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**“For when two or three meet in my name,
I shall be there with them”**

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Joseph Dondeer wrote this in his book, “With Hearts On Fire” (Twenty-Third Publications):

“It happened regularly, and yet I was surprised every time. I was accustomed to prayer. I prayed a lot with my family at home. In those days we went to church every day of the week. I prayed by myself, and later on with the community of missionaries I belong to. We would sit in the chapel for hours and hours a day, meditating, examining our consciences, celebrating the Eucharist, and even preparing for death!

Yet, I was surprised by it once I got to Africa. Practically every time I was invited to a family, celebrated one or another occasion together, visited a sick person, or was invited for a cup of tea, my hosts would ask me to pray together with them. I often forgot. I would already be at the door, shaking hands and saying ‘God bless you’, when my friends would say: ‘Aren’t we going to pray together?’ And that is what we did., sometimes with only two or three, sometimes in a family.

I once read a report written by a student evaluating his pastoral experience in one of the West Indian Islands. He mentioned the same kind of experience. Once he had been awakened in the middle of the night by someone who was obviously disturbed. After a terrible nightmare she had gone to the rectory to knock on the door for help. He didn’t know what to do. Should he give her something to eat, to drink? She saw his consternation, and she said: ‘I don’t need anything. I only came to pray together with you for a moment. I am alone at home.’

He did, and while the two were praying her anxiety disappeared. In Jesus’ presence her anxiety cleared.

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(continued) Jesus promised: “When two or three are gathered in my name, I will be there with them.”

If you have a nightmare, please don’t wake me up! I am not holy like Fr. Joe Cuddy, who did answer nightmare calls... but then he died awfully young!



God bless, Fr. Pierre

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Sept. 7:	2:00pm	St. Michael’s Liturgy (7451 Sussex Ave.)
	2:30pm	Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
	3:00pm	Baptisms (Church)
	5:00pm	Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)
Mon. Sept. 8:	6:00pm	Bingo (School Gym)
	7:00pm	Christian Meditation Prayer (Rectory Bsmnt)
	7:30pm	Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)
Tue. Sept. 9:	6:30pm	PREP & Teen PREP (School)
	6:45pm	Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
Wed. Sept. 10:	2:00pm	Willingdon Park Mass (4435 Grange St.)
	6:30pm	RCIA (Church Basement)
	6:30pm	PREP & Teen PREP (School)
	7:00pm	Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
	7:30pm	SMYAC Leaders (Rectory Library)
	7:40pm	Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
	9:15pm	Benediction (Church)
Thu. Sept. 11:	7:00pm	Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
	7:30pm	Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
	9:15pm	Benediction (Church)
Fri. Sept. 12:	10:00am	St. Michael’s Mass (7451 Sussex Ave.)
	NEW!!! 10:30am	<u>Bible Sharing for Moms</u> (Rectory Bsmnt.)
	3:00pm	Divine Mercy (Church)
	6:15pm	Divine Mercy (Church)
	7:00pm	Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
	7:40pm	Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
	9:15pm	Benediction (Church)
Sat. Sept. 13:	12:30pm	Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
	3:30pm	Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)
	7:30pm	CFC - Christian Life Program (School Gym)
Sun. Sept. 14:	2:00pm	Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange St.)
	2:30pm	Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
	5:00pm	Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)



PARISH NEWS

PREP & TEEN PREP START THIS WEEK

Our Catechism program opens on Sept. 9th (Tuesday Classes) & Sept. 10th (Wednesday Classes). All classes will be at St. Mary’s School and will start promptly at 6:30pm. See you there!

BIBLE SHARING FOR MOTHERS

This is a new faith-building program aimed to support the needs of stay-at-home moms with young children. The program will help you increase your personal faith, as well as make some new friends in a child-friendly environment. Join us on this faith journey in Christ. Meetings will be held Fridays, from 10:30am to 11:30am in the Rectory Basement, starting Sept. 12th. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is not required. For more information contact Tami Siano at (604) 506-2864

PRAYER IS A HUNGER: Seeking God in the Dominican Tradition

A public talk to be given by famed Dominican Spiritual Author and Speaker: **Fr. Paul Murray, OP.** On **Tuesday, Sept. 16, 7pm in the Church.** Fr. Murray presently teaches literature of the mystical tradition at the Dominican Angelicum University in Rome. Some of his published works include T.S. Eliot and Mysticism, and 4 books of poetry.

INTERNATIONAL FAMILY FAIR - A GREAT SUCCESS!

Congratulations to the International Family Fair's **50-50 & Raffle Winners!** Winning numbers: **486421 (50-50) & 209263 (Raffle).** The 50-50 prize has been collected but the Raffle winner needs to contact Ariadne at (604) 730-0979; or email bagbr@shaw.ca. We thank all those who made this possible -- the various Parish Ministries: K of C, Youth Ministry, Street Ministry, SMYAC, & CWL Sisters; the sponsors, donors, and all the volunteers. Most importantly, THANK YOU for coming and making the Fair a great success!

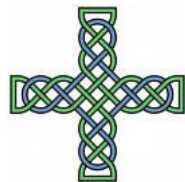
MIRACLE HOUR OF PRAYER

Everyone is invited to join us pray the 12 Steps of the Miracle Hour on Friday, Sept. 19th, 7:30pm in the church. Mass at 7pm followed by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A Prayer Box will be placed at the entrance of the Church, for you to place your petitions. It will then be placed in front of the Blessed Sacrament. During Step 11, which will be on Petitions, Fr. Pierre will hold the Prayer Box and pray over those petitions and conclude with Benediction. For more info please call Lennie at (604) 597-8227

PARISH NEWS

RCIA/FAITH INSTRUCTION

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is designed for: A) Adult inquirers, that is, for the non-baptized/baptized in other faiths (if you wish to find out more about Christianity or becoming a Catholic); B) for adult Catholics, who are baptized but not catechized, and/or did not complete the other Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion and/or Confirmation); C) All others are welcome, so if you are interested in the Catholic Faith or know someone who is, the RCIA program is the answer! You may register for RCIA classes which begin this coming September. For more info, please contact Arda Akoglu or Carolina Prada at (604) 733-3457 or aakog@yahoo.com



CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

This program helps: 1) bring you and your spouse or loved ones to a personal relationship with God and a renewed faith in Jesus, 2) empower you in the Christian life through Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and, 3) integrate you into an environment where you can receive support as an individual and as families? **The CLP will be held starting on Sept. 13 at 7:30 pm.** The program is free and transportation will be provided upon request. Each session normally lasts for about 2 1/2 hours and consists of a talk, a sharing, discussion groups and refreshments. For further details, contact: Rod & Marlyn Trigo (604) 603-6856.

CATHOLIC BIBLE SEMINAR

On Sept. 12, 13 & 14 in the Church Basement. Fr. Jim Nisbet, a noted Bible scholar from California will talk about the **1st & 2nd Letters of Peter**. Registration forms are available in the foyer. Call Gerry at (604) 882-9205 for more information.

PARISH PARTICIPATION PRAYER

To make our parish more vibrant and increase our active volunteer base, we need to pray as a parish community. This week we launch the Parish Participation Prayer and ask the Lord to bless all the volunteers of our ministries and those who answer the call. As we prepare for an important event the **Parish Volunteer Fair**, a meeting for all Ministry Leaders is scheduled on **Saturday, Sept. 20th in the church basement at 8:45am.** Please mark your calendars and confirm your attendance with Aprille via email: aprille@telus.net or call: 604-765-4776

ARCHDIOCESE/COMMUNITY 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!



CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

On Sept. 26 & 27. This year's Theme is taken from 2 Tim 4:2 "...proclaim the word... be persistent..." The keynote speaker is Deacon Alex Jones from the Diocese of Detroit. Archbishop Raymond Roussin will celebrate the closing Mass. For tickets and more info, call (604) 597 8227 or email: fireblade@shaw.ca

CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Executive Plaza Hotel, Coquitlam, Sept. 18th. This year's theme: "Best Practices at the End of Life". The conference includes a Mass with Archbishop Roussin and dinner at the end of the day. The registration brochure is available at chabc.bc.ca or by calling (604) 524-3427.

RETROVILLE: A PROGRAM OF HOPE

Designed to help couples in hurting marriages. Next Vancouver weekend will be on Sept. 26-28, 2008. Space is limited. For more info, call (604) 530-6710 or visit: www.retroville.org

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Attention Married Couples! You deserve to give each other a weekend to enhance your marriage. For more info or to register, please contact Steve & Mary Bohnen (604) 876-7298 or email them at sbohnen@interchange.ubc.ca

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Come and discover God's plan for life and learn about this revolutionary teaching of John Paul II. This 11-week Course begins on Thursday, Sept. 18th, 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish (828 Laval Square in Coquitlam). Call the Respect Life Office at (604) 683-0281 to register.

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY

The community of Little Flower Academy invites alumnae, family and friends to the Mass celebrating 150 Years of Service of the Sisters of St. Ann. This will be on Tuesday, Sept. 30th at 4195 Alexandra Street in Vancouver. Mass will be presided by Coadjutor Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB. Please RSVP by Sept. 15th by calling (604) 738-9016 ext. 240.

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES

Mondays to Fridays: 8:00am
Wed., Thurs., Fri: 7:00pm**
** followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:15pm
Saturdays: 12:00noon; 5:00pm (**Anticipation**)
Sundays: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Sundays: Before & After ALL Masses
Saturdays: 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

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: Eli Bautista Website: www.saintmarysyoung.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Kevin Smith (Principal) Website: www.stmary.bc.ca
Office Phone: (604) 437-1312 Office Fax: (604) 437-1193

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mondays to Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm
Pastor: Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P.
Assistant Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoo, O.P.
YM & PREP Coordinator: Eli Bautista
Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon/Ossie Fernandes