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I do not condemn you!

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus came not to condemn the world but to save the world (*John 3:17*). In today's Gospel he does not condemn the adulterous woman yet he tells her to sin no more. In many instances, Jesus forbid us to condemn and judge others. "Do not condemn and you will not be condemned".

Why?

First because it is the will of the Father. He never gives up on anyone. He does not want to reject anyone. He does not want us to condemn one another. God's dream, God's kingdom is a world where nobody is rejected, but everyone is transferred into the likeness of his Beloved Son.

How?

Start by looking at yourself. How many times did you sin, how many times have you deserved condemnation and yet were given another chance. Do you think you are innocent of the murder of Jesus Christ? Yet, if you do not condemn others, you will not be condemned by God himself. This is a real good deal!

What?

Not to condemn others is not about refusing to tell the truth and denounce evil actions. We can judge that an action of another person is objectively wrong, and tell that person about it; yet we don't need to judge and condemn that person. Judge the action not the person who did it. That person may have good intentions and may not know about what he/or she is doing! "Forgive them, Father, for they do not know what they are doing". These are some of the last words of Jesus, before dying on the cross.

God Bless You.

Fr. Pierre



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH: FAITH RELATED

- Sun. Mar. 25:** 10:15am Willingdon Park Liturgy(4435 Grange St)
 11:15am PREP Special Classes (Church & School)
 3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
- Mon. Mar. 26:** 6:30pm YM Leaders (Rectory Dinning Room)
 7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
- Tue. Mar. 27:** 6:30pm Teen PREP (Rectory Basement)
 6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)
 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
- Wed. Mar. 28:** 6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)
 6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:00pm RCIA (Rectory Dining)
 7:30pm Marriage Prep Class (Church Basement)
 9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Mar. 29:** 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. Mar. 30:** 3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)
 6:00pm YM "Faith in Action" (Church Basement)
 6:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
 6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:30pm **Lenten Reconciliation** (Church)
 7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
 9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Mar. 31:** 10:00am Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
 10:00am Special Class 1st Reconciliation (Church)
 10:00am Christopher Leadership (Church Basement)
 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
 7:00pm Christian Life Program (Church Basement)
- Sun. Apr. 01:** 11:15am PREP Special Classes (Church & School)
 2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
 3:00pm Baptisms (Church)

PLEASE SWITCH OFF YOUR CELL PHONES AND DISCARD YOUR CHEWING GUM IN THE FOYER BINS BEFORE YOU ENTER THE CHURCH.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH: SOCIAL & OTHER

- Mon. Mar. 26:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
- Tue. Mar. 27:** 12:00pm Seniors' Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
- Wed. Mar. 28:** 7:30pm St. Vincent de Paul (Rectory Library)
- Thu. Mar. 29:** 7:00pm Ballroom Dancing (School Gym)
- Fri. Mar. 30:** 6:45pm Line Dancing (School Gym)
- Sat. Mar. 31:** 8:00am Tai Chi & Qi Gong (School Gym)

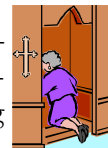
PARISH NEWS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Sincere thanks to all those who responded to our request for input to our Mission Statement process. Some of your suggestions have been incorporated into the final document. The Mission Statement will be presented for your approval in May/June of this year.

LENTEN PARISH RECONCILIATION

Fri. Mar. 30, 7:30pm in the Church. There will be approximately seven priests available to hear Confessions. Please avail of this opportunity to avoid long line ups for confessions at the last hour before Easter.



YM "FAITH IN ACTION"

Jr. YM and Teens' Ministry will be together in this month's "Faith in Action" **Fri. Mar. 30.** Pray the Stations of the Cross with us. Loads of games afterwards. Let's meet at 6pm in the Church Basement. Open for all youth in Grades 6 to 12.

PREP SPECIAL CLASSES

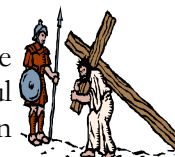
Reminding all PREP Special Class Parents and Students: First Reconciliation this **Sat. Mar. 31,** 10am in the Church.

WANTED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! FOR GOOD FRIDAY PRESENTATION

Newborn male or female baby, 2 weeks to 2 months old to act as baby Jesus in the upcoming silent prayer dramatization of the Stations of The Cross on Good Friday. No audition needed. Contact parish office for more information. Requirements: baby needs to be at dress rehearsal in Church, on Palm Sunday, April 1st, at 8pm and Good Friday at 9:30am.

SMYAC RE-ENACT THE PASSION OF CHRIST

The St. Mary's Young Adults will dramatize the Stations of the Cross in a silent and prayerful presentation on **Good Friday, Apr. 6,** at 10am in the Church. All are welcome to attend.



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2007 - 2008

There will be a 'New Parent Information Night' on **Wednesday April 4th at 7:00pm.** This is for new families to St. Mary's School who are interested in registering their children for the September 2007 school year. Application packages will be distributed at this meeting only.

RESPECT LIFE: YARD SALE - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!!!

SPRING CLEANING?? Let us help you. Please save your discards for our Annual Respect Life - Yard Sale on **Sat. Apr. 21. NO CLOTHING PLEASE,** however, Books, Dishes, Toys, Small Appliances ETC. are appreciated.



PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE 2007

Calling for volunteers! Our committee requires more volunteers this year to assist in our campaign. If you are a new parishioner, come join us and show your support for the parish. If you have participated in previous years, we sure need your expertise in assisting us to make this an even more successful campaign.

Volunteer cards are available at one of the tables in the Church foyer, please return all cards by **Apr. 7** so that we can organize our volunteer training meeting. We look forward to working with all of you in this year's campaign. *Project Advance Committee.*

NOTRE DAME ALUMNI TRIVIA NITE

Mar. 30, 2855 Parker Street, Vancouver 604-255-5454. Doors open at 6:30pm, Trivia starts at 7:00pm. \$10.00 per person. Come one and all!

ATTENTION ALL MARRIED COUPLES!!!!

The next Marriage Encounter Weekend in the Vancouver Archdiocese will be held **Mar. 30 to Apr. 1**. The weekend is a great gift that you can give to each other. For info or to register contact Steve & Mary Bohnen 604-876-7298 /sbohnenn@interchange.ubc.ca / www.wwmecanada.org.

TALK ON "DIVINE MERCY : THE HEART OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH"

By Dr. Robert Stackpole, **Mar. 31**, 10am - 3pm, Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, 8842 119 St., Delta. Free Admission - Light lunch. For info : Sharmila 604-588-5777, Theresa 604-589-3908, Ruby 604- 507-0657.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION 2007 - FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

"REDISCOVERING CATHOLICISM" - See Poster in the foyer.

Sun. Mar. 25 - Part 1 & Mon. Mar. 26 - Part 2 at 4pm

Wed. Apr. 4 - Part 1 & Thu. Apr. 5 - Part 2 at 9pm on VISION TV. Matthew Kelly is a New Yorker Times bestselling author and is widely recognized today as one of the best speakers in the world. With his keen sense of humour and heart-warming charm, Kelly has been effortlessly elevating and energizing audiences in more than 50 countries for the past decade. He is a voice for our times with a message for young and old. He will be joined by the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School.

PRO-LIFE MASS AND PRAYER VIGIL

Peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents on **Apr. 7**. Please note: there will be no Mass. We will meet at the 13th Street Entrance of Lion's Gate Hospital (231 East 15th Street) at 9:30 am to pray the rosary and other prayers.

COMMUNITY NEWS

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER OFFICE

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is seeking a **full-time**, professional Coordinator for its newly created **Office of Service and Justice**. The Coordinator will provide *leadership, vision* and *advocacy* for the development and implementation of an Archdiocesan Service and Justice Mandate and Strategy. He/She will oversee a range of services including consultation, integration and support to parishes and schools, as well as related Archdiocesan agencies to create a more responsive climate of justice to serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalized in our community. Deadline for applications is **Wed. Apr. 4**. Further details including how to apply are available on our website: www.rcav.org.

BIBLICAL WOMEN: OUR ANCESTORS IN THE FAITH

A day of reflection and study for women facilitated by Dr. Elaine Park, Academic Vice President and Professor of Biblical Studies, Mt. Angel Seminary. Using Scripture as a starting point Elaine will lead retreatants through an extended reflection on women of faith in our Salvation history. This will be a day to challenge, to stretch your faith and to rest in the company of other women. **Sat. Apr. 21**, 9am - 5pm at St. Marks College, 5935 Iona Dr. Vcr. **Please register by Apr. 12** - Space is Limited! At stmarks.campusministry@gmail.com or call the college at 604-822-4463.

YOUTH DAY 2007: AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

Youth Day 2007 is coming on Fri. May 4 and Sat. May 5 at Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary School in Port Coquitlam. Join hundreds of teens for an awesome weekend of faith, fellowship, and fun! Register now with your parish youth ministry or Catholic high school — **early registration deadline is April 20**. Visit www.youthmin.com for registration info and the promo video.

DIVORCED, SEPARATED, WIDOWED?

Beginning Experience is offering a healing weekend for those who have experienced the end of a relationship through divorce, separation, or death. It is a caring, accepting, reflective, program allowing spiritual and emotional renewal. The next weekend will be **Apr. 27-29**, at Huston Camp in Gold Bar, WA. The program begins on Friday evening and ends late Sunday afternoon. For info./ register, visit our website at www.seattlebc.org, call (206) 527-1180, or e-mail info@seattlebc.org.

CHARITY FUNDRAISER

ST. MARY'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPRING DINNER DANCE

Mark your date!!! **Sat. Apr. 14** at the School Gym. Doors open 6:30pm, dinner at 7:00pm, followed by dancing to the music of the hottest DJ in town. A great evening of fun and entertainment. No alcoholic beverages. Tickets \$ 20.00 per person will be available in the foyer. All proceeds go to Charity. We look forward to your support, so bring your friends along for an enjoyable evening!!!!



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 Adoration Throughout the day after Masses

Masses: 8:00am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Benediction: 9:30pm

BAPTISM To register your child, contact the 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. Contact the 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

Youth and PREP Coordinator : Eli Bautista

Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon / Ossie Fernandes