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32nd SUNDAY In Ordinary Time

November 12th, 2006

"Take the Challenge"



Dear Parishioners, "Out of her poverty, this widow has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." (From the Gospel of Mark, 12:44).

Jesus, in giving her as a model, doesn't want us to become homeless beggars. What he admires in her is her immense gratitude to God. She wants to repay him. She knows it is impossible. Yet she does the best she can by giving him all she has to live on. This is her way of expressing her consecration to God. We also are called to repay the Lord lovingly, by consecrating our time, talents and treasures to him. Let us ask the Lord "to produce in us the splendor of a purity of life, the splendor of a capacity for poverty, which is not having any money, but being able to use it for what is greater than we." (Mggr. Guissani)

If you accept this challenge of consecrating your life to the Lord, your very life with all its time, talents and treasures, then the possibilities of human and spiritual growth will flourish in ways you never dreamed off! Your future will start to glow. Things and "coincidences" will start to happen in your life. Your attitudes will change and support you in your daily life. Pieces of your life that you are struggling with, will come together like a puzzle resolved. You will never walk alone (John 16:32). You will see in them hidden virtues that you never saw before, because you will no longer be in competition with them, or envious. Your presence will draw out the goodness of those you walk with. You will let go of the energy-sapping habit of controlling others. You will become tolerant over the non-essentials.

"Seek the Kingdom first and all these things will be given you" (Mathew 6:33). Are you willing to pay to pay the cost? Are you willing to live a life of sacrificial giving, in time, treasures and talents. If you do, only the first steps will be difficult. When you start to pay the cost, you will find that you have a lot more "money", time, talents and treasures, than you thought. (Contd....)

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The Lord will put in your hands the will, the gifts and the love you need to give. You will have "the mind of Christ", his Spirit. You will find joy in giving, in forgiving, in praying.

God Bless you. Fr. Pierre.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Nov. 12:** 9:45am Divine Mercy Symposium (School Gym)
3:00pm Mary Help of Christians Healing Svc. until 7:00pm (Church Basement)
6:30pm SMYAC Games Night (Rectory Bsmt)
7:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)
- Mon. Nov. 13: REMEMBRANCE DAY (Office Closed)**
 4:00pm RCIA Sponsor Workshop (Rectory Dining)
6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
- Tue. Nov. 14: Daily Morning Mass postponed to 6:30pm**
12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
6:30pm Teen PREP (Rectory Basement)
6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
6:45pm Confirmation Parents' Mtg. (Church Bsmt)
7:30pm PEC Meeting (Rectory Library)
- Wed. Nov. 15: Daily Morning Mass postponed to 6:30pm**
6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)
6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm CWL Meeting (Church Basement)
9:30pm Benediction **Cancelled** (Church)
- Thu. Nov. 16: Daily Morning Mass postponed to 6:30pm**
7:00pm Ballroom Dancing (School Gym)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. Nov. 17: Daily Morning Mass postponed to 6:30pm**
3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:00pm YM Cosmic Bowling (Old Orchard Lanes)
6:45pm Line Dancing (School Gym)
6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Nov. 18:** 8:00am Tai Chi & Qi Gong
10:00am Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
12:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Couples for Christ Seminar (Church Bsmt)
- Sun. Nov. 19:** 8:30am - 2:00pm Christmas Craft Fair (Gym)

PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARDS IN THE FOYER FOR MORE PARISH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

YM COSMIC BOWLING

YM will go **Cosmic Bowling** on **Nov. 17, from 6pm to 8:30pm.** This event is for all youth in Grades 6 to 12. Great prizes await the high scorers. Permission forms are available on the YM bulletin board and on the YM website. See you at Orchard Lanes on Kingsway.

SMYAC ACTIVITIES - YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18 - 39 WELCOME

Catholic Movie Night: Fri. Nov. 17, 7pm, Rectory Basement. Come and watch a movie with a faith theme. Bring a blanket and make yourself at home. Light refreshments will be served.

Multicultural Social

Evening of **Sat. Nov. 25.** Mark this date on the calendar. Come for a fun night of dinner and friendship. November's "country of the month": Japan! Stay tuned for all the details in next week's bulletin.

Open Gym

Sun. Nov. 26, 2:30 - 5 p.m. School Gym. Please note the change of date from last week's bulletin!!! Young adults (ages 18+) are invited to come and play various fun sporting activities. We love to have you there, so keep fit and have fun!

ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Next Sun. Nov. 19 - Come join us for a day of Good buys! Good food! Good fun! Good fellowship! Bring the family along and support our parish community. For more info. or, if you still haven't reserved your table to display your handy crafts for sale, please call John Rudland @ 604-433-0884. See you there!!!!



NEW SOCKS, GLOVES, SCARVES & TOQUES FOR THE HOMELESS

Beginning today until Dec. 15, St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting donations of **new** socks, gloves, scarves and toques. These donations will be inserted along with other small items into Christmas gift bags. This is part of our outreach program for the homeless. We will be distributing the gifts on **Fri. Dec. 22,** when we make our weekly visit to the corner of Hastings & Main with our sandwich truck. Please drop your donations into the box in the foyer which is marked "Socks, Gloves, Scarves and Toques", or bring them to Nancy in the school office. Please note that we are **not** collecting any other clothing at this time. Last year we had an overwhelming response. With your generosity we will have another successful year. Thank you and God Bless.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

DAILY MORNING PRAYER WITH THE DOMINICANS

In many parishes, the pastor says the morning prayer, called Lauds, with his parishioners before or after daily Mass. This custom was highly encouraged by late pope John Paul II. Lauds is an important part of the daily prayers that all religious and priests say everyday in union with Christ. For more than a thousand years, Lauds and the other hours of the Liturgy, have been a central action of the whole Church. More and more lay people are praying the liturgy of the hours.

At St. Mary's, we have this odd situation where some parishioners pray Lauds in the Church at 7:15am, while the pastors and Dominican Fathers, pray the same Lauds, in their home at 7:30am. **Starting from Tuesday, Nov. 21**, the Dominican Fathers will join the parishioners present at 7:30am in the Church to pray Lauds.

Fr. Gabriel OP, will help us to make this prayer beautiful by leading us into singing. Those of you who pray the rosary at 7:30am, are requested to start earlier, at 7:10am. We are sorry for this inconvenience. We hope you will be rewarded by a blessed prayer. God bless, *Fr. Pierre*.

CANDY DRIVE - for the month of November

Save Halloween candies for the poor! St. Mary's Street Ministry and St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Society are running a Candy Drive for the month of Nov. If you have any Halloween candies to donate, please drop them off in the boxes in the foyer. Thank you for your generosity!

PROJECT ADVANCE 2006

Kudos to all parishioners of St. Mary's and in particular to those who contributed to this year's campaign. The contributions made it possible for us to achieve our parish's goal of \$72,000. To date the contribution is at \$74,282, which enables the parish not only to cover the administrative cost, but also qualifies us to a rebate for our parish needs.

This year 18% of our parishioners (which is slightly higher than last year) participated. We are pleased with this number but we would be certainly delighted to see a higher percentage of 20 to 25% of all parishioners at the Project Advance 2007. All rebates will be contributed towards the building fund of Notre Dame Secondary School. Thank you again for your generosity and participation. *Project Advance Committee.*



PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

CONDOLENCE

Fr. Claude Noel op, one of the Dominican Fathers living at St. Mary's, lost his brother, Richard Noel last week, Thursday Nov. 2. Fr. Claude is presently in Quebec City for the funeral. He will be back this Tuesday, Nov. 14. Let us pray for Mr. Richard Noel and for Fr. Claude's family.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On behalf of the Hoo family, I would like to take the opportunity to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the prayers and support that has been afforded to us by the parish community of St. Mary's at the news of the sudden death of Mr. John Hoo - husband, father, and grandfather. Sincerely, *Fr. Mark*

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Missionary, Tiffany Cathcart, would like to thank the pastors and parishioners at St. Mary's Parish for their interest and support. Just a reminder for anyone who expressed interest in supporting, that they can send the completed giving form in the mail to: CCO Vancouver, Box 221-1926 Como Lake Ave., Coquitlam, BC, V3J 7X8. If you would like more information or have any questions, please call: 778-858-2269 God bless!

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CAKES & CARDS SALE

Next weekend **Nov. 18/19** orders for YUMMY! Christmas Cakes will be accepted in the foyer, after all Masses. An excellent choice of Christmas cards will also be on sale to send to your loved ones far and wide. Please complete the order forms and hand over to the volunteers. The cakes will be ready for **pick-up** the following weekend of **Nov. 25/26**. Thanks for your support



CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

CFC-Singles For Christ would like to invite all singles ages 21-40 to attend a Christian Life Program at **Metrotown** (Office Galleria - upstairs by Sears). **Saturdays at 1:00pm**. Hear topics such as God's Love, Who is Jesus Christ & The Holy Spirit. Music, fellowship & free snacks will follow. For more info, contact Victor @ 604-505-5552 / Rose 778-888-8991.

NOTRE DAME DINNER / DANCE

Live & Silent Auction - **Fri. Nov. 17**, ND Gym, 7:00pm, Presto Catering, Music by The Blue Meenies featuring Danny Barichello, \$60/person, all proceeds to the ND Building Fund, Tickets:604-255-5454. Thanks for your support.



ATTENTION! NEW WEEKDAY EVENING MASSES AT ST. MARY'S!!!



St. Mary's will have a **6:30pm evening Mass every Wednesday and Friday**. These masses will be followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until the Benediction at 9:30pm. We hope many will take this opportunity for a visit to the Church, after work, for a time of peace and still



ness in the presence of our Lord.
God Bless, *Fr. Pierre*

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES Mon. - Fri. 8:00am; Sat. 12:00 pm
Wed. & Fri. 6:30pm followed by Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament & Benediction at 9:30pm
Saturday 5:00pm (**Anticipation**)
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 7:00pm

RECONCILIATION Saturday 11:15-11:45am; 4:15-4:45pm;
Sunday 10:45-11:05am
(An appointment for reconciliation may be made at any time)

HOLY COMMUNION Available to shut-ins. Contact Parish Office.

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Thursday - 8:00am; Saturday - 12:00pm

FIRST FRIDAY

Masses: 8:00am, 6:30pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day. Benediction at 9:30pm.

BAPTISM To register your child, contact Parish Office.

MARRIAGES One of the couple must be a registered Catholic parishioner of St. Mary's. Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to your wedding date and prior to registering for the required diocesan Marriage Preparation Course.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Wednesdays at 7:00pm.
Contact: Parish Office

PREP Religious education program for children attending public schools.
Coordinator: Eli Bautista Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leaders: Jonquil Francis and Eileen Carlson
Contact: smyac_team@yahoo.ca Website: www.smyac.ca

YOUTH MINISTRY E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com
Coordinator: Eli Bautista Website: www.saintmarysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Kevin Smith (Principal)
K-Grade 7 (604) 437-1312 Fax (604) 437-1193 Website: http://www.stmary.bc.ca

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm
Pastor: Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP
Assistant Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoo, OP
Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon / Ossie Fernandes
Custodian: Zdravko Jankovic