mass (7401 Sussex Ave)
6:00pm Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Church)
6:30pm CCO (School Gym)
6:30pm Development & Peace (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession/Healing Prayer
7:30pm Street Ministry (Rectory Basement)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Thursday: 6:00pm Marriage Prep Course (School Gym)
May 17 7:00pm Mass/ Adoration (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Friday: 3:00/6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
May 18 6:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)
6:00pm CCO (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession /Healing Prayer
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Saturday: 9:00am Dominican Laity (Rectory Basement & Living Room)
May 19 9:30am Catholicism Series (Church Basement)
10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
12:00pm YM Basketball (St. Andrew's Gym)
3:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
7:00pm ARC (Church)

Sunday: 9:00am CFC-YFL (School Gym)
May 20 6:30pm Sr. YM - FLAME (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

Coordinator: Stefan Oberg E-mail: stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca

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YOUTH MINISTRY (YM) E-mail: arda@marysyouth.com

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: www.marysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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