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Pastor's
 Corner

Sunday, June 10th, 2007

Are you running with me Jesus?



Do you envy the people who lived in the company of Jesus, 2,000 years ago. Jesus walked with them, ran with them, visited their homes and ate with them. He hugged them and forgave their sins. He helped them reconcile with one another, answered their questions and taught them all they needed to know to go to the Father. What about us? Are we left with nothing else than the written words of the Gospel?

That would be our situation if Jesus had not instituted the seven sacraments, especially the Eucharist. In the Eucharistic Bread, Jesus Christ is here present with his glorified body and soul, his humanity and his divinity. Just as he was during the forty days between his Resurrection and his Ascension. Therefore Pope Benedict rightly affirms the relevance of the traditional procession of the Blessed Sacrament on the Feast of Corpus Christi. He said, "By carrying the Eucharist through the streets and squares, we desire to immerse the Bread come down from heaven in our daily lives. We want Jesus to walk where we walk, to live where we live. Our world, our existence, must become his temple." And he adds, "The Eucharist also has a cosmic property: the transformation of the Bread and the Wine into Christ's Body and Blood is in fact the principle of the divinization of creation itself." (June 18, 2006)

This Sunday, Feast of Corpus Christi, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed right after the 1:00PM Mass, until 5:00PM for the Benediction. I will be available for confession from 2:00 to 3:00PM and from 4:00 to 5:00PM. Hopefully next year we will have a procession outdoors. Now, there are two dimensions of the Eucharistic Presence that I would like to share with you. Firstly, it is a real and personal Presence, not just a symbolic one. Secondly, it is a vibrant and dynamic presence not just a passive one. It is a physical presence, but even more present than a purely physical one, because it is the Presence of the Resurrected Body of Christ.

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It is still a physical body, but a body so pregnant with the Divinity that it is a "spiritual body" as Paul said. It is the very same body that walked with the disciples of Emmaus, on Easter Sunday, answered their questions and warmed their hearts. A body that is not limited by the space-time matrix. It can be in you and in me at the same time. It can only be seen through the appearances of the bread, but this doesn't make it less real. The Resurrected Lord vanished at the breaking of the bread at Emmaus, but he was still with them, in the bread he gave them. The appearances of the Bread are only a material support of his Presence, not a divination of it. Given the choice between a vision of Christ and the Sacred Host, any saint would choose the Sacred Host without hesitation.

Why? Because in the Host, the Presence of the Lord is much more active and communicative. In the Host, Christ is giving you the Holy Spirit and the Father, provided you obey his words and do his will. Through the Spirit, he teaches you, feeds you. And he knows you and loves you. "Look I am standing at the door, knocking. If one of you hears my calling, and you open the door, I will come in to share a meal at that person's side." (Rev. 3:20). The Last Supper happens again and again. And so does the Emmaus supper!

God bless you. Fr. Pierre



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Jun. 10:** **BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**
 2:00 - 5:00pm Adoration & Benediction (Church)
 2:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)
- Mon. Jun. 11:**
 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
 6:30pm YM Leaders (Rectory Library)
 7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
- Tue. Jun. 12:**
 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
 6:30pm Baptism Preparation Class (Church)
 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
 7:30pm IMPACT - Faith Studies (Church Basement)
- Wed. Jun. 13:**
 2:00pm Willingdon Park Mass (4435 Grange St)
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:00pm IMPACT - Cornerstone (Church Basement)
 9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Jun. 14:** 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. Jun. 15:**
 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. 16:**
 10:00am Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
- Sun. Jun. 17:** **FATHERS DAY**
 Knights of Columbus Fathers' Day Buttons
 Carwash to benefit Project Advance

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.

MOTHERS DAY CARNATIONS' DONATIONS

The Knights of Columbus thank all parishioners for their support towards the purchase of Mother's Day carnations. A net amount of \$800.00 was collected and donated to Talitha Koum House. *God Bless You.*



FATHERS DAY BUTTONS NEXT SAT./SUN.-JUN. 16/17

Come along all you Sons and Daughters! Award an appreciation to your DAD. Next weekend the Knights of Columbus will be providing "Father's Day Buttons" at the Church entrance after all Sunday Masses. All proceeds will go to Luke 15 House.



YOUNG ADULT MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

Sat. Jun. 23, 7:00 p.m. This month, we'll be exploring authentic Indonesian cuisine at the Pondok Indonesia Restaurant, 2781 Commercial Drive, Vancouver. If you are interested, please r.s.v.p. us at smyac_team@yahoo.ca.

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2008- COLLECTION

This is a national collection as decided by the Bishops of Canada in order to support the International Eucharistic Congress 2008. The collection will be held on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Our Lord, this **Sat. & Sun. Jun. 9-10**. Special envelopes are available in the pews at all Masses for the collection and donation amounts will be included in the 2007 Tax receipts.

'JUMPBALL' CAR WASH FOR PROJECT ADVANCE NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday **Jun. 17** is Fathers' Day - Dad's take a break! Don't wash your cars. 'Jumpball' parents and players will do it for you. All proceeds will be donated to Project Advance. Look for the sign, drive and park at the back of the school parking lot - entry via Clive Avenue. For 'Jumpball' info. call student coordinators Mayumi:604-438-9535, Elliot: 604-430-9025, Melvin:604-435-2661 or Fermin:604-430-0263. Come out and connect deeply to your creative spirit and share. The reward is far beyond everyone's expectation.



PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

PARISH PICNIC ON JULY 1

It's time for our Parish Picnic once again! MARK your calendars. There will be an outdoor Mass, food, fun and fellowship. **Jul. 1** from 12noon to 5:30pm. More announcements to follow.



IMPACT! "DISCOVER JESUS" & "DISCOVER COURAGE" RETREATS

Does God really love me? If so, why don't I always feel it? How can I know God better? Does God even want to know me? Who is Jesus? Why do I bother going to Mass on Sunday?

These questions are common in the world today, and even in the Church. Many of you may be asking them right now, or can relate to a questioning attitude with regards to even the basics of our faith. Consider seeking out answers to these questions, the most important you ever ask. The Impact Vancouver "Discover Jesus" retreat is coming to a Parish near you. Take the first steps to a better relationship with God and try one out. Maybe you have already found the answers but a friend or relative is still seeking. Invite them to come with you so that they too can "Discover Jesus." Join us on **Sat. Jun. 23** at any of the following Parishes: St. Francis Xavier (Vancouver) or St. Patrick's (Vancouver). They will run from 9am -9pm. Please RSVP to Amber at impact@cco.ca or 778-883-7467, check out our website at www.cco.ca/impact.

*Have you ever wanted to share your faith but don't know how? Are you in love with God and want others to know Him? Have you encountered opposition in your faith journey? Come to Impact Vancouver's "Discover Courage" retreat and learn the skills and strength you need to carry the hope you have within you to others. Experience God's love and bring that experience to your friends and family this summer with Impact. Don't miss this chance to bring lasting change to those you love. This retreat is a follow-up to the 'Discover Jesus' retreat held Jun.9 and will happen on **Sat. Jun. 23** at Our Lady of Fatima Parish (Coquitlam) and the same retreat on **Sat. Jul. 7**, at St. Ann's (Abbotsford), Good Shepherd (White Rock), & St. Francis Xavier (Vancouver). Each "Discover Courage" retreat will run from 9am till 4:30pm. Please RSVP to Amber at impact@cco.ca or 778-883-7467 and check out our website www.cco.ca/impact.*

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. For info./reg. : 604-266-1611.

COMMUNITY NEWS

L'ARCHE GARAGE SALE

L'Arche Greater Vancouver (www.larchevancouver.org), an ecumenical and inter-faith community for people with developmental disabilities, is holding a garage sale to raise funds for its needs on **Sat. Jun. 16** from 1 to 4pm at 4845 Sardis Street, (north of Kingsway/west of cross St. with Nelson Ave.). On sale will be household items, clothes, herbs and flowers, baked goods, and crafts. There will also be a display of modular pine shelving, candle holders, coat racks, wine racks, and meditation benches made by members of the woodworking shop operated by l'Arche (www.larchewoodproducts.com), for which orders can be made. For more info. please call Doug Moore at the Crossing:604-432-9057/e-mail: crossinglarche@yahoo.ca!

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.

VOCATIONS IN PROGRESS

We invite single women between the ages of 17-35 to join us to "**LIGHT OUR WAY**". This is the theme of the Catholic Single Women's retreat: **on Jun. 22 - 24**. 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



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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE 18TH ANNUAL MARRIED COUPLES' RETREAT

Will be held on the weekend of **Sep. 14-16**, at Westminster Abbey, Mission and will be directed by Rev. Paul Curtin, CSsR. (Redemptorist). Retreat theme: "FOLLOWING JESUS: EUCHARIST AS FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY." Cost per couple \$295.00. To register call Anne 604-464-1958 or Marg. 604-921-7136. Space is limited.



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