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Pastor's
 Corner

FROM SPARKS TO FIRE

"It is hard to see what God is doing. It may happen slowly, and in the face of overwhelming contrary evidence, but God is always acting." (Fr. Robert Barron) From the humblest beginning can come God's accomplishment of His purpose. Look at Mother Teresa who started with five rupees, or a few cents, and ended up with thousands of sisters, nuns, priests and brothers, hundreds of schools and houses for the dying. She managed to establish her sisters in most countries of the world.

I can trace in my life the humble beginnings of desire and dreams that grew very, very slowly into gifts and services. When everything seemed lost, coming out of the Carmelite Fathers, there God started to act powerfully. Sometimes He also acted powerfully when everything was going fine, like in May 2004 when I was baptized in the Spirit. Other times when I was working a lot, nothing seemed to really happen and then again, God surprised me this year. His grace came again in an unexpected and unmerited way. This is what Jesus is trying to tell us in today's parable of the seed who grows by itself whether you are asleep or awake, and in the parable of the mustard seed, which becomes a great bush. Jesus sowed tiny seeds 2000 years ago. Maybe you are one of these tiny seeds in His hand. Let yourself be sowed in the ground. Die to yourself daily. He will give you growth. Don't rely on artificial fertilizers.

Fr. Mark Link, S.J., in his book "Vision", shares this poem from Amado Nervo. It relates to Jesus' parable. A portion of it reads:

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"I am only a spark,
 Make me a fire.
 I am only a string,
 Make me a lyre.
 I am only an ant-hill,
 Make me a mountain.
 I am only a drop,
 Make me a fountain."

Fr. Mark Link comments, "How convinced am I that if Jesus can take a tiny seed and turn it into a great plant, He can also take my tiny talent and turn it into something great for the Kingdom of God?"

God chose what the world considers weak...to shame the powerful. (First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1:27).

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (grades 6-8) – PICNIC AT THE PARK



Awesome food, games, sports, sun, fun and friends. This is how we celebrate the arrival of spring and summer. So make sure to join SPARK at our Picnic At The Park event on Monday, June 18th! We'll meet 6:30pm in the Church basement. Don't miss out and don't

be late!!! Reminder: Don't forget to bring your permission form and registration form if you haven't done so already. You can access the forms at www.marysyouth.com/forms. No forms means no picnic.

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, June 22 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.



PARISH NEWS

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (ages 18-35) – BBQ



Can you serve God and have fun at the same time? Our Young Adult Group can! Join us as we go for a BBQ, fellowship and games in the park with the women of Talitha Koum House on Saturday, June 23 at 12:00pm. Contact Ana for details at ana@marysyouth.com or 604-435-9611 ext. 247.

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 ana@marysyouth.com. The winner will get the boasting rights and a Youth Ministry t-shirt.



ST. MARY'S PARISH WEBSITE

Fr. Gabriel is looking for passionate parishioners who would be interested in contributing to the development of our new parish website. The website shell is already in place, however we need content. Those who are interested, please contact Fr. Gabriel at 604-435-9611 ext. 3.



MIGRANT MINISTRY

"Preparing your Resume" Seminar: Part 1 on Sunday, June 24 from 10:30am-12:00pm and Part 2 on Sunday, July 15 in the School Gym.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

MADONNA HOUSE TALK

"Pray always. I will be your rest." Join us for the final talk of a series on the Little Mandate, the spirit of Madonna House. We will have a special guest speaker this month – Frater Leo Barker, OSB, a monk of Westminster Abbey. Frater Leo will give us a reflection on what the Lord's command to us to "pray always" means in our busy lives. We will meet at St. John the Apostle parish hall on Saturday, June 23 from 9:30am – noon. Call Madonna House at 604-267-1757 or e-mail madonna02@shaw.ca for more information.

REMEMBRANCE MASS SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

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 5:30 p.m. followed by **"Teddy Bear" Tea**. RSVP: Ann – annamsing@yahoo.com.

NOTRE DAME JUMPSTART

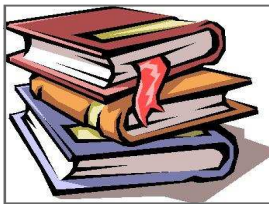
Notre Dame's Jumpstart Program for incoming gr. 8's is filling up fast! There are still spots available for July 3-6 and 9-13. Information and registration forms visit www.ndrs.ca.

VOCATION LIVE-IN

On the weekend of July 6- 8 there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715.

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

The annual book sale will be held at St. Mark's/Corpus Christi College, 5935 Iona Drive, Vancouver, from July 9–13. Books on history, philosophy, religious studies, spirituality, literature, biographies, art, and more will be available. Fill a bag for \$10. The store hours are 10am to 5pm and on Thursday, July 12 from 10am to 8pm.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



Sun Jun 17: 2:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)

Mon Jun 18: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr YM- SPARK (Church Basement)

Tue Jun 19: 7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm CWL (School Gym)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

Wed Jun 20: 5:00pm L'Arche Mass (7401 Sussex)
6:00pm Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:30pm CCO (School Gym)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Thu Jun 21: 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Fri Jun 22: 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:30pm Sr YM– FLAME (School Gym)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Sat Jun 23: 10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
3:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

Sun Jun 24: 10:00am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
5:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)

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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