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Pastor's
 Corner

ONE FLESH!

What was God doing before the creation of the world? Was He not bored, being all alone for eternity? No, He wasn't alone! No, He didn't create us as an amusement, as a video-game to distract Himself, to kill time. Because we imagine God all alone, we tend to see Him as an impersonal force ("The Force be with you"), as an energy, not as a Person. It is impossible for a person to be alone, out of nothing, and for nothing. "It is not good for man to be alone." (Gen. 2:18)

How do we know who and what is God? He told us, in the Bible! He longs to reveal Himself to us! John wrote, "God is Love", not God has Love. It means that for all eternity, there was (and is) in God a Lover, a Beloved, and the Love between them. Father. Son. Holy Spirit. He created us in His own likeness. That likeness is expressed in a fundamental way in the family. The love between husband and wife gives rise to a child.

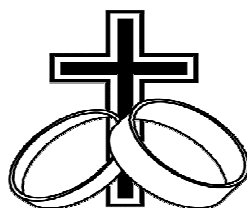
What does this mystery teach us about marriage and married life? First, that man and woman are equals, just as the Father and the Son are equal (but different in the way they relate to one another.) That equality is reflected in the first reading, the story about the creation of Eve. God wanted a partner for Adam. Only when Adam saw Eve, could he say, "This is at last love of my love, flesh of my flesh." That equality between man and woman is, according to the Bible, the ground for their intimacy and their partnership. "Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh." (Gen. 2:24) This equality is often forgotten in both the Asian and South American cultures.

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What else can we learn, from the likeness of married life to the Trinitarian life of God Himself? And from the biblical story of Creation? In today's Gospel, Jesus Himself quotes Genesis, "And the two shall become one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." (Mark 10) Jesus is telling us that the physical union of two flesh is good and wanted by God. Because it is God who joined man and woman in marriage. God does not make mistakes. Sex is pleasurable, God wanted it to be so. That pleasure, which can lead us to joy and true self-giving, is not a concession, a compromise that God made with the devil! Thomas Aquinas, the greatest theologian of the Catholic Church, said that sex would be more pleasurable in the Garden of Eden before the disorder brought upon by original sin! Sin reduces sex to be "shared egotism." "I get my kicks, you get yours." The "hook up" of culture turns men and women into savvy head-hunters. Casual sex without commitment reduces the other, to make him/her a means of sensual and emotional satisfaction. But true, radical self-giving, in the likeness of the love between Father and Son, lift up the matrimonial love. It becomes a way through which God calls us, loves us, and strengthens us.

"It takes three to get married. A man, a woman, and Christ." (Bishop Fulton Sheen)



God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

THE CATHOLIC FORUM

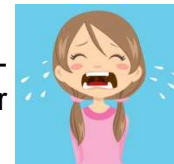
We invite you to explore the topic, "Vatican II –Year of Faith" with Archbishop Miller on Tuesday, October 16 at 7pm in the Church. For more info, please contact Dr. Paul Ungar at 604-588-5696 or Cathy Neugebauer at ve7cld@shaw.ca.



PARISH NEWS

SPARK (GRADES 6 & 7) – NO EVENT

There will be no SPARK event on Thanksgiving Day, Monday Oct 8. Our regular events will resume on Monday Oct 15.



FIRE (GRADES 6 & 7) – GAMES NIGHT



It's game time with FIRE! Time to team up with your fellow youth to beat the leaders! With all the fun games we have for you, you can be sure that this night is a winner! Come and join the fun on Friday, October 12 at 6:30pm in the

Church basement for an evening of extreme fun and fellowship!

CAMP FLAME

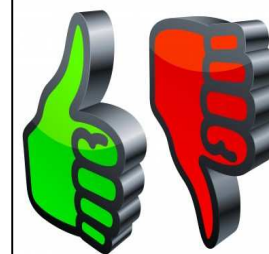
This is a retreat you won't want to miss out on. Come and find out for yourself what all the buzz is about. Throughout this special weekend you will laugh, cry, yell, scream and pray. Come and form memories that will last a lifetime. Space is limited and the deadline for registration is Monday, Nov. 5. Registration forms are available from the parish office or from the Youth Ministry Website www.saintmarysyoung.com/forms. What are you still waiting for? Go and register!!!



YOUNG ADULTS (ages 18-35) – LET'S DEBATE

Abortion: Murder or choice? Every coin has two sides to it, so if you have an opinion come and join the debate, if you want to learn more then come and listen. We invite all young adults to join us on our next event on Saturday, October 13 at 6:30pm in the church basement for a

night of faith, fun and fellowship. A lively discussion, adoration, reflections and then going out to grab a bite to eat is our recipe for a great Saturday night. Join us next Saturday.



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HALLOWEEN FAMILY NIGHT

CWL would like to invite everyone to "Halloween Family Night". Join us for a fun filled evening on October 13 in the School gym from 6-10pm. We will serve a delicious spaghetti dinner; including salad, bun and dessert, \$8 for adult or \$5 for kids aged 6-12, and free for kids 6 and under. CWL members will be selling tickets after Masses on Sept 29/30 and Oct 6/7. For more info please contact Teresa Lung at 604-437-7745.

CHRISTIAN LIFE SEMINAR

Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life, an international private association of lay faithful, invite you to a Christian Life Seminar in the Church basement for 9 consecutive Saturdays beginning on Oct. 13, from 7-10pm. CLS is an integrated course leading to a renewed understanding of God's call to Christian couples and individuals. It is open to married couples, widows or widowers or those separated or divorced. There is no cost involved.



DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY

LFA welcomes prospective 2013-2014 candidates and their families to an Open House on Tuesday, October 16 from 6-8pm. Entrance exam application packages will be available. For more info: www.lfabc.org or contact Kathi Wilson at wilsonk@lfabc.org or 604-738-9016 ext. 114.

RETREAT WITH FR. LAURENCE FREEMAN

The BC Christian Meditation Community is hosting an event with speaker Fr. Laurence Freeman, a Benedictine monk, and director of the World Community for Christian Meditation. Non-Residential Retreat will be held at Star of the Sea Catholic School, 2250 - 150 St. Surrey on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 10am-4:30pm and Sunday 28 from 10am-1pm. Cost: \$90 includes Saturday lunch. Students free. Pre-registration required. Contact: bccchristianmeditation@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun Oct 7: 1:30pm YFC (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
2:00pm Handmaids (Seminar Room)
6:00pm CFC (School Gym)
6:10pm Living Rosary (Church)
6:20pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

Mon Oct 8: **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)



Tue Oct 9: 6:30pm Baptism Prep (Church)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

Wed Oct 10: 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)



Thu Oct 11: 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm Theology of the Body (Seminar Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Fri Oct 12: 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
5:30pm CFC-SFC (Seminar Room)
6:00pm Fast & Pray (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Sat Oct 13: 10:00am Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)
6:00pm CWL Halloween Night (School Gym)
6:30pm Young Adult Group (Church Basement)
7:30pm Neo Catechumen (Seminar Room)

Sun Oct 14: 1:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
2:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
1:30pm YFC (Rectory Basement)
6:20pm Bible Study (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.

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Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: www.marysyouth.com

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