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**Pastor's
 Corner**

Sunday August 19th, 2007



Dear Parishioners,

I got back from my vacation last week. Having spent some time reading about Mother Teresa of Calcutta. I want to share some of her thoughts. They are from the August issue of Magnificat. Quote:

“The Fire of Burning Love

I want you all to fill your hearts with great love. Don't imagine that love, to be true and burning, must be extraordinary. No; what we need in our love is the continuous desire to love the One we love. To possess god we must allow him to possess our souls. How poor we would be if God had not given us the power of giving ourselves to him; how rich we are now! How easy it is to conquer God! If we give ourselves to him, then God is ours, and there can be nothing more ours than God. The money with which God repays our surrender is himself. We become worthy of possessing him when we abandon ourselves completely to him. Total surrender consists in giving ourselves completely to God. We must give ourselves fully to God because God has given himself to us. If God owes nothing to us and is ready to impart to us no less than himself, shall we answer with just a fraction of ourselves? Should we not rather give ourselves fully to God as a means of receiving God himself? I for God and God for me. I live for God and give up my own self, and in this way God lives for me. To surrender means to offer him my free will, my reason, my own life in pure faith. My soul may be in darkness. Trial and suffering are the surest test of my blind surrender. Surrender is also true love. The more we surrender, the more we love God and souls. If we really love souls, we must be ready to take their place, to take their sins upon us and expiate them in us by penance and continual mortification. We must be living holocausts, for the souls need us as such.

BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA”.

God Bless, *Fr. Pierre*



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Aug. 19:** 2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451Sussex Avenue)
- Mon. Aug. 20:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
- Tue. Aug. 21:** 12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)
 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
- Wed. Aug. 22:** 6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:30pm Saint Vincent de Paul (Rectory Dining)
 9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Aug. 23:** 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
- Fri. Aug. 24:** 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion (Church)
 6:30pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:15pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
 9:30pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Aug. 25:** 10:00am Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
- Sun. Aug. 26:** 2:00pm Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange St)
 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

PARISH NEWS



TODAY IS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY



Thank you to all our volunteers who serve in all the different ministries of our parish here at St. Mary's and in the community. The offering of your precious Time, your gifted Talents and Treasures in serving and providing for the needs of God's Church is greatly appreciated. Through your persistence, perseverance, and prayers we are Blessed with a vibrant multi-cultural community, proclaiming our rich Catholic heritage, common faith and devotion to Mother Mary. May God Bless you and your families abundantly. "It is more blessed to give than to receive". Acts 20: 35

RCIA/FAITH INSTRUCTION

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is designed for:

1. Adult inquirers, that is, for the non-baptized/baptized in other faiths (if you wish to find out more about Christianity or becoming a Catholic).
2. For adult Catholics, who are baptized, but not catechized and/or did not complete the other Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion and/or Confirmation).
3. All are welcome, so if you are interested in the Catholic Faith or know someone who is, the RCIA program is the answer! You may register for RCIA classes which begin this coming September. For further info. please contact: Arda Akoglu or Carolina Prada at 604-733-3457 or aakog@yahoo.com.



SMYAC SUMMER VOLLEYBALL (weather permitting)

On **Sun. Aug. 19**, at 4pm come out to play some ball, and enjoy the hot, hot sun at the same time. Bring water and sunscreen! We play at the Central Park Volleyball Pit by Swanguard Stadium. (Enter via Kingsway entrance to the parking lot). Please call Erwin at 604-729-0853.



PREP REGULAR REGISTRATION

PREP is now accepting registrations for Catechetical Year 2007-2008. There are a few slots available for Tuesday and a good number of slots on Wednesday. Teen PREP is also accepting registrations for Grade 8 - 12 on Tuesday nights. Registration starts on **Aug. 20 and will run until Sept. 7**. Registration forms are available at the Church Foyer or in the Parish Office. Drop off your completed forms with payment in the Parish Office during the said dates. PREP starts on Sept. 11 for the Tuesday classes and Sept. 12 for the Wednesday classes.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SUMMER TRAINING

Register for the Youth Ministry Office's popular Summer Training event: **Searching in the Spirit (Aug 20-24)** will be held at beautiful Camp Jubilee at the base of Mt. Seymour. Check out www.youthmin.com for more info... don't miss out!

36TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RENEWAL COMMUNITIES CATHOLIC RENEWAL CONVENTION

5 DAY RETREAT, **Aug. 30 – Sep. 3.** Enjoy a spirit-filled 5 days of prayer, praise and worship amidst the incredible sights and sounds of Anaheim! Guest speakers include Linda Schubert, Linda Koontz, Fr. John Hampsch, Francis & Judith MacNutt and more! For details please take a flyer from the registration desk in the foyer. For further info. on the tour contact Lennie David 604-597-8227 / 604-594-7296.



ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB

New Members Dance at Holy Family Parish Hall (4851 Beatrice St. Vancouver) on **Sat. Sep. 8.** Doors open at 7:30 pm. Music by Patrizia Coletta. Members \$10/non-members \$13. For more information call Lina (604-433-0055) or Barry (604-327-5425).



RETRouvaille : A PROGRAM OF HOPE DESIGNED TO HELP COUPLES IN HURTING MARRIAGES

Next Vancouver weekend **Sep. 14 - 16.** Space is limited. For more information please call: 604-530-6710 or visit our website at www.retrouvaille.org. To pre-register on-line, go to www.retrouvaille.org/dates.php.



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/Marg.604-921-7136.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Oct. 19 - 21. Helping engaged couples understand the Sacrament of Marriage and their vocation. Register at 604-451-3300 or visit www.ceewest.com.

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE:

Registration has begun for September 2007. Please phone the College at 604-822-6862 or visit www.corpuschristi.ca for more information.

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ST. MARK'S COLLEGE

Registration is open for September 2007. Courses offered include "Theory & Methods of Religious Education" (RLED 400/500), "Introduction to Pastoral Counselling" (PAST 400 / 500), "Foundations of Theology" (THEO 401/501), and "Jesus in Film" (MFST 410/510). Please contact the Registrar for more information at registrar@stmarkscollege.ca or 604-822-4463.

REDEEMER PACIFIC COLLEGE:

IS STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

[Redeemer Pacific College](http://www.redeemerpacificcollege.ca) (RPC) is pleased to announce that we are still accepting applications for the Fall of 2007. RPC is a Catholic liberal arts college working in partnership with Trinity Western University (TWU) in Langley, BC, and affiliated with the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Students take courses at both RPC and TWU towards earning a degree in any one of the 39 degree programs offered at TWU. RPC also offers several certificate programs which highlight the Catholic dimension of students' studies. For more information on Redeemer Pacific College or inquiries regarding applying to RPC please call 604-888-7727 or e-mail admissions@rpccollege.bc.ca

SEMINARY OF CHRIST THE KING VOCATION LIVE-IN - Nov. 2-4

The Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC, is planning a weekend LIVE-IN for young men who are interested in the priesthood or the life of a religious brother, and want to see for themselves what seminary life is like. The Seminary of Christ the King has students in high school (Grades 8-12), in college (Arts I-IV), and in theology. The LIVE-IN is open to anyone who is thinking of entering the seminary in the next few years. The LIVE-IN provides an opportunity to spend two days at the Seminary and to become acquainted with other young men who have the priestly or religious vocation in mind. Those attending should arrive any time Friday evening, preferably between seven and eight o'clock. Bring a sleeping bag, school clothes, and some old clothes for sports, a towel, etc., and your high school transcript or your last report card. The suggested fee is \$25. The program will include interaction with priests, brothers and seminarians, daily Mass and prayer, recreational activities, sports, and some reflective reading. Anyone planning to come should fill in the application form, available on the notice board in the foyer, and forward it to: Vocation Live-In, Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC V2V 4J2, or the info may be phoned to 604-826-8715/faxed to 604-826-8725 or e-mailed to: rector@sck.ca.

VOLUNTEERS / STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the Gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" 2

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)

Leader: Jonquil Francis and Joseph D'silva

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