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SUFFERING FOR WHAT?

When I was a kid, I longed to help my Dad with his household chores. I wanted to be the equal of my brother who was allowed to wash the car and help Daddy move heavy furniture. I felt useless and worthless. I missed getting acquainted with Dad through labouring with him, straining with him, and at the end of the day, being able to say "Daddy, we have done a great job together. I learned how to do difficult things with you. One day I will be like you."

When we labour with Christ, when we suffer with Him, We have that kind of joy. We get to know Him better, to react in the same way He does, to become one with Him in a shared destiny. Christ invites us to "drink His cup" to share His cross. It is not that He cannot do it without us. It is because He cares for us and wants us to be in His own likeness.

After sharing the cup of suffering with Christ, you will read the Gospel differently. You will discover in it a beautiful, personal meaning. You will be able to surrender all to the One who gives you all strength. St. Paul experienced this many times, "I can do everything in Him who strengthens me." And again, "It is no longer I who lives, but Christ who lives in me."

Let me end with this quote from Cardinal John Henry Newman who died in 1890. He will be beatified soon. Mother Teresa was inspired by his prayers and writings.

"God has created me to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. (...) Somehow I am necessary for his purposes, as necessary in my place as an Archangel in his. (...) I have a part in this great work. (...) Therefore I will trust him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve him. My sickness, or perplexity, or sorrow may be necessary causes of a great end, which is quite beyond us. He does nothing in vain; he may prolong my life, he may shorten it, he knows what he is about." (from Prayer, verses and Devotions. Ignatius Press 1989)

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

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today is world mission Sunday and a second collection will be taken. If you have been assigned an envelope box, you will be donating with your envelope marked Evangelization of the Nations. If you do not have a box of envelopes but would like to donate and receive a tax receipt, look for an envelope in the pews. The envelopes for this purpose are white with red printing marked WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOCOLARE MOVEMENT

Focolare movement members will be selling single issues of their Living City magazine **after all Sunday masses this weekend up to and including the 1:00pm Mass.** 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."

SR. YOUTH MINISTRY – LET'S DEBATE

Is abortion right or wrong? What about sex before marriage? These are some of the hot topics for our Christian Morality Debate Night. Every coin has two sides to it so if you have an opinion come and join the debate. If you want to learn more, then come and listen. We welcome all youth to bring their friends - the more the merrier. When: **Monday, October 19 at 6:30pm** Where: **Rectory Basement**

"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 Chadarevian, 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. The bulletin today includes an insert with retreat content information registration/enrolment section.

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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.

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.

KNOW THE GOD OF THE BIBLE

Join us on October 31 as we begin A Quick Journey through the Bible, the Bible study everyone has been talking about. The DVD seminar by Jeff Cavins that has begun in over twenty parishes in our Archdiocese, briefly covers Salvation History in a series of eight, half-hour video talks and guided discussion. This is a great way to "get your feet wet" and learn how to begin authentic Catholic Bible study that will deepen your understanding of God. The 8-week sessions will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church Basement on Saturdays after the noon mass (12:45pm—3:00pm). Dates are **Oct 31, Nov 7/14/ 21 and Jan 9/16/23/30**. Cost is \$25 for study materials. To register, contact Erlinda at 604-433-8881 or email your name and phone number to smyarsbiblestudy@gmail.com.

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.

PROJECT ADVANCE UPDATE

Great News! We are now at **96% of our goal**, -- so very close to our projected target. Therefore, please make sure to return your pledge forms or register as new donors. Also, please continue to drop off the pledge forms through the Sunday collection basket. We would like to remind you, that, any donations received by the end of December will receive a tax receipt for 2009. Thank you for everyone's continuous generous support.

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CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

"I will bless the homes in which an image of my heart will be exposed and honored." This is one of the 12 great promises that our Lord revealed to St. Margaret Mary to those devoted to His Sacred Heart.

St. Mary's parish invites families and individuals to consecrate their families or themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary **on November 22, 2009 during Sunday masses.** A consecration kit will be provided to those interested.

Consecration is the total dedication of a person or family to our Lord's Sacred Heart, to live in union with Him, by love, grace and obedience to His commandments. This is a wonderful way to allow the peace of Jesus and Mary in our homes to replace fears and anxieties in these trying times. The foundation of faith starts in the home. For consecration kit (includes prayer cards and beautiful pictures of the twin hearts) **please clearly print your name on the sign-up sheet** at the church foyer.

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.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

HELP FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY NATURAL DISASTERS

The recent tropical storms in the Philippines, earthquake in Indonesia and tsunami in Samoa have brought death and destruction to many millions of people in these countries. You can help by sending your donations to Development and Peace, the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis, the Catholic Church's International arm for emergency relief. You may donate by phone by calling 1-888-664-3387, **or** go online to www.devp.org **or** mail a cheque to Development and Peace, 1425 Rene Levesque Blvd. West, 3rd Floor, Montreal, Quebec, H3G 1T7. The cheque should be payable to Development and Peace or CCODP. If you wish for your cheque to be directed to a specific country, please indicate this on your cheque.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Oct. 18:** 2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Avenue)
- Mon. Oct 19:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Sr. Youth Ministry (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)
- Tue. Oct 20.** 1:15pm St. Mary's School Mass (Church)
6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Catholic Women's League (Church Bsmt)
- Wed. Oct. 21:** 6:30pm PREP (School)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
 7:00pm Mass / Adoration / Confession (Church)
7:30pm Development & Peace (Rectory Dining)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Oct. 22:** 6:30pm Youth Ministry Leaders (Rectory Library)
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. Oct. 23 :** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
 6:30pm Youth Band Rehearsal (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)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Oct. 24:** 8:00am Living in the Light Retreat (Church Bsmt)
(Registrations forms are inserted into this bulletin)
12:40pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
1:30pm Handmaids of the Lord (Rectory Basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining Room)
3:00pm Knights of Columbus Council (Gym)
6:30pm Couples for Christ-CLP (School Gym)
- Sun. Oct. 25:** 9:45am Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange St)
2:00pm Couples for Christ - FFL (Church Bsmt)

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSSES:

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 & 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