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**Pastor's
 Corner**

**Sunday, May 27th, 2007
 PENTECOST**



Come, Holy Spirit, come...., but not right now!

Dear Parishioners, Two weeks ago, I wrote to you about the C.I.A. of the evil one. Condemnation, intimidation, accusation. It is a voice that whispers, "You are unworthy, you are useless, you are unable." But there is another voice, the voice of the Spirit that says. "You belong to me as much as my own beloved Son belongs to me. I am giving birth to you again and again just as I eternally beget my Son. All that I have is yours. Do not be afraid. I will quench your thirst." That voice is not based on his and false promises, as the voice of the Accuser. It is grounded in the ultimate reality of the Father. It effects what it says. It consoles us by making the words of Christ effective in our lives and in our being. So much that Christ is actually born again in us. He becomes one with us. We become one with him and through him, one with the Father. The Spirit cries in us, "Abba Father!" We have been adopted into the family of the Trinity.

Imagine for a moment that Bill Gates has adopted you into his family. You are now entitled to inherit his immense fortune. You don't have to fear the future, at least financially! But you are a son or daughter of God, joint heir with Christ. You have complete security! Let the Spirit convince you that you are the beloved son/daughter of God.

It sounds easy enough. But there is a practical problem with the Holy Spirit. He does not come unless he is desired. "On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and exclaimed, 'Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink' (John 7:37). And the evangelist John comments, 'He said this in reference to the Spirit....' " (John 7:39). The problem is not that we lack merits or virtues. It is that we don't thirst. Rather we have an "unacknowledged fear of the Holy Spirit," as Fr. Cantalamessa put it. We fear that the Spirit will change us if we allow him to touch us. We are tempted to say "Come, Holy Spirit, come.... but not right now"! Let us ask the Holy Spirit to take away our fear of him.

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Jesus is begging you to accept his gift, The Holy Spirit. Are you ready? Pray about it! Pray to receive him deeper and deeper! Obey all his inspirations, daily! Above all, love!

Today, Jesus Christ still breathes a new Pentecost and repeats his pressing invitation: "Receive the Holy Spirit." Let me close with this prayer from Fr. Cantalamessa:

"Let us expose our faces and our souls to this Breath of Life and let it quicken and renew us. Even today, if the entire Church received this powerful breath, if the Spirit entered in force in all its realities, it "would rise and walk" and would newly be "a great army without end!"

God Bless. *Fr. Pierre*



PARISH NEWS

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 almost over. Tuesday classes are almost full. Wednesday slots are still open for Grades 1 to 7 catechism classes. We will only accept Early Registrations until **Thursday, May 31**. Regular registrations will start in August. Pick up your registration forms from the Parish Office or Church foyer.

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

SMYAC Is looking for enthusiastic young adults to be a part of their leadership team! If you know a young adult between the ages of 18 - 39 that would like to be a part of the SMYAC leadership team please nominate them. Forms are available in the Church foyer. Please complete the forms and put them in the ballot box.

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18+) COFFEE NIGHT

Fri. Jun. 1, 8:30pm 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.



VISITATION OF THE SICK BY HANDS OF VERONICA

If a loved one is a patient in Burnaby General Hospital and would like to have a visit from a member of the Hands of Veronica group, please contact the Parish Office with information.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



MAY - MONTH OF MARY



Pray the Rosary Daily

- Sun. May 27: PENTECOST SUNDAY**
 10:15am Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange)
 3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
- Mon. May 28:**
 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
 7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
- Tue. May 29:**
 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)
 7:30pm IMPACT - Faith Studies (Church Basement)
- Wed. May 30:**
 8:30am Respect Life Meeting (Rectory Dining)
 6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)
 6:45pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:00pm IMPACT - Cornerstone (Church Basement)
 9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. May 31:**
 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. Jun. 01: FIRST FRIDAY**
 8:00am Mass (followed by Adoration all day)
 3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)
 6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
 9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Jun. 02:**
 10:00am Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
- Sun. Jun. 03:**
 2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
 3:00pm Baptisms (Church)



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

CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of our dearly departed:

Lilian Cabales: Passed away Wednesday May 23rd.
 Funeral details to be announced.

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her O Lord,
 Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her,
 May Her Soul Rest In Peace, Amen.*



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ST. MARY'S RESOURCE CENTER (LIBRARY)

Many of you may not be aware that we have a borrowing facility located in the Church basement in the Children's Liturgy area. Volunteers are available for half an hour after every Sunday Mass (except 7:00pm). Come and visit us soon.

CENACLE OF PRAYERS (every 1st & 3rd Monday of the month)

Mary Help of Christians Healing & Deliverance Society of St Mary's would like to invite everyone to join us in a night of prayer with the Blessed Mother, in the Church from **7:00 - 8:30pm**. For more info call Albert 778-552-3036.

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACHES'S SUMMER MISSION PROJECT

THE CORNERSTONE: Young adults between the ages of 17-35 are invited to join Catholic Christian Outreach's IMPACT team for skits, talks, worship and other fun activities **every Wednesday at 7:00pm** in St. Mary's Church basement.

FAITH STUDIES put on by the IMPACT team **weekly, will begin this Tuesday at 7:30pm** in St. Mary's Church basement. Everyone 16 years and over are invited to participate in this exciting opportunity to learn about the Catholic faith in a new and applicable way.

IMPACT! Vancouver is looking for donations of food on an on-going basis throughout the summer to provide for the 60 student missionaries serving and working within the Archdiocese. Donations can be left in the box provided in the foyer of St. Mary's and will be picked up every Sunday. Gift cards for local grocery stores are also accepted. For more info., you can contact 604-338-1519. Thanks for your support and generosity!

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.

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.

PRO-LIFE MASS AND VIGIL

Peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents **Sat. Jun. 2, 9am Mass** at St. Joseph's Parish, 1612 East 18th Avenue. Followed by Rosary. Vigils are held each first Saturday of the month under the chaplaincy of Rev. Hien Nguyen. The Prayer Apostolate was instituted in 1995.

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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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Jun. 8-10. Attention Married Couples! You deserve to give each other a weekend to enhance your love. For more information or to register, please contact Steve & Mary Bohnen (604-876-7298 or sbohnen@interchange.ubc.ca).

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.

CENACLE RETREAT

Jun. 14-18. Five-day quiet Cenacle retreat at Rivendell on Bowen Island with Sister Monica and Sister Kathy. Conferences, prayer, silence, and time for rest, reading, etc. Private room with bath, 12 meals, and retreat: \$425. Please call 604.266.1611 for information and registration.

TALK ON "SEPERATION, DIVORCE AND ANNULMENT"

Rev. Bruce McAllister, J.C.L., of the Marriage Tribunal will speak on "Separation, Divorce and Annulment" on **Sat. Jun. 16** from 10:00am to noon, at St. Patrick's Parish, 2881 Main St. (corner 12th Ave.), Vcr. Fee \$10.00. Contact Catholic Family Services for info or to register 604-443-3220. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Jun. 22-24. Helping engaged couples understand the Sacrament of Marriage and their vocation. Register at www.ceewest.com or 604-451-3300.

ST. PATRICK'S REG. SECONDARY SCHOOL REUNION

Class of 1987, 20 - year Reunion. A Dinner Cruise is planned for **Jun. 23**. For tickets or for more information, please e-mail: stpatsclassof87@yahoo.ca

HOW SHALL WE SING THE LORD'S SONG?

Musicians and Liturgical Ministry Join Dr. David Pitt for a day workshop on the ministerial functions of choir members, cantors, and musicians in the liturgy. We will sing, study, and pray together, culminating in a joyful anticipated Sunday Mass. Saturday, **Jul. 14** from 9:30-5:30 at St. Mark's College. \$50.00 per person, coffee, muffins, and lunch included. Register at registrar@stmarks.college.ca, 604-822-6862, or 604-822-2000.

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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.

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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)

Leader: Jonquil Francis
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