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Pastor's  
Corner

**PLEASE GOD, DON'T STARE AT ME!**

The atheist philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre wrote a novel about hell. It is called "Huis-Clos." Several people are closed in a small room, day in day out, forever. They cannot sleep, they cannot close their eyelids. The ceiling light is bright and perpetually on. They all observe one another in a judgmental and mean way. Everyone feels the hateful stare of the others and returns it back. They cannot escape it since they cannot close their eyelids, they cannot forgive and truly communicate.

For J.P. Sartre, this is how the human community is and this is how God would be, if He existed. A silent observer, spying on you, condemning you. His cold and condemning stare is worse than that of any human being, because He is invisible. So you cannot stare back at Him in a passive-aggressive stance. Do you remember the image of God in the old children's textbooks of religion, before Vatican II? God was represented as a triangle (for the Trinity) and a huge eye in the middle, filling much of the centre area of the triangle. God was like a silent observer, an eye that sees and cannot be seen. God could be seen as a legalist within us.

The liberal theologians made God worse: they created Him in their own image. They pictured God as the Silent One. They did so because they themselves had forbidden God to talk to them. They had become so deaf to Him because of their pride and because of their foolish and almost unconditional endorsement of the ambient culture and atheist philosophers. These ones believed that the dignity of man consisted in bearing stoically the silence of the heavens and standing alone in

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an indifferent Universe, who could crush them anytime, without even knowing it. They preferred that to the Silent Observer. They preferred to be alone and "free" rather than stand condemned.

We too, have absorbed some of that culture, some of these false images of God. My baptism in the Holy Spirit was a breakthrough for me in May 2004. God made it clear He was real, not silent, that He was guiding me through the Holy Spirit, the Bible, the Church; that He and I could talk through these channels and through the events of my life and those around me. I started sharing all these with some parishioners and some Dominican Brothers. Now, hearing "God's voice," I can speak it more clearly to those God has asked me to shepherd. My goal is that many more deaf and mute men will be healed.



*God Bless you, Fr. Pierre*

**PARISH NEWS**

**NEW PARISH CENTRE**



Our Parish Building Committee is in need of volunteers with expertise in the areas of communications and marketing. If you have these skills and wish to be part of this committee, please email your resume to the parish office at parish.smarv@rcav.org. Deadline is Sept. 30.

**P.R.E.P. CLASSES START THIS WEEK**

P.R.E.P. classes start on Tuesday, September 11th and Wednesday, September 12th. Parents of children enrolled in the P.R.E.P. program please note which week-day you chose and bring your children to St. Mary's School front door entrance in time for the 6:30pm start. Registration forms are available in the Church foyer on the bulletin board if you would like to register your child at 6pm in the school office on the first day of classes.

**PARISH NEWS**

**SPARK (GRADES 6 & 7) – SPARK IN ACTION**



SPARK is back in action and we have just the right event to liven up the beginning of your school year! We welcome all new participants in grade 6 and 7 and look forward to seeing our regulars from last year! With all the games, chocolates, Power Points, skits, pizza, and so much more; you know your leaders won't disappoint! So join us on Monday, September 10 at 6:30pm in the Church Basement and be ready to get wet!

**FIRE (GRADES 8 & 9) – BRAVE**

We are kicking off the first season of our new Youth Ministry group FIRE with a movie that's not even on DVD yet. Yes that's right, we have it here at St Mary's for our youth. Come and join us as we enjoy some popcorn, drinks and the movie Brave on Friday, September 14 at 6:30pm in the Church Basement



**FLAME (GRADES 10-12) – MUSIC & ME**

Do you like music? Who's your favorite artist? Which is your all-time best song? What does your music say about you? Come and join us as we dive into the world of music with games, skits, pizza and tons of fun. Bring your favorite songs on mp3 to share and bring a friend if you can. Sunday, September 16 at 6:30pm in the Church Basement.



**YM BASKETBALL**

Youth Ministry Basketball League is starting. Do you want to be a part of it? We have a Sr. YM Team for grades 8 to 12. The team is co-ed and your skill level doesn't matter at all. Practices will be on Saturdays from 10am to 12pm in the school gym starting on September 15. If you are interested please register with Arda so you can join our Youth Ministry Basketball Team. Call 604-435-9611 ext. 6 or e-mail: arda@marysyoung.com.



## PARISH NEWS

### **ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OPENINGS**

There are openings for Gr 5, 6, 7 at St. Mary's School for 2012-2013. Info Packages can be picked up in the school office 8:30am - 4pm.



### **DO YOU WANT TO READ THE BIBLE?**

If you want to read the Bible, but don't know where or how to begin, then "A Quick Journey Through the Bible" is for you! This DVD series by Jeff Cavins makes reading the Bible easy and exciting! You will learn the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible. Perhaps for the first time in your life, you will know the "big picture" of salvation history. The readings at Mass will come alive to you like never before! The series consists of 8 DVD's; each is 30 minutes long. They will be shown in the Church basement on Sundays (Sep 23/30, Oct 7/14/28, Nov 4/11/18) at 6:20pm (after the 5pm Mass). *No need to register, no cost involved, no discussion groups. Just come, sit back and enjoy!*

### **CWL & TALITHA KOUM WALKATHON**

The CWL and Talitha Koum will be on Sept.15 in Central Park, with proceeds going to Talitha Koum. Pledge forms are available in the foyer. Please contact tere-sa.lung@telus.net or me@pollyannasher.org for more details. Thank you for your support.

### **R.C.I.A. MONTHLY FOOD PROVIDERS**

Do you feel the Lord calling you to serve Him with your talent and skill? Then you should consider signing up as a monthly food provider for our R.C.I.A. program. Please contact the R.C.I.A. Coordinator at soberg@rcav.org or 604 435 9611 Ext 5 for the details.

### **CAN PRAYERS BE ANSWERED WITH A YES?**

Do you want to evangelize your friends and family? Start with the book, "How can your prayers be answered with a "YES?" This book will increase their faith in God. Books will be pre-sold for \$10, after that they will be \$15. Volunteers will be available in the foyer after Mass to take your order.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun Sep 9:** 1:00pm CFC (Church Basement)  
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
2:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)
- Mon Sep 10:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm YM-SPARK Gr 6-7 (Church Basement)  
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)
- Tue Sep 11:** 6:30pm Baptism Prep (Church)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)  
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
- Wed Sep 12:** 2:00pm Willingdon Mass (4435 Grange)  
6:00pm Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Church)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:30pm Neo Catechumen (Church Basement)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Thu Sep 13:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Fri Sep 14:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
6:30pm YM- FIRE Gr 8-9 (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Sat Sep 15:** 9:30am Handmaids (Seminar Room)  
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)  
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)  
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)  
6:30pm CFC (School Gym)  
7:30pm Neo Catechumen (Seminar Room)  
7:30pm ARC (Church)
- Sun Sep 16:** 2:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)  
6:30pm YM-FLAME Gr 10-12 (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-9:30am, 4:15pm- 4:55pm, 6:10pm- 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.

**RCIA:** Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Contact soberg@rcav.org.

**PREP:** Catechism Program for children attending public schools on

Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm

Coordinator: Stefan Oberg E-mail: soberg@rcav.org.

**TEEN PREP:** Interactive Catechism Sessions for Teens on Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm

Coordinator: Stefan Oberg E-mail: soberg@rcav.org.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** E-mail: arda@marysyoung.com

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: www.marysyoung.com

**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Principal: Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff Website: www.stmary.bc.ca

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm

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**Assistant to Pastors** Vesna Jankovic

**Office Manager** Ossie Fernandes

**Youth Ministry/Volunteer Coordinator** Arda Akoglu

**Youth Ministry Assistant** Ana Alfonso

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