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Pastor's
 Corner

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Third Sunday in Lent

The monthly missalette Magnificat, which I heartily recommend, introduces today's Gospel about the purification of the Temple with these words:

Fallen human nature always attempts to define the meaning of life with something we can measure. That is what the presence of the moneychangers at the temple symbolizes. Their atrocious activity in the most sacred place betrays their bankrupt position toward the meaning of life. They prefer the riches of God over a relationship with God.

The tendency to define the meaning of life with something we can measure is very dominant in our technological society. The number of things we possess -- cars, TVs, houses -- the money we earn, the influence we have over people, all these measurable things tend to define our achievement and our identity. We are living out a global ideology that could be called "technopoly" as J.S. Porter explains in Sacred Journey -- Daily Reflections for Lent 2009. Technopoly is "a society that is not only governed by technological concerns, but also a society whose highest aspirations fall within a technological sphere. In simple English, technopoly has to do with the production of wealth made possible by business computers and the protection of that wealth by military-computer technologies. In a society in which the technological way of being has a monopoly on the expression of the human -- in other words, in a technopoly -- what makes money and what protects it makes the only rational sense. In such a society, the monk, in his refusal to worship dollars or success, presents a radically alternative way of being in the world" (J. S. Porter) God Bless You **Fr. Pierre**

PARISH NEWS

WHAT IS CHALICE?

Today we welcome Deacon Ron Jenkins to speak to us about CHALICE -- A Canadian Catholic sponsorship program. He will explain how you can help a destitute child at one of 41 mission sites in 15 developing countries. The website is www.chalice.ca

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During all Fridays in Lent, Stations of the Cross will be at 6:30pm and then our regular evening Mass will follow at 7:00pm

PENNIES FOR HEAVEN

Knights of Columbus are collecting pennies and other coins at all Sunday Masses in March. Please bring donations to the foyer and put them in the BIG bottle. Your donations will be used for the education and personal needs of our seminarians God Bless You.



SR YOUTH MINISTRY -- (Grades 8 - 12)

Jesus fasted for 40 days and was tempted in the wilderness. We too get tempted all through our life. Jesus resisted the temptations, but should we? And how do we do it? Come and join the Sr. Youth Ministry as we put these questions to the test on **Monday, March 16 at 6:30pm in the Rectory Basement.**

FREEDOM FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Yes it is almost here -- live music from Angus McDonnell, skits, drama and so much more. Mark your calendars for **Friday, March 27 at 7:00pm** and you don't even have to go far because it is all happening right here at **St. Mary's**. Wait for next week for more details! Wow!! I am so excited, I can not wait

CHANGE TO FRIDAY MARCH 27 MASS

Because of the Freedom event, there will be **no adoration or healing ministry** after the 7:00pm Mass on **Friday March 27.**

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18+) MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

Saturday, March 28 at 7:00pm at Vancouver Alpen Club (4875 Victoria Drive at 33rd Avenue). Circle that date on your calendar and make yourselves available! Bring a friend or two! We'd love to see you for an enchanted evening of faith, food & friendship, and maybe even dancing. **RSVP** us at smyac_team@yahoo.ca by **Wednesday March 25**. Carpooling available -- let us know.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL REGISTRATION

On **April 2** there will be a meeting at **7:00pm in the school gym** for new families who wish to enter St. Mary's School in September 2009. You **must attend** to receive an information package because they are not handed out from the school office

PARISH NEWS

INVITATION FROM SINGLES FOR CHRIST

Singles for Christ (a Family Ministry of Couples for Christ) is inviting all single men and women, aged 21 - 40 to a Christian Life Program, **Saturday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:00pm**. The **Orientation is on March 28 in the Church basement**. Singles for Christ aim to provide a Christian support environment for men and women who are at the crossroads of their state of life, choosing between marriage or single blessedness.

Why should you attend? To discover your faith, God and the community of Singles for Christ. To meet new people -- Fun and Fellowship. For more info, see members in the foyer.

WHAT IS YOUR ADDRESS? DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT ONE?

Throughout this past week we continued to have parishioners asking for their tax receipts which we mailed on February 22. In all of these cases we had to reissue the receipts because they had been mailed out to an old address. **Please check the address label on your envelope box. Is it correct? If not, did you notify us of the change?** Changes to name (including spellings) address, telephone number or other family information should be submitted in writing (in addition to the space on your weekly envelopes) to the parish office. Thank you.!

ANNUAL YARD SALE

Our annual yard sale to support Respect Life will take place on **Saturday, April 18**. More details and info. will follow in the next few weeks. In the meantime, please start your spring cleaning and save any items that you may want to donate. This includes garden items, jewelry, dishes, books etc. **NO CLOTHING PLEASE.**



MINISTRY IN FOCUS

The primary function of **Music Ministry** is to enhance the liturgical celebrations by leading the assembly in song and praise. The goal is to encourage full, conscious and active participation. Eight choirs serve the 8 weekend masses and all practice at various times and days during the week. Singing skills are required and qualified instrumentalists may be accepted, depending on the choir's need. All members are expected to attend choir practices as scheduled. For information, visit the display in the foyer and pick up a notice. Contact Aprille at april@telus.net

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

RUMMAGE SALE

Holy Cross Parish (1450 Delta Ave, Burnaby) invites you to a rummage sale on **Friday, March 20** from 10am - 8pm and **Saturday, March 21** from 9am- noon. Info: Marie 604-570-0214

SCRIPTURE RETREAT WEEKEND AT WESTMINSTER

Scripture scholar and theologian Fr. Martin Moser will be directing a Scriptural Retreat weekend on St. John's Gospel at Westminster Abbey from **7:30pm, March 20 to 1:30pm, March 22**. The monks will prepare the meals. Fee is \$175. Call Newman Association President Barb Perrault at 604-929-5353.

COME AND REST AWHILE RETREAT

On **March 21** from **8:30am - 4:30pm** at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre. Retreat leader is Bishop Monroe. The cost of \$30 per person includes lunch. For more info or to register call Respect Life Office at 604-683-0281. Deadline is March 13.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER -- MARCH 27 - 29

Attention Married Couples! You deserve to give each other a weekend to enhance your marital love. For more info. or to register please contact Steve & Mary Bohnen at 604-876-7298.

FAMILY MATTERS -- PRO-LIFE CONGRESS

Speakers: Archbishop Emeritus Adam Exner and Mrs. Colleen Roy at St. Paul's Parish, 8251 St. Alban's Road, Richmond on Saturday March 28 from 8:00am - 4:00pm. The fee is \$10 and sponsored by Couples for Christ. Info and registration:604-270-9463 of www.bc.cfc.ca/Pro-Life.

SEARCHING IN THE SPIRIT LEADERSHIP TEAM- www.youthmin.com

Youth Ministry Office needs older teens and young adults to apply for our Searching in the Spirit Leadership Team. This dynamic team of youth and young adults will lead recently confirmed youth at our 5-day post-confirmation event in August 2009. This is an amazing leadership training opportunity!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

A part-time position (**Coordinator of First Nations Ministry**) is available with the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Responsibilities include: implementing the Archbishop's directives regarding the First Nations pastoral vision and mandate, establishing a strategic plan for the First Nations Ministry Office and overseeing its implementation, having awareness of issues faced by our First Nation communities and finding appropriate solutions. Interested? Submit a resume and one-page cover letter to Human Resources, Archdiocese of Vancouver --150 Robson St., Vancouver. Complete details are available at www.rcav.org.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Mar. 15: 10:00am RCIA (Rectory Basement)
1:00pm Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)
2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Ave)

Mon. Mar. 16: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Sr. Youth Ministry (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Mass (Church)
7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)

Tue. Mar. 17: 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (**cancelled**)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm Catholic Women's League (School Gym)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Marriage Prep Course (Church Bsmt)

Wed. Mar. 18: 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (**cancelled**)
6:30pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)



Thu. Mar. 19: 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)



Fri. Mar. 20: 9:00am Bible Sharing for Women (**cancelled**)
3:00pm & 6:10pm Divine Mercy (Church)
5:30pm Eucharistic Apostolate (Rectory Dining)
6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:00pm Great Adventure Bible Series (Ch Bsmt)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/ Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)

NEW !!



Sat. Mar. 21: 10:00am Echoes (Church Basement)
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)
12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
7:00 pm Couples for Christ- FFL (Church Bsmt)
7:30pm Couples for Christ-- CLP (School Gym)

Sun. Mar. 22: 10:00am RCIA (Rectory Basement)
10:15am Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange)

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSSES : 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.

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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

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)

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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