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**Pastor's  
 Corner**

**I DON'T GET IT!**

A poem describes six blind people wondering what an elephant looks like. One feels the animal's side and says, "It looks like a wall." Another feels the elephant's leg and says, "It looks like a tree trunk." Another feels the tail and says, "It is a snake." Another one feels the trunk and says, "It is a tree branch." Another feels the ear and says, "It is a great leaf." Finally, one feels the elephant's ivory tusks and says, "It is a buffalo."

Biological blindness prevented the blind men from "seeing" the big picture, the elephant in its totality. Therefore, they could not see what were really the "things" in front of them. They could not take in what truly mattered about the "things" they had been feeling. Unless they would put all their "data", their observations together, and ask for a man who can see to help them interpret what they felt.

Now, this is the same with our spiritual blindness. We are incapable of seeing what truly matters, to see the "big picture." We risk stumbling along the way of our life, misjudging the obstacles and the relevance of contradictory impulses. We may even start heading towards the wrong direction. We are unable to walk confidently in the path of life. We cannot find joy. **But if only we could hear and see Jesus!** He is our way, our life, our truth.

Like Bartimaeus, we need to beg Him to give us the spiritual sight so that we could answer the basic questions, "What is the goal of my life?", "What is the path I should walk?", "What are the obstacles I should avoid?"

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The problem is that we don't know we are spiritually blind. The physically blind know very well that they are blind. We, the spiritually blind, think we see well...until we stumble and fall or lose our way, ending in a dead-end path.

For a long time, in my own life, I was spiritually blind and thought I was making the right choices. My spiritual vision is still weak. But it is getting sharper as the years pass, and as I obey God's voice in the Church. Starting to see better, I am in wonder at the possibilities God is placing before me, week by week.

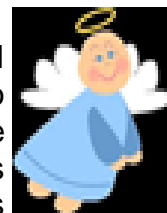
*"A rock pile ceases to be a rock pile the moment someone sees in it the exciting vision of a cathedral."*  
 (Antoine de Saint Exupery)

*God Bless you, Fr. Pierre*

**PARISH NEWS**

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

Love Works Charity needs your financial support for 9 year old Jamaica Monte, who suffers from congenital heart disease. We will be selling rosaries, Nazarene Statues and other religious articles after all Masses this weekend. Proceeds will be used for her surgery. This Christmas, Love Works will distribute a hamper for 200 families who are recent flood victims. Therefore we are also collecting canned goods for flood victims. Thank you for your support!

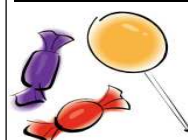


**NOVEMBER CANDY DRIVE**

Save your Halloween candy for the poor! St. Vincent de Paul Society and Street Ministry Outreach are collecting Halloween candy during the month of November. To donate, please place your candy in the boxes provided in the foyer. Thank you for your generosity.

**STREET OUTREACH PRAYER PARTNER CAMPAIGN**

Please sign up to be a prayer partner or a suffering intercessor for St. Mary's Street Ministry and the street people in the foyer this weekend.



**PARISH NEWS**

**SPARK (gr 6 & 7) - TEMPTATION**

Why do bad things happen to good people? This is something that many of us wonder at times. To find the answer, SPARK will travel back in time and see where it all started! Not only that, but we'll do it in style! We're having a costume contest that is open to all participants, and the youth with the best costume will receive a prize! Costumes of saints and holy souls are encouraged - no inappropriate costumes please (i.e. witches, vampires, goblins, etc.) Join us on Monday, October 29 at 6:30pm in the Church basement and show off your best costume!



**FIRE & FLAME (gr 8 -12) – AT THE MOVIES**

It's time for more fun...it's social time! Join us as we pop the corn and pour the iced tea to sit back, relax and enjoy our movie of the month. Why waste money at the movies when we bring the experience to you for free? Join us on Friday, November 2 at 6:30pm in the Church basement.



**YOUTH MINISTRY - DARE YOU TO MOVE**

Have you seen the Kony 2012 video that went viral? Did you do anything and everything to end the injustice of innocent children being kidnapped everyday? The Invisible Children Team is back at St Mary's with their new video "Move" which will dare you to move to do your part and save the lives of countless innocent children in Africa. Leave APATHY behind and join us. This event is for all **YM youth** (gr 6-12) and all **young adults** (18-35). Join us on Sunday, November 4 at 6:30pm in the Church basement.



**ST MARY'S CRAFT FAIR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Sunday Nov. 25 from 9am-3pm. Pancake breakfast (Small \$2 / Large \$3.) Start your shopping early: crafts, baking, jewelry and more! Table rental single \$15, additional tables \$10. Contact Eileen Hardy 604-436-3655.



## PARISH NEWS

### EVANGELIZATION WORKSHOP

There will be a two session workshop for those who desire to share Jesus with their family and friends, and are looking for practical tools to do so. Sessions are **Tuesday, Oct. 30** and **Tuesday, Nov. 6** at 7:30pm in the Church basement. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

### CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS

 Do you want to be equipped to *DEFEND* your faith? Are you eager to *WITNESS* and *EXPLAIN* your faith? Then come to a **FREE** Catholic Apologetics Seminar on Saturday **Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24** from 9:30am-11am. Listen to outstanding speakers: Kyle Neilson (*Director, Office of Evangelization*), Pavel Reid (*Director, Catholic Family Services*), and Graham Osborne (*BC Catholic columnist and apologist*). All are welcome!

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you for your generous donations of \$5800 to our annual collection. Funds are used for those in desperate need, and are greatly appreciated by the people we serve.

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

Do you feel the Lord calling you to serve Him with your talent and skill? Then consider signing up as a monthly food provider for our R.C.I.A. program. Please contact [soberg@rcav.org](mailto:soberg@rcav.org) or 604-435-9611 (ext. 5) for details.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR SONS & DAUGHTERS

Have your loved ones stopped practicing the faith? Do they no longer believe in God? Then this seminar is for you. Seminar by Vernon Robertson will be held at St. Francis de Sales Church, 6610 Balmoral St., Burnaby on Friday, Nov. 16 - 7:30pm to 9:30pm and Saturday, Nov. 17 - 10am to 4 pm. Pre-register to receive your free participant manual at: [vernon@seminarofhope.org](mailto:vernon@seminarofhope.org); Phone: 604-460-0114. Info: [www.seminarofhope.org](http://www.seminarofhope.org).

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Sunday Oct. 28: (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
6:20pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

### Monday Oct. 29:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm YM- SPARK Gr 6-7 (Church Basement)

### Tuesday Oct. 30:

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)  
7:30pm Evangelization Workshop (Church Basement)

### Wednesday Oct. 31:

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)

### Thursday Nov. 1: (All Saints)

6:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Theology of the Body (Seminar Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### Friday Nov. 2: (All Souls)

3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
6:00pm Fast & Pray (Rectory Basement)  
6:30pm YM- FIRE & FLAME Gr 8-12 (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:00pm Parenting Workshop (Seminar Room)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

### Saturday Nov. 3:

9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)  
9:30am Apologetics (Church Basement)  
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)  
2:30pm Baptism (Church)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
6:30pm CFC (School Gym)  
6:30pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)

### Sunday Nov. 4: (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

1:30pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)  
6:20pm Bible Study (Seminar Room)  
6:30pm Invisible Children (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](mailto: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](mailto:soberg@rcav.org).

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

Coordinator: Stefan Oberg E-mail: [soberg@rcav.org](mailto:soberg@rcav.org).

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** E-mail: [arda@marysyouth.com](mailto:arda@marysyouth.com)

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: [www.marysyouth.com](http://www.marysyouth.com)

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

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