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THE MESSIAH ANNOINTED BY A WOMAN?

Recently I learned that a parent forbade his daughter to become an altar-server. He sincerely believed that a certain church rule forbade any women to come close to the altar. There is no such rule in today's church. In Jesus' life, some women had extraordinary roles. Mary Magdalene was the first one to see the Resurrected Christ and witness about it. The Samaritan woman become the first evangelizer of her village. Mary of Bethany, a close friend of Jesus, obtained from Him the resurrection of her brother Lazarus. Today's account of the Passion "opens with the story of the loving waste of expensive perfume in Bethany" on Jesus' head which according to John, was done by Mary of Bethany. Of course some men were angry and said to one another, "Why was this ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii (a year's worth of wages) and the money given to the poor." One of the greatest theologians of the 20th century, Cardinal Hans Urs von Balthasar wrote:

Jesus brushes off all the criticism: the woman has done the right thing — she has anointed him (Messiah means "anointed one") for his death. This is the final act of the loving Church, which retains its validity to the end of the world. Wastefulness is the original Christian attitude, only thereafter does calculating charity for the poor have its place. After his death has become a certainty because of Judas' betrayal, Jesus wastes himself even more boundlessly in his Eucharist. Everyone drinks the shed blood in advance, and this will continue to take place to the end of the world. The entire Passion occurs under the sign of this complete self-wasting of God's love for the world. (From Light of the Word, Ignatius Press, page 182)

Another great theologian, Cardinal Ratzinger who became Pope Benedict XVI, said, "Only when someone values love more highly than life, that is, only when someone is ready to put life second to love, for the sake of love, can love be stronger and more than death. If it is to be more than death it must first be more than life."

God Bless You **Fr. Pierre**

PARISH NEWS

EASTER GIFTS TO THE PASTOR, OR TO THE POOR?

I still have many boxes of chocolate from last Christmas, even though I gave away most of them! I also had to throw away a lot of food that I could not eat. But, ... some of you heard my plea. You have helped me support Luke 15 with \$350, gathered from your gifts. This Easter, help me support Talitha Koum Society. Any money you give me will be forwarded to this Society. Yet, I would not mind keeping the bottles of wine for my Dominican Family! Last wish! Please do not ring the doorbell at the priests' residence during the Triduum. Go to the rectory on Joyce Street or the church sacristy. Thank you. Fr. Pierre

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Share Lent donations are still being accepted. If donating in cash, please enclose in an envelope and mark it SHARE LENT. If you are giving a cheque, please note SHARE LENT on the cheque. These can be dropped into the collection baskets at any mass. Thank you for your support.

SR YOUTH MINISTRY -- (Grades 8 - 12)

Are you prepared for The Great Mystery? Are you wondering what that is? It's the mystery of Easter of course: the resurrection of our Lord. But to fully appreciate and understand that mystery we must live out the Holy Week. Come and join us on **Monday, April 6 @ 6:30pm in the Rectory Basement** for games, trivia, pizza and learn more about the Holy Week while having fun.

CONFESSIONS DURING THE TRIDUUM

April 4 -- Holy Thursday -- after the evening Mass until 10:00pm
April 5--Good Friday -- 10:00am - 2:30pm and 4:30pm -10:00pm
April 6 -- Holy Saturday -- no confessions except by appointment

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Mary's Young Adult Community will present a silent dramatization of the stations of the cross on **Good Friday, April 10 at 11:00am in the Church**. The youth choir will also be leading the parish in song for this prayerful event. All are welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY VENERATION OF THE CROSS


After the 3:00pm service on Good Friday, April 10, everyone will have the opportunity to participate by laying flowers at the foot of the cross. Flowers will be available by donation in the church foyer, but please feel free to bring your own to offer.

ONE.3 - GOD OF OUR CITY

Multi-region, multi-high-school, multi-church, multi-ethnic, multi-organization, multi-denominational...multi-everything and multi-cheap (\$3). Let's unite under the one banner of Christ as we spend a great night of praise and worship with youth from other churches on **Friday, April 17**. If you want to join the fun contact Arda at 604-435-9611 ext.6

PARISH NEWS

ANNUAL YARD SALE TO SUPPORT RESPECT LIFE

Our annual yard sale is on **Saturday, April 18**. We welcome any donations (including garden items, jewelry, dishes, books etc) to the big wooden box in the foyer marked "YARD SALE". Please bring your donations before  Easter Sunday so that the foyer will be uncluttered for Easter. Thank you **.NO CLOTHING PLEASE**. **Only if you cannot bring your own items**, contact Gert at 604-433-6497.

FAMILY REUNIFICATION CLINIC

This information session presented by Sr. Deborah Isaacs is for those having problems sponsoring or reuniting with family members. These problems may include children, because they were not listed on the initial application form; children at risk because they are without a parent in an area that is dangerous; problems in processing that has created long delays; or need for DNA testing. Come on **Saturday, April 18 at 10:00am in the Church Basement**. Sponsored by St. Mary's Street Ministry

YOUTH DAY 2009

Youth Day 2009 is coming on **Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2** at Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary School in Port Coquitlam. Team up with the St Mary's Youth Ministry who will be joining hundreds of teens for an awesome weekend of faith, fellowship, and fun! Register now by calling Arda at 604-435-9611 ext.6 or email him at stmarys_ym@yahoo.com. **Deadline for early registration is April 17** (you will get a free t-shirt). Don't miss this amazing weekend!

ANNUAL SPRING DANCE

Our Knights of Columbus will have their Annual Spring Dinner and Dance Party on **Saturday, May 23** in the St. Mary's School Gym. All proceeds will go to Birth Right Program. For tickets call Bro. Rene Montilla at 604-454-9679, Bro Joe. Pellingon at 604-438-3821 or Bro. Manny Mendoza at 604-430-3647

DO YOU OWN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ENVELOPE NUMBERS?

Second Request. Please contact the parish office if you use the following envelope numbers:124; 165; 166; 180; 245; 283; 284; 340; 422; 474; 589; 774; 809; 879; 1093; 1149; 1215; 1308; 1398; 1456; 1495;1652; 1693; 1695; 1719; 1747; 1784; 1809; 2034.

WEBMASTER

Have you seen the Youth Ministry web-page. Don't look now but it is soooo.... Well let's just say it is not anything like we would like it to be. We want to bring it back to life so we need a talented web-developer to help us create a brand-new-web-site. If you have the time and skills, call Arda at 604-435-9611 ext # 6. Compensation will be in the form of thankful prayers.

MINISTRY IN FOCUS

Healing Ministry is a group of men and women who are dedicated to praying with those in need of healing. Healing may be sought for physical or emotional injuries, painful memories, loss, anger, despair or other concerns. It consists of prayer teams who make themselves available during adoration every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 7:40pm-9:00pm in the Church. Our prayer team also includes volunteers who want to act as intercessors. They pray over written prayer petitions and supplications and also for prayer team and supplicants during the regular prayer sessions.

CONDOLENCES

Please pray for repose of the soul of our dearly departed :

Robert Brekelmans - Vigil prayer: Monday April 6 at 8:00pm
Funeral: Tuesday April 7 at 10:00am

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him O Lord,
Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him
May His Soul Rest in Peace, Amen*



In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Luke 15 House

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

or Talitha Koum Society.

HUNGRY FOR MORE?

Explore moral issues with a trusted expert, Take a pilgrimage for only \$35. Learn to pray with Sacred Scripture. Join us on **Saturday, April 18** for Spring Institute, and choose from a variety of half or full-day workshops at St. Patrick's Secondary in Vancouver. Pre-registration is required. For course descriptions and to register visit www.rcav.org/ore and click on "Spring Institute". Call: Office of Religious Education at 604-683-0281.

DVDs FROM THE INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

A series of professionally-produced DVDs capture the most important moments of last year's Congress in Quebec City, from the opening celebrations to the concluding Mass. Order online from www.ecdq.tv/en/videos.

YMO SCHOLARSHIPS

The Youth Ministry Office is pleased to once again offer two YMO scholarships this June for students exemplifying outstanding leadership in their parishes, schools, communities and home. Open to students finishing their grade 12 year, applicants will be eligible to win one of two \$500 scholarships to be applied to post-secondary schooling. Download the application

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Apr. 05:** 10:00am RCIA (Rectory Basement)
11:15am additional Mass (Church Basement)
2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
- Mon. Apr. 06:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Sr. Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm Lay Apostolate (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass (Church)
7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)
- Tue. Apr. 07:** 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Vigil Choir Practice (Church)
8:00pm Vigil lectors/choir rehearsal (Church)
- Wed. Apr. 08:** 2:00pm Willingdon Park Mass (4435 Grange St)
6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)
6:30pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
8:15pm Benediction (Church)
8:30pm Vigil Rehearsal with RCIA (Church)
- Thu. Apr. 09:** **HOLY THURSDAY (no 8:00am Mass)**
7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration & Confession til 10:00pm (Church)
- Fri. Apr. 10:** **GOOD FRIDAY (no 8:00am or 7:00pm Mass)**
10:00am Confessions until 2:30pm (Church)
11:00am Dramatized Stations of Cross (Church)
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion followed by Veneration of the Cross and Confessions until 10:00pm (Church)
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
- Sat. Apr. 11:** 10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
9:00pm Easter Vigil (Church)
- Sun. Apr. 12:** **EASTER SUNDAY (regular Mass times)**
8:00am Mass
9:30am Mass
11:15am Mass (church -- upstairs and downstairs)
1:00pm Mass
5:00pm Mass
7:00pm Mass



PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES : Monday 7:00pm
Tuesday: 8:00am
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00am and 7:00pm**
** followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:15pm
Saturday: 12:00noon; 5:00pm (**Anticipation**)
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Sunday: Before all Masses (except 8:00am & 5:00pm) & After all Masses
Saturday: 11:15am to 11:55am, 4:15pm to 4:55pm, 6:10pm to 6:40pm
Weekdays: After ALL Masses (except Thursday Evening Masses)
--- An appointment for confession may be made by phone

HOLY COMMUNION Available to shut-ins. Contact Parish Office.

FIRST FRIDAYS: Adoration Throughout the day after Masses

Masses: 8:00am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Benediction: 9:15pm

BAPTISMS: To register your child, contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGES:

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the wedding date to register for the required diocesan Marriage Preparation Course. One of the couple must be a registered Catholic parishioner of St. Mary's for at least one year before contacting the Parish Office.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Thursdays: 8:00am Saturdays: 12:00noon

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Contact the Parish Office.

PREP: Catechism Program for children attending public schools

TEEN PREP: Interactive Catechism Sessions for Teens

Coordinator: Eli Bautista Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30 to 8:00pm
E-mail: stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leader: Joseph D'silva
Email: smyac_team@yahoo.ca Website: www.smyac.ca

YOUTH MINISTRY (YM) E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com
Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: www.saintmarysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Kevin Smith (Principal) Website: www.stmary.bc.ca
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mondays to Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm
Saturdays: 11:00am to 2:00pm

Pastor: Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P.
Assistant Pastor: (currently on leave) Fr. Mark Hoo, O.P.
Youth Ministry/Volunteer Coordinator: Arda Akoglu
Parish Secretary: Margherita Bordignon