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Pastor's
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Sunday October 12, 2008



Dear Parishioners,



She had awesome blue eyes, natural red hair, a perfect figure, a sharp mind and she was a born leader. We were nineteen years old. She chose me as her boyfriend. I could not believe it! I thought she was playing a game with me. So I kept her at bay. I was afraid of losing my freedom to roam around with my buddies. I was also afraid of being rejected by her when she would find out that I am not a great guy. So, I played safe and kept my autonomy as a single. Twenty-five years later, she called me after learning that my father had died. She still remembered me!

Today's Gospel tells a similar story. God invites us to the wedding of his Son. We think it is too good to be true. We prefer to play it safe and keep doing our own little personal business. We are missing a great opportunity! If we accept the call to the banquet, we will find out that we are the bride! Let us not wait until the hour of our death. Let us live now as God's beloved bride.

God Bless,
Fr. Pierre



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Oct. 12:** 1:00pm Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)
 2:30pm CFC General Meeting(Church Basement)
 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
 5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)
- Mon. Oct. 13: THANKSGIVING DAY (Office Closed)**
 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
 7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Cancelled)
 7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library.)
- Tue. Oct. 14:** 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)
 6:30pm Baptism Preparation Class (Church)
 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
- Wed. Oct. 15:** 6:30 pm CWL Council Meeting ((School Gym)
 6:30pm RCIA (Church Basement)
 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
-  **Thu. Oct. 16:** 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:00pm CFC - FFL (Rectory Basement)
 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
-  **Fri. Oct. 17: NEW!!**10:30am Bible Sharing for Moms (Rect. Bsmt.)
 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
-  **Sat. Oct.18:** 12:30pm Bible Sharing (cancelled)
 3:30pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
 6:30pm CFC-Christian Life Program (School Gym)
 7:00pm CFC - FFL (Church Basement)
- Sun. Oct. 19:** 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
 5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)

CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of our dearly departed :
 Gaudencio Rivera - funeral celebrated on Tue Oct 7
 Policarpio Benitez - funeral celebrated on Tue. Oct 7
 Acacia Abraham - funeral celebrated on Mon. Oct 6
*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord,
 Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them,
 May Their Souls Rest in Peace, Amen*



PARISH NEWS

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. For more information, please contact Arda or Carolina at aakog@yahoo.com or at 604-733-3457. Thanks & God bless!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY -- October 19

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Your financial support will help share the Good News of Jesus through the translation of bibles and missals, printing prayer books and hymnals and broadcasting the Gospel to remote mission communities. This collection also provides emergency aid when disasters strike, cares for refugees in war torn nations, provides rural health clinics and transportation for priests and catechists. Please be generous on World Mission Sunday and continue to pray for them. Prayer cards/calendars are inserted in today's bulletin. Envelope users, please use the envelope in your box. Others may pick up an envelope from the greeters next week.

MASQUERADE BALL: AN ENCHANTED EVENING

On **Oct 25, from 6pm - 11:30pm** let us bedazzle you, your family and friends at St. Mary's Masquerade Ball. The enchanted evening promises to be magical and also whet your appetite for good food and music. This unbeatable offer includes 5 appetizers, 2 main courses, 2 desserts, music, dancing, and a chance to win "The Best Costume." Prices are: \$20/adult, \$10/child 7 - 12 years old, and children under 6 yrs are free. Tickets on sale now from CWL members in the foyer or contact Kerr on cell: 778-868-6838 or by e-mail: kertr@shaw.ca.



GUEST MUSICIAN AT OCT 25/26 MASSES

On **Oct 25/26** singer-songwriter and recording artist, 14-yr old Emma Magirescu will be our guest. Emma follows in the footsteps of her composer/recording artist father Greg Magirescu. Emma has been performing in venues around the world since the age of 6 including World Youth day 2002 in Toronto and at various Catholic schools, churches and projects in Australia, New Zealand and the Caribbean. She has just released her debut CD "Dreaming of Living", where she composed 9 of the 11 songs, most of which deal with social justice issues. Emma will have her CDs on sale after every Mass with the intention of raising funds toward a mission trip to South Africa in January 2009. Check out www.myspace.com/emmagirescu.

PARISH / DIOCESAN NEWS

UPCOMING PARISH MINISTRY FAIR

“The Harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few”.....

It takes many workers to gather the harvest and many hands make light work! Come and find out how your talent and time can enrich your faith life and foster a spirit of church community. Join us in the **school gym after all the masses on Nov. 1st & 2nd.** There will be food, prizes, a kid's craft corner and much more. This is a great opportunity to see all that St. Mary's has to offer and we look forward to seeing you there!

WHAT IS A GREAT MARRIAGE?

Presented by: Denis Boyd, registered psychologist. A three-hour workshop offering practical suggestions on how to enrich your relationship. Topics include: attitude, peace with the past, daily talk time, listening, consultation and collaboration, dating and sense of humour, forgiveness, and much more. **Thu. Oct. 16.** 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at **St. John the Apostle, 5457 Trafalgar Street, Vancouver.** \$20 per person. Childcare will be available.

WHITE MASS

For all **Healthcare Workers** and families will be celebrated by **Coadjutor Archbishop Miller** at Sts. Peter and Paul : 7:00pm **Oct. 17, 2008.** Reception follows at Cartier Hall. Info: Judy Talas at 604-430-2712 or: drtoniparsons@telus.net (Name *White Mass* comes from the *white coats* worn by physicians, nurses and healthcare workers.) Donations accepted at door to offset costs.

FREEDOM CONFERENCE

The Freedom Conference is coming! **Oct. 17 - 19,** St. Ann's Parish, Abbotsford. Join us for a powerful weekend of inspiring and practical teaching about how we can experience healing and freedom from the things that steal our hope and peace. The Freedom Conference is presented by Jake and Heather Khym of Life Restoration along with their international team of priests, musicians, and speakers. More Info at: www.liferestoration.ca or St. Ann's Religious Education office at 604-852-5602.

ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER CONGRESS 2008 - OCT 18

“We Are His Message”. Learn, Share and Celebrate the faith, **8:00am - 4:30pm.** Keynote speaker: **Bishop Gary Gordon** from Whitehorse. **Mass: 9:00am with Archbishop Raymond Roussin, S.M.** Immaculate Conception, 8842 - 119th St, Delta.

CATHOLIC CAFÉ PRESENTS ...

Happiness, Human Rights, The Life Principles And ... Chocolate! Natalie Hudson will speak at **6:30pm on Sun. Oct. 19.** Come and enjoy chocolate fondue at **St. Jude's Parish Hall.** Let us know you are coming. Suggested donation \$10. Contact Harold Waldock: hwaldock@yahoo.ca or 604-763-6984.

DIOCESAN/ COMMUNITY NEWS

CARE SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

Women's Group - Begins Monday **Oct. 20, - 7:00 pm** at **St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver:** Men's Group - Will start again in Spring 2009. 10 sessions from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Fee: \$50.00 total to be paid at time of registration. Information at Catholic Family Services 604-443-3220

ST PAUL, APOSTLE AND WITNESS OF THE GOSPEL

On **Wed, Oct 22 at 7:00pm** in **Sts Peter and Paul Church (1430 West 38th Ave, 1/2 block east of Granville)** Father Bernardo Estrada, Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome, will speak on “Paul, Apostle and Witness of the Gospel”. During this Pauline Year, this is a wonderful opportunity for all to learn more about St. Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles. All are welcome. Father Estrada is a very well know scripture scholar and a priest of the prelature of Opus Dei

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Kids back in school? How about a weekend getaway for both of you? Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend **Oct 24 – 26** in Richmond. Steve & Mary, 604-876-7298, sbohnem@interchange.ubc.ca



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS—ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER

Friday, Oct 31 at 6:30pm: Gala Dinner/Dance at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Celebrate with Dal Richards and his orchestra. Contact Margherita in the parish office for more details.

Sunday, Nov. 23 at 1:00pm: Celebration Mass at GM Place. Each parish will be highlighted during a Grand Procession. Cardinal Marc Ouellet, Archbishop of Quebec, will be the main celebrant and homilist. No cost for tickets. Seating will be organized into parish sections. Sign-up on the sheets in the foyer to reserve your tickets. Anyone interested in singing with the Archdiocesan choir for the Mass should contact Fr. Glenn Dion at 604-682-6774 or hrc_rector@shaw.ca for more info.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver is seeking a Director for the Gardens of Gethsemani Cemetery and Mausoleum. The Director, along with the Advisory Board, provides leadership and vision for the Catholic Cemetery in the Archdiocese of Vancouver and oversees the overall management, development and operation of the Gardens of Gethsemani Cemetery. Deadline for submission of resume is October 17. More details at www.rcav.org.

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES

Monday & 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: 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.

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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.saintmarysyoung.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: Fr. Mark Hoo, O.P.

Youth Ministry/Volunteer Coordinator: Arda Akoglu

Parish Secretary: Margherita Bordignon