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Pastor's  
 Corner

**LONE RANGER OR LOVER?**

God created man in His own image...and man, in return, "created" a god in his own image. What is that distorted image of the true God that we project unto Him? It is, at least in North America, the self-sufficient God. In our North American culture, we value self-sufficiency, self-reliance, independence. The song says, "I did it my way." Sometimes we say, "For my vacation, at least, I want to do what I want, when I want it, and do it my way." While it could be a program for a short vacation, it cannot be a life-program!

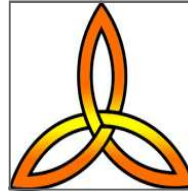
We Christians, should know better, our God is Love. Not only that He has love, or that love is one of the things He does. Not only that love is one of His attributes. No! God Himself revealed to us He is the one who is love. OK! So we think that He is love because He loves the world. He loves us. But even before the creation of the world, God was love. Who was He loving if there wasn't anything, anyone, besides Himself? He loved the Son, the Son loved Him equally well in return. So much that this love was a person as much as the Father and the Son. What characterizes a divine person is that it is total obliteration of itself, total surrender, total communion.

If you and I are created by God in His own image, it means that we achieve fulfillment, not by being self-centered, self-sufficient, but by being other-centered, by living for the other as other. That is the definition of love! Since the original sin, we have bought into the lie that we will find life by grasping whatever we can, snatching away from God all that we can steal. That is the devil's way of "becoming like gods." It doesn't work!

How then, can we love as God loves and live as God lives? By "becoming part of His Divine Nature", as St. Peter wrote in his letter. Only God can do that for us, by pure grace. We cannot do it by our own power. We cannot merit it.

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John Paul II said, "In the communion of grace with the Trinity, man's 'living area' is broadened and raised up to the supernatural level of divine life. Man lives in God and by God."

*God Bless you, Fr. Pierre*

**PARISH NEWS**

**SPARK (grades 6-8) – SEEING IS BELIEVING**



Do you have a magic wand? Do you know how to cast spells? Join the Jr. Youth Ministry to find out the truth behind magic & spells. Harry Potter wouldn't want to miss this event, you shouldn't either. Join us on Monday, June 4 at 6:30pm in the Church basement. Warning: be ready to get wet!

**FLAME (grades 8-12) – TAG & CLIMB**

Are you ready to tag & climb? Next Friday (June 8) Sr. Youth Ministry is going laser tag and rock climbing and you don't want to be left behind. So you better be quick because we only limited spots available. First come, first serve or should we say 'You snooze you lose?' The cost is \$15 and the registration forms are available from the Youth Ministry web-site and at the parish office. Questions? Contact Arda at arda@marysyouth.com.



**YOUNG ADULT GROUP (ages 18-35) – FUN TIME**



The sun is shining and the outdoors is calling for us. So it's fun time with the Young Adult Group. If you are between 18 to 35 we invite you to join us for our next social event on Saturday, June 9. What's the event? Contact Arda to find out more: arda@marysyouth.com or 604-435-9611 ext.6.

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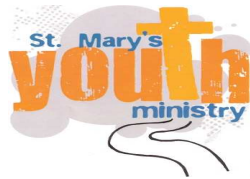
**YOUTH MINISTRY INFO. SESSION**



Calling all faithful Catholics between the ages of 19 to 99! We, the Youth Ministry team, are challenging you for a mission! A mission that is tough but exciting; daring and will push you to your limits but will definitely be rewarding! The mission is to be a part of the team and help serve the youth in our parish! Interested? Come for an information session on June 24 at 6:30pm in the Church basement and see if God is calling you to be a part of this exciting ministry! Contact Ana at ana@marysyouth.com or 604-435-9611 ext. 247 for more information.

**LOGO DESIGN CONTEST**

Are you creative? Do you want to put your creativity to the test? St. Mary's Youth Ministry wants logo designs for its different groups and we are having a contest to pick them. We need logos for our groups: Spark, Flame, Fire and Blaze (four different logos). Please submit your design(s) to arda@marysyouth.com. The winner will get the boasting rights and a Youth Ministry t-shirt.



**WILL YOU BE AN ANGEL FOR CARLA?**

LOVE WORKS CHARITY humbly asks for your support in our fundraising effort to provide the funds needed for heart surgery of a 7 year old little girl, Carla De Asis. She suffers from congenital heart disease. We will be selling rosaries after all Masses next weekend, June 9/10. All proceeds will be used for Carla's surgery. You may recall, LOVE WORKS CHARITY recently sponsored the successful heart surgery of a 15 year old boy, Mariel Mendoza. Thank you for your continued support and may God bless you!



**CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY**



Eucharistic Procession on Sunday Jun 10. The procession will start at 2:15pm and finish with Adoration and Benediction in front of the Church at 3:15pm. If you are interested to participate or volunteer, please sign up in the foyer. In addition, please pray that the people on the street will be touched as they see our Lord in the Eucharist.

## 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."

### THE CATHOLIC FORUM

We invite you to explore the topic: "Devotion to Jesus as God and Man" on Tuesday June 5 at 7pm in St. Mary's Church. The guest presenter is Father John Horgan. For further information, contact Dr. Paul Ungar at 604-588-5696 or Cathy Neugebauer by email at: [ve7cld@shaw.ca](mailto:ve7cld@shaw.ca).

### MIGRANT MINISTRY

Q & A Session: Workplace Concerns, on Sunday, June 10 from 10:30 am to 12pm in the School Gym.



## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS




### NOTRE DAME JUMPSTART

Notre Dame's Jumpstart Program for incoming gr.8's is filling up fast! There are still spots available for July 3-6 and 9-13. Information and registration forms visit [www.ndrs.ca](http://www.ndrs.ca)

### REMEMBRANCE MASS FOR INFANT & CHILD LOSS

Parents and family members who wish to honour the lives of all children gone too soon, including toddlers and infants, babies lost during or after birth and who have died during pregnancy, couples who are struggling with infertility and those trying to conceive, parents who are expecting and those on a waiting list to adopt, as well as parents who lovingly chose to give up and/or welcome children through adoption and fostering will be remembered on this day. St. Matthew's Parish, 16079 - 88 Ave., Surrey on Saturday, June 30. Mass at 5:30pm followed by "Teddy Bear" Tea. RSVP: Ann - [annamsing@yahoo.com](mailto:annamsing@yahoo.com).

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun Jun 3:** 1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)  
1:30pm CFC-YFC (School Gym)  
3:00pm Shroud Follow Up (Church Basement)
- Mon Jun 4:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm Jr YM- SPARK (Church Basement)  
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)
- Tues Jun 5:** 7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)  
7:00pm Catholic Forum (Church)  
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
- Wed Jun 6:** 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex Ave)  
6:00pm Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Church)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:30pm Neo Catechumens (Church Basement)  
7:30pm CCO (School Gym)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
- **Thur Jun 7:** 6:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
- **Fri Jun 8:** 3:00 & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
5:00pm YFC (Rectory Basement)  
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
- **Sat Jun 9:** 9:15am DNA (Rectory Basement)  
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
6:00pm CFC (Church Basement)  
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)  
6:30pm Neo Catechumens (Rectory Basement)
- Sun Jun 10:** 10:00am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)  
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)  
2:00pm CFC (Church Basement)  
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
2:15pm Eucharistic Procession (Church)

## 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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**MIGRANT MINISTRY:** (604) 355-9611 [stmarysmigrant@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarysmigrant@yahoo.com)

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