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Pastor's  
Corner

**DID YOU HIT THE WALL**

Prophet Elijah in today's first reading really hit the wall. He was exhausted, alone, hopelessly pursued, unable to go one step further. He prayed for death. You know we too can hit the wall. Physically, emotionally, and yes, even spiritually. In fact, hitting the wall spiritually is the most insidious and dangerous form of hopelessness. We may have hit the wall spiritually and still be unaware of it, until it is almost too late! Sometimes it begins with indifferentism. We don't have a passion for anything. We keep repeating, "So what?" At this stage, it is hard to distinguish this state from depression. I remember Bishop Roussin admitting he didn't even feel the desire to pray when he was clinically depressed.

If this state of mind is not caused by depression, then it is called 'acedia', or spiritual sloth. It may take hold of you insidiously, if you stop praying, or let yourself be drawn in the search of unsubstantial pleasures; what Jesus called "the bread that perishes" in last week's Gospel.

Usually, spiritual sloth, or spiritually "hitting the wall" is caused by a serious habitual sin in our lives. We find ourselves stuck in a pattern of pride, or envy, or resentment, or unforgiveness. It could be a pattern of attachment to something like adultery, porn, any habitual sin; especially mortal sin wears out the divine life in us. To get free, we need to humbly pray to God to deliver us even from the affection for our bad habit. We must come to the point where we hate our sin.

So take a look at your life. If you are without zest for life and no sense of direction or purpose, maybe you are stuck in a pattern of sin.

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Or you may not sin gravely anymore, but you are still very attached to your past. Still fantasizing about it. Even that has to go, if you want to be free. I know men and women very advanced in age who are becoming increasingly bitter and lonely. They keep saying to themselves, "I have worked so hard all my life and now I am not rewarded. On the contrary, I am unappreciated and rejected," and they are angry at God and at their relatives.

Will you do something about it now? The Lord is a river of fresh energy and love, a field of force wishing to guide your life, a Living Bread to sustain you. Why are you starving?

*God bless you, Fr. Pierre*

*p.s. check out Fr. Barron's Sermon 605*

**PARISH NEWS**

**LOOKING FOR CREATIVE THINKERS!**

Are you passionate about your faith? Does evangelization excite you? St. Mary's Parish is looking for people who are creative thinkers- inside and outside of the box! We need to redefine the role of the pastoral council in a growing parish where new ministries are being created every year. Do you have the attributes and the desire to be part of a short term committee (3 -6 months), with a goal to create a mission statement for the new pastoral council? If so, come out and meet the challenge! Send us your contact information, along with a few lines about yourself to the parish office at parish.smarv@rcav.org.



**THEOLOGY OF THE BODY**

The 'Theology of the Body' is Pope John Paul II's integrated vision of the human person - body, soul, and spirit. Father Alan Boisclair will offer an eleven-week session in September at St. Mary's Parish. Cost \$70/person, includes the textbook. Pre-registration is required. More information at www.rcav.org.tob or call 604-683-0281.

**PARISH NEWS**

**P.R.E.P. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Do you enjoy teaching children? Are you knowledgeable and passionate about your Catholic faith? If this sounds like you, please consider volunteering in St. Mary's Parish Religious Education Program. We are looking for teachers, assistant teachers and an administrative assistant for Tuesdays. The classes are every Tuesday and Wednesday evening starting the second week of September. If you are interested, please contact the P.R.E.P. Coordinator at [soberg@rcav.org](mailto:soberg@rcav.org).

**R.C.I.A. ACCEPTING INQUIRERS**

Are you an adult who would like to join the Catholic Church? Perhaps you are a baptized Catholic, but lack the Sacrament of First Communion or Confirmation. Maybe you just would like to learn more about the Catholic faith and what the Church teaches. Welcome to St. Mary's RCIA program! We start in early September and are taking registrations now. Do not miss this life-changing opportunity. Please contact the Coordinator at [soberg@rcav.org](mailto:soberg@rcav.org) for more information.

**R.C.I.A. SPONSORS NEEDED**

Have you ever desired to help someone journey toward faith in Jesus Christ and His Holy Catholic Church? St. Mary's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is looking for devoted, faithful Catholics to be sponsors for inquirers who want to learn about the Catholic Faith. If you sense the Lord calling you to this important ministry, please contact [soberg@rcav.org](mailto:soberg@rcav.org) for more information.

**COUPLES FOR CHRIST**

Couples for Christ invites all married couples, singles, divorced/separated and widows/widowers to a Christian Life Program that starts Saturday, Sept 1 at 7pm in the school gym. Fellowship and free light snacks follow. Couples for Christ is a charismatic community committed to the work of global evangelization, particularly the renewal of Christian couples. The program is free but pre-registration is requested. To register or inquire, please call: Andy/Cheng (604-230-9303); George/Susan (778-668-7422) or Joe/Flor (604-438-3821).

## ARCHDIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

### LOVEWORKS CHARITY

LOVEWORKS would like to thank all those who so generously donated to make surgery possible for a little girl in the Philippines. The recent collection netted \$3400 from St. Mary's parishioners. Carla's heart surgery is scheduled for August 15, please include her in your prayers.



### BENEFIT CONCERT

There will be a benefit-concert featuring priests from the Philippines on August 22-25. The venues for the concert are on the poster in the foyer. Tickets are available after all Masses this weekend.

### THE TRIUMPH OF LOVE

Fr. Henriques, Director of Evangelization, will be conducting a two-day retreat on the teachings of evangelization and how to become a good disciple of Jesus. The retreat is at St. Patrick's Gym, 2881 Main St. on Saturday Aug. 18 from 9am-4:30pm and Sunday, Aug. 19 from 8am-4pm. Cost \$20 includes lunch both days. Registration by Aug. 10. For registration and more info call: Lili Winata 604-721-1222; Romano Mathias 604-518-4065; Candy Pahlawanto 604-368-8824.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION & MINISTRY TRAINING

Nourish your soul, explore your faith, developing ministry leaders! The Archdiocesan Summer Institute offers one-day faith formation and ministry training for adults. Topics include: Basics of the Faith & Discovering the Gospels. Ministry training offered for RCIA and PREP. New for this year is a course on learning new mobile media. Saturday, Aug. 25 at St. Patrick's Secondary School from 10am to 4pm. Cost \$35, includes lunch. All are welcome. More information and registration visit: [www.rcav.org/oc/summer](http://www.rcav.org/oc/summer).

### DOES YOUR MARRIAGE NEED HELP?

Retrouvaille has succeeded in saving many couples from marital breakdown. For info or to register for the weekend of Oct 12-14, call 604-530-6710 or email [vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org](mailto:vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org).



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sun Aug 12:** 1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church Basement)  
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

**Mon Aug 13:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

**Tue Aug 14:** 6:30pm Baptism Prep (Church)  
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

**Wed Aug 15:** 6:00pm Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Church)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



**Thu Aug 16:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



**Fri Aug 17:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:30pm CCO (Church Basement)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



**Sat Aug 18:** 9:30am Handmaids (Seminar Room)  
10:00am CFC-YFL (School Gym)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
3:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)  
7:30pm ARC (Church)

**Sun Aug 19:** 2:00pm 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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**YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)** E-mail: [arda@marysyouth.com](mailto:arda@marysyouth.com)

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**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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