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THE HEART OF GOD

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Some people think that this devotion is obsolete. Many are repelled by some pious images of a suffering Jesus needy of our love. They believe it is not compatible with the joy of the Resurrected Christ. Others find that devotion to the Sacred Heart is too exclusively concentrated on reparation for the sins of others instead of our own. Finally, some ask: how can we adore the heart, since it is just a muscle?

Yes, we can adore even the physical Heart of Jesus, *"because it is a part of His sacred humanity, hypostatically united to the Word, the Second Person of the Trinity. However, the ultimate object of the devotion to the Sacred Heart, is the love of Jesus (His love for us and for the Father), the symbol of which is His Heart"*. (Father Gabriel of St. M. Magdalen O.C.D.)

But why the attention to the heart? It reminds us that the only grasp we can have of the incomprehensible love of the Father for us is through the human love of Christ. It is always the humanity of Jesus that reveals the mystery of God. Through the human love that flows from Jesus' heart, we know the Divine Love. Through the Heart of Jesus, we know that God is Love, that God is wholly Heart of Love.

Through Jesus, we know that God thirsts for our love. On the Cross, he said "I thirst". He explained to Mother Teresa that he thirsts for each of us, an infinite thirst. We can quench His thirst by loving those who are hungry, naked, homeless, in prison. "I was hungry, and you fed me. Each time you did it for the least of these little ones, you did it for me". (cf Matthew 25:35-40) (con't next page)

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Through the Heart of Jesus, we experience that the love of God for us is personal and unique. A human heart cannot be satisfied by loving an anonymous mass of people, but by loving each person as a unique person. That is how God loves each of us, with an Infinite Love.

Will you receive His Love? Will you let Him wash your soul? Will you let Him make you worthy of His Love? Will you return love for love - by loving your family, your neighbour, your parish, and His people, the hungry one - with His Love, with His Mercy. Will you give Him joy, by bringing back the lost sheep to Him?

God Bless You Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

ST MARY'S GARAGE SALE AND FOOD FAIR

Ah, summer's here. There is no better way to roll the fun, food, family, friends and bargains into one event, than by spending the day at St. Mary's Garage Sale and Food Fair **this Sunday, June 21 from 11:00am - 3:00pm at the School Gym**. This is a perfect event for bargain hunters and food lovers. There will be good deals on books, plants, knick-knacks, yummy food, and the place to look for a Father's Day gift. Plus... a Grand Prize awaits the lucky winner. Come on over and join the fun!!

PRO-LIFE SUNDAY - JUNE 21 - SECOND COLLECTION

Today's second collection will be taken up to help pro-life organizations in our Archdiocese. Proceeds support our local Pro-life/Right to Life groups, Birthright, and Crisis Pregnancy Centers, Campaign Life Coalition as well as the anti-euthanasia groups. An envelope for this collection was inserted in last week's bulletin. If you are donating by cheque, please make it payable to **Vancouver Right to Life Society, not St. Mary's** If you require a receipt, clearly write your name and address on the envelope. Thank you for your generosity

FATHER'S DAY BUTTONS

Knights of Columbus will be distributing Father's Day Buttons by **DONATION after all Sunday masses this weekend..** Proceeds from this activity will be donated to LUKE 15 HOUSE a Christian-based temporary housing for men who are in transition from a prison and recovering from an addiction. Your most considerable support would be appreciated.

PARISH NEWS

JR. YOUTH MINISTRY -- (Grades 6 - 8)

It's su-su-summer! Bored of the normal days? What do you call a normal day? You wake up, eat breakfast, watch TV, go online and so on. Are you tired of the ordinary stuff? Come and join the Jr. Youth Ministry to expand your understanding about service and justice. You never know, your daily activities might not be so ordinary to others. When: **Monday, June 22 @ 6:30pm.** Where: **Church Basement.**

YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER -- DANCING LESSONS

It is time to have some fun and this time adults are invited too. Come and learn how to dance Salsa with the professional instructors of St. Mary's Youth Ministry. No experience necessary, just the willingness to have fun. When: **Saturday, June 27 @ 7:00pm.** Where: **School Gym.** Participation by donation.

PROJECT ADVANCE UPDATE

We would like to give a quick reminder that **volunteers will be at the foyer** to collect completed pledges forms and assist new donors with the pledge forms **after all masses until the end of June.** We encourage every one of you (100%) to participate in this event. **Participation is the KEY factor in making this event a success!** Your generosity is greatly appreciated regardless of amount. Thank you, from the Project Advance Team

4TH ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC!!

St. Mary's Parish Picnic will be on **Wednesday, July 1 at Fraser Foreshore Park in Burnaby.** We begin with mass at 12:00 noon, followed by potluck lunch, entertainment and lots of fun and games! For the potluck, we request that you bring enough food to feed your family and 2 or 3 others, so we can really experience sharing and community. You may also bring your own Barbecue, lawn chairs, mats, coolers, and other necessities for your comfort. Some beverages and cakes will be provided. If you require transportation, please be in the church parking lot by 10:45am. So, come out and join your fellow parishioners for some fun and fellowship as we celebrate Canada Day!

JEFF CAVINS PRESENTATION

The tickets we received for Jeff Cavin's talk entitled **The Power of Praise and Thanksgiving,** are now gone. The talk is not until **Tuesday, July 28 at 7:00pm,** so we are not sure which parishes may still have tickets. His talk is about responding to the problems in our life and how the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith in the very place where we fight our battles.

MINISTRY IN FOCUS

Altar Servers are an integral part of the Mass. Good, attentive altar servers enrich the celebration and provide important assistance to their pastor. This ministry is open to young people from Gr. 6 and up. In the fall, special training seminars are provided for those who would like to join this ministry. If you are interested in joining please contact Mrs. Vesna Jankovic at vesnajankovic@shaw.ca

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

SHOULD ANYONE BE APOLOGIZING?

“Should anyone be apologizing for The Crusades and The Inquisitions?”. These well known but little understood historical events are two of the issues that anti-Catholics typically use to bash the Church. North Shore Catholic Seminar Series gives us a presentation by Peter Nation who is Dept. Head of Religion at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Cost is \$6 per person. Event on **Friday, June 26, 7:30 - 9:30pm at Christ the Redeemer Parish** (599 Keith Road, West Van). More info: 778-839-4884.

ST. PATRICK'S COMMUNITY FAIR

All are invited to Barrio Fiesta (a community fair) at **Saint Patrick's Parish** (Main & 13th Avenue) on **Saturday, June 27** from 10:00am - 4:00pm. This is a fund-raising event for the Church's Centennial Celebration in 2010. Tables are available for rent. Contact Nap 60-727-5609 or Ynez 604-809-7376.

CHARITY GARAGE SALE SUPPORTING L'ARCHE

On **Saturday, June 27**, L'Arche would love to have you stop by to get bargains and support a great cause. L'Arche is a faith-based not for profit organization providing residential care and day programs for adults with developmental disabilities. This event will be at **7401 Sussex Ave, Burnaby** from **11:00am - 2:00pm**. No early birds please!!



VOCATIONS IN PROGRESS (VIP)

On the weekend of **July 3 - 5** there will be a Vocation Live-in for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life. This will take place at the Seminary of Christ the King, in Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715.

PRO-LIFE MASS & VIGIL

A peaceful prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents will be held on **Saturday, July 4**. Mass begins at 9:00am at St. Mathew's Parish (16079—88 Avenue in Surrey) followed by a vigil at Surrey Memorial Hospital.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Jun 21:** **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**
11:00am-3:00pm CWL Garage Sale/Food Fair (Gym)
1:00pm Handmaids of the Lord (Church Bsmt)
2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Way)
- Mon. Jun 22:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr. Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)
- Tue. Jun 23:** 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
- Wed. Jun 24:** 7:00pm Mass / Adoration / Confession (Church)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Jun 25:** 6:30pm YM Leaders (Rectory Library)
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. Jun 26:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
 6:00pm Youth Band (Church Basement)
7:00pm CFC - Bible Sharing (Church Bsmt)
7:00pm Mass/ Adoration /Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Jun: 27:** 9:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Church Bsmt)
12:40pm Bible Study & Sharing (Church Basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining Room)
6:30pm Singles for Christ (Church Basement)
7:00pm YM Fundraiser -- Dance Classes (Gym)
- Sun. Jun 28:** 10:15am Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange St)
2:00pm Couples For Christ-- FFL (Church Bsmt)

STREET MINISTRY NEWS

St. Mary's Street Ministry would like to thank all who were present for our 5th anniversary celebration, and to all who have supported us over the years through prayers and donations. Currently we are asking for donations of individually-wrapped candies as well as new toothbrushes, toothpaste, pocket-sized tissue packs and hand-sanitizers. Please drop off your donation in the CANDY DRIVE box in the foyer.

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSSES:

Monday - Friday: 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 is **Anticipation Mass**
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Sunday: Before all Masses (except 8:00am) & After all Masses
Saturday: 11:15am to 11:55am, 4:15pm to 4:55pm, 6:10pm to 7:00pm
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.

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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

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YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mondays to Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm
Saturdays: 11:00am to 2:00pm

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