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Pastor's
 Corner

Sunday August 3, 2008



"Conversion is, Above all, Acceptance"

Dear Parishioners,

The theme of today's homily in the light of this Sunday's readings, is on *conversion*. The following is the late Pope John Paul II's meditation on *conversion*:

"Conversion is not a one-way process... Being converted means believing in God who loved us first, who has loved us eternally in His Son, and through His Son gives us grace and truth in the Holy Spirit. That Son was crucified, so as to speak to us with His arms spread as widely as God is open to us. How incessantly God 'converts to us,' through the Cross of His Son!

Our conversion is in this way not a unilateral aspiration [a one way desire on our part] at all. It is not only an effort on the part of the human will, understanding and heart. It is not only a commitment to directing our humanity upwards, when it so heavily tends downwards.

Conversion is above all acceptance. It is the effort to accept God in all the wealth of His 'conversion'... to man. This conversion is a Grace.

An effort of understanding, of heart and of will, is also indispensable for accepting Grace. It is indispensable for not losing the Divine dimension of life in the human dimension; [and] for persevering in it." — *Pope John Paul II*

God bless, Fr. Mark



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Aug. 3:** 2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
 2:30pm Bible Sharing (CANCELLED until Sept. 7)
 3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)
- Mon. Aug. 4: B.C. DAY - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
 7:30pm Lay Apostles Prayer Mtng. (Church Bsmt.)
- Tue. Aug. 5:** 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
 7:30pm K of C Executive (School Gym)
- Wed. Aug. 6:** 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex Ave.)
 2:00pm Willingdon Park Mass (4435 Grange St.)
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:30pm SMYAC Leaders (Rectory Basement)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Aug. 7:** 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. Aug. 8: FEAST OF ST. DOMINIC**
 10:00am St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex Ave.)
 3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)
 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Aug. 9:** 10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Church Bsmt.)
 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
 3:30pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
 6:30pm CFC Pastoral Formation (Church Bsmt.)
- Sun. Aug. 10:** 2:00pm St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex Ave.)
 2:00pm CFC General Meeting (Church Bsmt.)



SCHOOL/PARISH NEWS

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL VACANCY FOR GRADE 7
 St. Mary's Catholic School has 1 vacant spot in Grade 7 for this coming September. Families/Parents who are interested to apply may contact **Mr. Kevin Smith** at the School office during weekdays between 9am & 4pm.
MOVIE OF THE WEEK - YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18+)
 On Tuesday, Aug. 5th, 7:30pm at SilverCity Metropolis. We will watch **Mamma Mia**. Meet by the escalators at 7:20pm. **RSVP** us here at smyac_team@yahoo.ca or contact Erwin at (604) 729-0853.

PARISH NEWS

WEDNESDAY TEEN PREP STARTING THIS SEPTEMBER
 One more night of Teen PREP will be opened starting this September. Teens will now have a choice between Tuesday OR Wednesday nights. This program is open to all youths in Grades 8 to 12 who want to learn more about their faith, or to prepare to receive the Sacraments, or just 'hang out' with other Catholic teens. Registration opens on Tuesday, Aug. 5th.

PREP REGISTRATION STARTS ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 5th
 Our Catechism program will start accepting registrations for all grades from Aug. 5th to Sept. 5th. Since most classes are almost full (because of the Early Registrations in May), parents/guardians are encouraged to register early and not wait for late August or early September. Registration forms are available in the Church foyer or at the Parish Office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF TOURNAMENT
 The K of C, St. Mary's Council 13072 sponsors the 5th Annual Fr. McGivney Memorial Golf Tournament on **Saturday, Aug. 16. 100% of funds raised will go to the candidates to Priesthood and Religious Life who come from St. Mary's Parish.** To register, please call Ryan (604) 603-8870 or Adel (604) 837-6945.

ST. MARY'S INTERNATIONAL FAMILY FAIR
 St. Mary's CWL (in coordination with all Parish Groups) is happy to announce that the planning for the **International Family Fair on Sunday, Aug. 31, 2008, 10:30am to 5:00pm**, is well on its way. Located at the back parking lot of the school, there will be lots of fun & games, sumptuous food, kids' corner, entertainment, silent auction, grand prizes, plants & crafts, etc. **We need your help to "shelter" this event.** We are requesting those who have **free-standing canopies** to let us borrow them for the whole day. Please contact Christina Liew-Johannus at (604)759-9150 or email:christina_johannus@yahoo.com. Thanks & God bless!

CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of our dearly departed:
Florence Benoit - funeral on Friday, Aug. 8th at 1:30pm

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



PARISH/COMMUNITY NEWS

HOW ABOUT AN ACT OF KINDNESS TO THE HOMELESS?

St. Mary's Street Ministry invites parishioners to do an act of kindness. We are providing you with beautiful scripture/info cards for the homeless. Take a few scripture/info cards and a candy bag at our table after mass, & give them out to the homeless people you see on your way to/from work this week. Jesus said: "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me." — Matthew 25:40

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR APPLICATION DEADLINE-EXTENDED

Will be responsible for organizing and directing efforts to involve volunteers in the Parish with the various ministries and groups. The requirement will be around 10 hours per week, for a 1-year term (likely to be renewed). **Submit your résumé and a cover letter to the Parish Office or email: stmarys@telus.net. Submission deadline: Monday, Aug 11.**

JACQUELINE LOH SPEAKS ABOUT SPIRITUAL HEALING

Jacqueline Loh, a young laywoman who is a gifted leader in healing prayer will offer a two-evening presentation on spiritual healing at Christ the Redeemer Parish on Wednesday, Aug. 6th and Thursday, Aug 7th. Sessions begin at 7:00pm. Her ministry has the approval of Archbishop Roussin and has strengthened many. These sessions are highly recommended.

CATHOLIC BIBLE SEMINAR

On Sept. 12, 13 & 14 in the Church Basement. Fr. Jim Nisbet, a noted Bible scholar from California will talk about the **1st & 2nd Letters of Peter**. Registration forms are available in the foyer. Call Gerry at (604) 882-9205 for more information

THE WESTERN CANADIAN CHINESE CATHOLIC LIVING CAMP

This Camp will be held on the Labour Day long weekend (Aug. 29 to Sept. 1) at Camp Jubilee in North Vancouver. The title for this year is **"Got Gifts? God Gives!"** Young adults (ages 17 to 35) are invited to join us. For more information, please call Simon Kwok at (604) 780-2889 or visit: www.wccclc.net

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

On Sept. 26 & 27. This year's Conference Theme is taken from 2 Timothy 4:2 "...proclaim the word... be persistent..." The keynote speaker is Deacon Alex Jones from the Diocese of Detroit. Archbishop Raymond Roussin will celebrate the closing Mass. For tickets and more information, please call (604) 597 8227 or email: fireblade@shaw.ca

ARCHDIOCESE/COMMUNITY NEWS

PILGRIMAGE TO THE GROTTA OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

On Saturday, August 16th. Confessions on-site from 11:00am to 1:00pm, Mass at 1:00pm followed by a procession to the Grotto where the Holy Rosary will be prayed, it then ends with Benediction. There will be time for a Picnic Social.

YOUTH SUMMER TRAINING

Register now for the Youth Ministry Office's popular Youth Summer Training events: **Youth Leader** (August 4 to 8) at Summit Pacific College in Abbotsford and **Searching in the Spirit** (August 18 to 22) at Camp Jubilee at the base of Mt. Seymour. Check out www.youthmin.com for more details.

VANCOUVER ARCHDIOCESAN SUMMER INSTITUTE

On August 22 & 23, 2008 at Holy Cross Secondary in Surrey. Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education, it offers catechetical and adult faith formation courses for all interested adults. Pre-registration is required. For all course descriptions and to register, please visit: www.rcav.bc.ca/ore and click on "Summer Institute" or call (604) 683-0281.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2009

Application for a "Special Needs" grant for 2009 is now available on the Project Advance website: www.rcav.org/project_advance/2008/latestnews.htm. Deadline for applications is on Sept. 30, 2008. For more info, please contact the Project Advance Ofc. at 604.683.0281 or Fr. Glenn Dion at 604.682.6774

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Desk Clerk: Catholic Charities Men's Hostel. One full-time position available. Must demonstrate a positive attitude towards the less fortunate, good interpersonal skills, ability to work with minimal supervision, ability to maintain confidentiality, high school education or equivalent. Deadline of submission of applications is August 8.

Dicta-Typist: Regional Marriage Tribunal. Two part-time positions or one full-time position available. High school graduation or equivalent, 1-2 years experience, ability to type 50wpm, experience with MS Office, excellent command of the English language, ability to exercise tact, discretion & confidentiality.

If you or someone you know is interested in any of the 2 openings, please visit: www.rcav.bc.ca/employment/index.htm or contact mruggierandrews@rcav.bc.ca

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES

Mondays to Fridays: 8:00am
Wed., Thurs., Fri: 7:00pm**
** followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:15pm
Saturdays: 12:00noon; 5:00pm (**Anticipation**)
Sundays: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Sundays: Before & After ALL Masses
Saturdays: 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: 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.

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

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leader: Joseph D'silva

Email: smyac_team@yahoo.ca

Website: www.smyac.ca

YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)

Coordinator: Eli Bautista

E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

Website: www.saintmarysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Kevin Smith (Principal)

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Office Phone: (604) 437-1312

Office Fax: (604) 437-1193

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mondays to Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm

Pastor: Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P.

Assistant Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoo, O.P.

YM & PREP Coordinator: Eli Bautista

Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon/Ossie Fernandes