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Pastor's
Corner

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Dear Parishioners, in last Sunday's homily, Fr. Pierre made a reference to the name of "Lucifer" as meaning the *bearer of light*. And, I thought to myself, now why didn't I think of that before!?! *Lux* in latin means "light". But, the only difference is that Lucifer is the bearer not of *true* light but of *false* light. False light, like fluorescent, for example, may help us to read at night for a while, but after a period of time, our eyes get sore and tired, don't they? Another way to look at this is that Lucifer likes to bring us to something that may seem "good" initially but we then later discover that the so-called goodness of the thing was only a foil to cover the *rot* inside. It's like "candies" – they taste "good" but moms all know that if the child keeps taking them, well, over time, rot will set into the child's teeth and then comes the horrible toothache! Oh, such pain and ache! Lucifer wants to tempt us to go for those so called "candies" or "goodies" in life, by lying to us that they are really good for us when in actual fact they are meant only to bring *rot* into our lives!

It's not for nothing that our Lord Jesus Christ wants each one of us to be *evangelizers* – to share the *true* light and the *true* good, that is Christ himself, so that we may all enter into a personal and intimate relationship with him. Furthermore, if you really *care* for someone, or *love* someone, don't you want to share what is the very best to him or her? What better way then to share Christ! But, we all know that sometimes our loved ones just are not ready to have Christ as the center of their lives, are they? They are just not ready to surrender those "goodies" or "candies" at the centre of their lives, until the rot, pain and heartache set in that is! But, even then, will Christ call us to be his *evangelizers* – to share his mercy and love in the midst of their pain and heartache so that their wounds may be bound and healed, so that once again they be given the opportunity to receive Christ as the *true* good and the *true* light of their lives.

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And so, it is no wonder then, that Fr. Pierre and I are ever so supportive of initiatives in our parish community that promote *evangelization* and *healing*! Why? Only because they are opportunities for encounter with Christ who alone brings us true joy and happiness that we all long for in our lives. Christ who alone is the *true* light and the *true* good! It is no wonder then that St. Augustine, after a long journey going for all those false "candies" and "goodies" finally came to his knees and surrendered his life over to Christ with these beautiful words, *Late have I loved you, O Beauty, so ancient and so new, late have I loved you!... You were with me, and I was not with you. Those outer beauties held me far from you... You called, and cried out to me and broke open my deafness; you shone forth upon me and you scattered my blindness. You breathed fragrance, and I drew in my breath and I now pant for you. I tasted, and I hunger and thirst; you touched me, and I burned for your peace.* God bless, Fr. Mark.



PARISH NEWS

NEXT WEEKEND SAT. /SUN. MAY 26/27 IS PENTECOST SUNDAY

We will celebrate in a special way by proclaiming and ratifying, as a community, our new parish mission statement and goals. In honour of this Spirit blessed day and milestone for our parish **we encourage everyone to WEAR RED, the colour of the HOLY SPIRIT**, to highlight the festive nature of this special Church feast day.



PROJECT ADVANCE 2007

Committee members and volunteers will be available until the end of June to collect all returned pledges at the church foyer after each mass. We also welcome new donors; participation from all parishioners is most important (regardless of the amount) and is one of the key factors in order to achieve our parish goal. We thank you in advance for your generous support in making this a successful campaign.

PREP EARLY REGISTRATION (deadline is May 31)

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) Early Registration deadline is **May 31**. Slots are still open for Grades 1 to 12 catechism classes. This is your last week to avail of the reduced fees. Pick up your registration forms from the Parish Office or Church foyer. A copy of Baptismal Certificate is REQUIRED from all students.

YM FAITH IN ACTION

Join us in this month's YM Faith in Action. We will start with a Mass at 6:30pm. This is open for all youth in Grades 6 to 12. This **Fri. May 25**. Let's meet in the Church Basement at 6pm.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



MAY - MONTH OF MARY

Pray the Rosary Daily



- Sun. May 20:** "LET US ACT" SUNDAY (Wear Your Name Tags)
2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Ave)
- Mon. May 21:** **VICTORIA DAY (Office Closed)**
6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
7:00pm Meditative Prayer (CANCELLED)
- Tue. May 22:** 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)
6:30pm Teen PREP (Rectory Basement)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
- Wed. May 23:** 6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)
6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:00pm IMPACT (Church Basement)
7:00pm RCIA (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul (Rectory Library)
9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. May 24:** 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. May 25:** 3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:00pm YM Faith in Action (Church Basement)
6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:30pm K of C Council (Rectory Basement)
9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. May 26:** 10:00am Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
5:00pm D&P 40th Anniversary (Archbishop Celebrates)
7:00pm Christian Life Program (Church Basement)
- Sun. May 27:** 10:15am Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange St)
3:00pm Baptisms (Church)



PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARDS IN THE FOYER FOR MORE COMMUNITY NEWS.

CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the souls of our dearly departed:

- Michele Denora:** Prayers at 1pm, Funeral at 1:30pm Tue. May 22.
- Mary Alice Robinson:** Funeral Wed. May 23 at 10am.
- Lydia Howlett:** Funeral Wed. May 23 at 1:30pm.

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord,
 Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them,
 May Their Souls Rest In Peace, Amen.*



PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

“GETTING READY FOR KINDERGARTEN - WORKSHOP

Thu. May 24, 6:45 pm at St. Mary School.

St. Mary's school is presenting a workshop for parents on learning opportunities at home that will better prepare them for school. Please don't miss this opportunity to better prepare your child for Kindergarten. Elementary educators will offer activities and ideas that you can do at home that will be both enjoyable and important to your child's learning. This workshop is for parents of children who have not yet started Kindergarten ages 3 – 5 years. If your child is beginning Kindergarten in September or still has a year or two to wait, this workshop is for you. Admission is free, but you must call to reserve a space. Call the school at 604-437-1312 or email school@stmary.bc.ca

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18+) MONTHLY MULTICULTURAL SOCIAL

Sat. May 26, 7pm. House of Dosa, 1391 Kingsway, Vcr. Come and experience a taste (or two) from the Indian subcontinent. If you're planning to come, please contact smyac_team@yahoo.ca or call Erwin at 604-729-0853 by Thu. May 24. Reservation is recommended by the restaurant on a Saturday night!

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE CELEBRATES 40th ANNIVERSARY

On this auspicious occasion, Archbishop Raymond Roussin along with Fr. Pierre and Fr. Mark will be concelebrating the 5:00pm Mass, on **Sat. May 26** here at St. Mary's Church. This special Mass will be followed by an International Dinner featuring Latin American, African and Filipino food in the Church basement. There will also be live entertainment, music and silent auction. Tickets are \$15 for individuals and \$20 for family, available at the door or contact Cora Alcuitas at 604-517-0029. All are welcome to join us in this celebration!

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18+) COFFEE NIGHT

Fri. Jun. 1, 8:30 pm Rectory basement. Come for another exciting episode of our monthly spiritual activity. More details to come in next week's bulletin! Light refreshments will be served.



VANCOUVER COLLEGE SUMMER CAMP

Looking for summer camps? Vancouver College offers a wide variety of academic enrichment, recreation, and sports co-ed camps for KG to Gr. 12. We offer more than just child care, as camps are facilitated by experienced teachers from Vancouver College and other CISVA schools. For more information, call 604-261-4295 or download a program and registration form online at http://vc.bc.ca/finnegan_summer/default.htm.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRISTIAN OUTREACHES'S SUMMER MISSION PROJECT **IMPACT!**

60 university students and young adults are in Vancouver from all over Canada to work and serve in our Archdiocese. We invite young adults to join us for Praise & Worship, skits, talks and testimonies, every Wednesday at 7:00pm in St. Mary's Church basement. Part of the mission is an opportunity for us to find summer employment during the time that we are here, from May till mid-August. We would really appreciate your help. We are looking for all types of work: restaurants, office, nanny, landscaping etc. If you would be willing to hire Impacters for the summer or know of someone that would, please let us know 604-338-1519 or impact@cco.ca. IMPACT! Vancouver is looking for donations of food on an on-going basis throughout the summer. We are looking for items such as: pasta, cereal, fruits and vegetables, granola bars, rice, canned items such as: fish, meat, beans, fruit, veggies, sauces, tomatoes, condiments, bread & various spreads, snack foods such as crackers, cookies, chips pudding, popcorn, drinks, juice etc. You can bring the donations to your parish and it will be picked up on a weekly basis or you can call 604-338-1519. Thanks for your help and if you have any questions you can reach us at 604-338-1519/ 604-715-9698.

LET THE FIRE FALL AGAIN!

A Pentecost Celebration at St. Mathew's Parish - 16079, 88th Ave., Surrey at 10am on **Sat. May 26**. All are invited for an afternoon of lively praising and worship, procession of the Blessed Sacrament, celebration of a Charismatic Mass and personal testimonies of lives transformed by the Holy Spirit. Refreshments, finger food and fellowship after the services.



THINKING OF TAKING A COURSE THIS FALL!

Act NOW – Bursary deadline is May 31st. Call us today for more information on the bursaries and courses available. Newman Theological College 604 -447-2993 or toll-free 1-800-386-7231 or registrar@newman.edu.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA 9-DAY MASS/NOVENA

Jun. 5 -13 at St. Anthony's Parish (Marpole), 1345 W.73rd Ave. Vcr. Mass/Novena Weekdays at 7:30pm; Weekends at 5:00pm.

NOTRE DAME'S 5TH ANNUAL FUND RUN

Formerly 'The Relay' - **Jun. 10** - 10:00am start. Less time commitment. Everyone walks/runs 5km route together from ND, to the PNE, through the PNE grounds and back to ND for a BBQ - Pasta Party. Live entertainment, prizes, free kids activities, flea market, beer garden & great food. Register on line @ www.ndrs.org or contact Lucia DeCotis through the school office 604-255-5454. All proceeds to the ND School Building Fund. Donations over \$20.00 will receive a tax receipt.



COMMUNITY NEWS

VOCATIONS IN PROGRESS

“We invite single men and women to join us to **“LIGHT OUR WAY”**. This is the theme of the Catholic Single Men and Women retreats: **for men on Jun. 1 - 3** and **for women on Jun. 22 - 24** between the ages of 17-35. The retreat will be at Rosemary Heights (3690-152nd St., Surrey), and hosted by the Vocations Office. Come and discover the **Light** that lights our way. We will provide the retreatants with tools of discernment so that they may discover God's call in their lives. Do not wait! Register now! Call Vocations Office 604-443-3254 or email: vocations@rcav.bc.ca



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.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

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.saintmarysyoung.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