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From "How?" To "WOW!"

As you grow into a loving, trusting relationship with God, you will be surprised more and more by the spontaneous words of thanksgiving rising from your heart at unexpected times. At first, you will be inclined to thank the Lord for the good things happening in your life. But slowly, you will want these good things to happen to your family, friends and co-workers. You will enter into God's warfare for the salvation of each and everyone from the powers of evil. Then you will experience another surprise: a little effort on your part will yield a great result. You will be amazed at this disproportion between your own effort and the result in the life of others, because God will be working in the hearts of the people that you will touch. You will go from "How will I do it?" to "Wow, God, you did it again!"

Saints and theologians say that when you do the will of God, God makes the course of events turn in your favour. God puts his strength and wisdom at your service because you are serving Him. You experience a sense of being one with the flow of the Universe. You are no loner fighting it, you go with it. When you were indulging in sin, you could not experience that. On the contrary, you were always fighting with everything and everyone to make them serve you.

Of course you will encounter contradiction, persecutions, and suffering. By then you will be ready for it. You will have received the grace to climb onto the Cross of Jesus and stay there with Him, joyfully and gratefully. As He said, "I have a great desire to eat this Passover with you. I came to light a fire on earth and I long to kindle it."

Throughout his life, Jesus was constantly surprised by joy and gratitude. Hearing his apostles' report about their successful mission, he exulted spontaneously "I bless you, Father, for you have hidden these things to the wise and the learned, and revealed it to infants."

Do you want to be surprised by joy?

Become a co-worker and a friend of God.

God Bless You. *Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP*

PARISH NEWS

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Dear Friends in Christ,

At Baptism, each of us is given the responsibility to be a missionary: to share through prayer and sacrifice in the Church's mission to all peoples.

World Mission Sunday, celebrated this year on **October 18th**, gives us the opportunity to reach out in faith to more than two thirds of the world's people who have yet to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ or to experience his abiding love.

World Mission Sunday does not just happen here in our local Church. It is a commitment to focus attention on the great needs of the universal church in the developing world. World Mission Sunday celebrates our unity as the family of God and provides an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of missionaries.

On this World Mission Sunday, I appeal to each of you financially to support the work of the Propagation of the Faith in more than 1,150 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, the Pacific islands and Latin America.

The missionary work of the Church depends on each of us. Please be as generous as your means will allow and continue to pray that the Church in Vancouver may be an enthusiastic and effective witness of Jesus Christ in our world so in need of his love.

With cordial best wishes and the assurance of my prayers for you and your families, I remain

Yours sincerely in Christ,

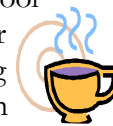
J. Michael Miller, CSB

Most Reverend J Michael Miller, CSB

Archbishop of Vancouver

YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18+) COFFEE NIGHT FAITH DISCUSSION

Join us on **Friday, October 16** at 8:00pm in the School Seminar Room! What were your feelings towards your faith when you were young? How do today's young people fare with faith? Where do you see faith going in the future? These questions as well as others surrounding the topic, will be discussed at this month's Coffee Night Faith Discussion: Faith and the Future. Special guest will be Clay Imoo from the RCAV Youth Ministry Office. Light refreshments will be served. For more info., contact us at smyac_team@yahoo.ca.



PARISH NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE FOCOLARE MOVEMENT

Focolare movement members will be selling single issues of their Living City magazine **after all Sunday masses next weekend**. The cost is \$4 each. Living City is the North American publication of the Focolare Movement, which is a Catholic Ecclesial Lay Movement, approved by Pope John XXIII in 1962 and is present in more than 182 countries. The goal of the movement is to contribute towards the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer to the Father: "May they all be one" (Jn 17:21). Our magazine is one of our expression of living the Gospel in our daily lives wherever we are - home, work, in our communities."

"LIVING IN THE LIGHT" RETREAT

The Light of Jesus Community – Vancouver, invites you to this retreat to be inspired, be empowered and be nourished. The event is on **Saturday October 24 in St. Mary's Church Basement** from 8:00am to 9:00pm. Admission is free and snacks/refreshments will be provided. Please bring a bag lunch. The featured speakers are our own Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP and Fr. Gabriel de Chadarévian, OP. Fr. Mariano Barreto, SFX of St. Francis de Sales Parish will also be speaking as well as Bo Sanchez from the Light of Jesus Community (through a DVD presentation). Full schedule of activities is on the bulletin board.

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18+) BOWLING NIGHT

At **7:00pm on Saturday October 24**, join us for an evening of fun and excitement at Town & Country Bowling (745 S.E. Marine Drive, Van, BC). RSVP to smyac_team@yahoo.ca by **Wednesday, October 21** for reservation & carpooling purposes. Late replies will not be accepted. Rides leave at 6:30pm sharp from the church parking lot. Cost is approximately \$15.

YOU WANT TO READ THE BIBLE. DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN?

If you ever wanted to read the Bible, but did not know where or how to begin, then *A Quick Journey Through the Bible* Parish Study is for you. This video study by Jeff Cavins makes reading the Bible not only easy, but exciting. Here, you will learn the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible – getting the "big picture" of salvation history. Perhaps for the first time in your life, you will understand the overview of the Bible story. This then makes your Bible reading and even the Sunday Mass readings come alive like never before. The 8 week sessions of *A Quick Journey Through the Bible* will be held at St. Mary's Parish church basement on Saturdays after the noon Mass (12:45pm - 3:00pm) Dates: **Oct 31, Nov 7/14/ 21 and Jan 9/16/23/30**. Cost is \$25. See <http://greatadventureonline.com> to learn more about this interesting Catholic Bible learning system. To register, contact Erlinda at 604-433-8881 or email your name and phone number to stmarysbiblestudy@gmail.com.

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ATTENTION PARENTS

Please block off your calendar. **On the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 28**, an educational seminar for parents entitled **Dangers of Internet Usage by Children** will be facilitated by a member of the Vancouver Police Department. Venue to be announced.

ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 22, from 8:30am - 3:00pm. More details will be available as we get closer to the date. In the meantime, circle the date on your calendar so that you don't forget to join us. Crafters be sure to reserve ASAP by contacting John Rudland at 604-433-0884. Tables are one for \$15, or two for \$25. All are welcome! Please help spread the word about this event.

RCIA REQUEST

We are looking for volunteers to provide refreshments and/or finger foods (baked goods, sandwiches, etc) for one Wednesday a month for the RCIA group to welcome its new members. Contact Mike McGrath at 604-431-6076 or mikejudy@telus.net.

MINISTRY IN FOCUS

Cloister of St. Peter Ministry looks after general church housekeeping such as maintaining flower arrangements, watering plants, cleaning the candle holders, replacing the candles and keeping the pews tidy. No experience is necessary as training is provided. To find out more, contact Erlinda at 604-433-8881

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

INVITATION FROM DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

Local Food for Local People: Learn how Development and Peace is supporting small-scale farmers and local food production in developing countries to reduce escalating rates of hunger and poverty. **Everyone is welcome.** Join us at St. Andrew's Parish (480 East 47th Ave., Vancouver) for our AGM on October 16 from 7pm—9pm. The guest speaker Michael Casey, Executive Director for D&P. Then on October 17 from 9:30am to 5:00pm, join our Fall Action Workshop. Our guest Speaker will be Archbishop J. Michael Miller C.S.B.

PRO-LIFE LECTURE

Redeemer Pacific College in Langley invites you to a wonderful lecture to be given by the popular pro-Life educator, Camille Pauley, on the theme "Male and Female he Created Them" on **Tuesday, October 27**, from 7:00pm - 9:00pm at Northwest Auditorium @TWU. Do not miss this great opportunity and invite your friends to attend. Free admission. Call ASAP to reserve your seat at 604-888-7727 or e-mail judy@rpcollege.bc.ca

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Oct. 11: 9:00am Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)
2:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)

Mon. Oct 12: Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)
6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr. Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)

Tue. Oct 13. 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

Wed. Oct. 14: 2:00pm Willingdon Park Mass (4435 Grange St)
6:30pm PREP (School)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass / Adoration / Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Thu. Oct. 15: 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Fri. Oct. 16 : 10:00am St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex Avenue)
3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
5:00pm Eucharistic Apostolate (Rectory Dining)
6:30pm Youth Band (Church Basement)
7:00pm Singles for Christ - SFL (Rectory Bsmt)
7:00pm Mass/ Adoration /Confession (Church)
7:30pm Couples for Christ Bible Study (Gym)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room / Sacristy)
8:00pm SMYAC Coffee Night (Seminar Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Sat. Oct. 17: 9:30am Christian Meditation (Rectory Library)
12:40pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
6:30pm Couples for Christ-CLP (Church Bsmt)

Sun. Oct. 18: 2:00pm Couples for Christ - CLP (Church Bsmt)



*Enjoy The Long Weekend
Happy Thanksgiving*

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES:

Monday - Friday: 8:00am
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00am and 7:00pm**
** followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:00pm
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: 9:00pm

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: Jason Costa and Jonquil Francis
Email: smyac_team@yahoo.ca Website: www.smyac.com

YOUTH MINISTRY (YM) E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: www.saintmarysyoung.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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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.
Youth Ministry/Volunteer Coordinator: Arda Akoglu
Parish Secretary: Margherita Bordignon