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Pastor's  
 Corner

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**DID YOU SAY, "GOD MADE PART OF ME?"**

May I share with you this inspiring page from Vision, written by Mark Link, S.J., and published by Thomas More R.C.L.

A nun asked little Mary, "Who made you?"  
 Mary looked puzzled for a minute,  
 Then she said, "God made part of me."  
 Now the nun looked puzzled saying,  
 "Did you say that God made part of you?"  
 "Yes." said Mary.  
 "God made me tiny; but the rest --  
 God and I did that together."

My Christian life is something like that.  
 It is a joint effort between God and me.  
 Without my faith, God can do nothing.  
 With it, we can do anything together.  
 This raises a question:  
 How firmly do I believe  
 that if I put faith in Jesus,  
 He can do anything through me,  
 in spite of my flaws?

*It is never a question with any of us  
 of faith or no faith;  
 the question always is,  
 in what or in whom do I put my faith?"*

Now, how will you know that you are putting your faith in the true God, and not in a man-made god? You will know it by reading the Bible with the Holy Spirit. Join our "Quick Journey through the Bible" starting next Saturday, October 31. See this bulletin for details.

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

**PARISH NEWS**

**JR. YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 6-8) – ARE YOU A VAMPIRE?**

We want to know if you are a vampire. Are you? Do you have a reflection on the mirror? Are you afraid of the light or the cross? Come and let's find out together on **Monday, October 26 at 6:30pm in the church basement.** Bring a friend if you can.



**ATTENTION PARENTS - INTERNET SAFETY SEMINAR**

Every day our school-age children rely on the Internet. Whether it is to do research for a school project or to chat with friends, the Internet opens up new wonderful opportunities for learning and positive social interaction. Unfortunately, just as in the real world, there are dangers lurking online. St. Mary's Parish is sponsoring an Internet Safety seminar **on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 from 6:30 - 8:00pm in the school gym.** In this seminar, Detective Russ Mitchell, a Child Exploitation Investigator from the Vancouver Police Department, will show parents what they can do to keep their children safe.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Youth Ministry and SMYAC invite all youth, parents and young adults to our Halloween Party. Come and join us for music, food, games, dancing and much more. Costumes of saints and holy souls are encouraged - no inappropriate costumes please. This is a potluck event so please bring a dish- the best dish will win a prize. **When: Friday, October 30 at 7:00pm Where: Church Basement.**



**FAREWELL PARTY**

All are invited to attend a farewell party in the church basement, **for Sr. Marie Bouchard on Sunday, November 1, 2009** after the 11:15am Mass. This is our chance to thank Sister Marie for all her hard and wonderful works in our parish. We wish her well and God's blessings in her next assignment. Please come and celebrate this wonderful time of thanksgiving with her!

**PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A PRAYER PARTNER**

Are you willing to pray for the healing and salvation for the homeless, women in prostitution and people in addiction? Street Ministry will be recruiting prayer partners for our less fortunate brothers and sisters **on the weekends of November 7/8 and 14/15.** Please join us to be a prayer partner.

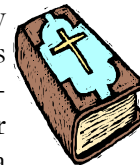
**PARISH NEWS**

**LOVING BLESSINGS FROM GOD**

A few weeks ago we took orders for the photo poetry book by John Oakley and Alan Chiu. The book will be **available for pick up on November 14/15 after each mass.** Please bring your "proof of payment" voucher to pick up your copy.

**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.** The cost is \$25 for study materials. To register, contact Erlinda at 604-433-8881 or email your name and number to stmarysbiblestudy@gmail.com.



**FALL DANCE: WISH UPON A STAR**

Music, Dancing, Good Food, Star Lights. A perfect setting for having fun and enjoyment with family, loved ones and friends. St. Mary's Fall Dance comes true on **Saturday, November 14,** from 6:30pm - 11:30pm at St. Mary's School gym. Tickets, at \$20 are on sale at the church foyer. Proceeds will go to fund our community. Makes you wish upon a star.....

**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.

## 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](http://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.

### 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](mailto:judy@rpcollege.bc.ca)

### THE GLORY OF GOD - THE BLESSED TRINITY

Did you know that the Holy Trinity is the key to *unity* in all our relationships? Have you ever wondered how to explain the *mystery* of the Holy Trinity? Does your life reflect the power of the *love* of the Holy Trinity? Come join Madonna House as we explore **The Glory of God - The Blessed Trinity** on **Saturday, November 7**, from 9:30am - 3:30pm at St. John the Apostle parish hall (5457 Trafalgar St. Vancouver) Lunch will be served. Cost is by donation. Register by calling **Madonna House** at 604-267-1757 or e-mail [madonna02@shaw.ca](mailto:madonna02@shaw.ca).

### 2010 OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

Experience the Best Passion Play which is held only once every 10 years, featuring Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Rev. Father Matthew To, Pastor of Holy Family in Sechelt on the Sunshine Coast is Chaplain from June 2 - June 10, 2010. **Presentation and information night on November 16 at 7:00pm.** Where: Rooms 2 & 3 at Immaculate Conception, Delta. For more info please phone 604-594-7296.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Oct. 25:** 9:45am Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange St.)  
2:00pm Couples for Christ - FFL (Church Bsmt)
- Mon. Oct 26:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm Jr. Youth Ministry (Church Basement)  
7:00pm SMYAC (Rectory Dining)  
7:00pm Charismatic Core Group (Rectory Bsmt)  
7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)
- Tue. Oct 27.** 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)  
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
7:00pm Memorial Mass for K of C (Church)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
- Wed. Oct. 28:** 6:30pm PREP (School)  
6:30pm Internet Safety by Vanc. Police (Gym)  
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Mass / Adoration / Confession (Church)  
7:30pm St. Vincent de Paul (Rectory Dining)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Oct. 29:** 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. 30 :** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
6:30pm YM/SMYAC Halloween Party(Church Bsmt)  
7:00pm Singles for Christ - SFL (Rectory Bsmt)  
7:00pm Mass/ Adoration /Confession (Church)  
7:00pm D&P Parish Committee (Rectory Dining)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room / Sacristy)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Oct. 31:** 12:30pm Quick Journey through the Bible (Ch Bsmt)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
3:15pm Baptisms (Church)  
6:30pm Couples for Christ-CLP (School Gym)
- Sun. Nov. 01:** 2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)

## 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 & 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.

### **NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL**

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](mailto:stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca)

### **ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)**

Leader: Jason Costa and Jonquil Francis

Email: [smyac\\_team@yahoo.ca](mailto:smyac_team@yahoo.ca) Website: [www.smyac.com](http://www.smyac.com)

### **YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)**

E-mail: [stmarys\\_ym@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarys_ym@yahoo.com)

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: [www.saintmarysyoung.com](http://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