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Pastor's  
 Corner

**MOTHER TERESA AND THE YOUNG MAN**

Last week, a young man I had never seen before spent ninety minutes debating with me three questions. First, “what is the meaning of life?” My life, he said, is just work. I don’t enjoy life. I wish my mother had aborted me. The second question was, “Why doesn’t God speak to me anymore?” I pray and he never answers. I am talking to a wall.” The third question was “How can I know God is real?” The world is such a mess. How can I be sure of Christ’s teachings and of his church?”

Mother Teresa would answer his first question about the meaning of life by these words: “*To me, Jesus is the Life I want to live, the Light I want to reflect, the Way to the Father, the Love I want to express, the joy I want to share, the Peace I want to sow around me. Jesus is everything to me.*”

Again Mother Teresa would answer his second question about the silence of God in words similar to these: “God is crying to you ‘I thirst’ through the cries of your spouse, children, family, co workers. Christ is telling you, “I was naked, sick, hungry and you did not clothe me, nurse me, feed me.” Don’t wait for a private revelation during your prayer time. Listen to the cries of his people and he will talk to you.

To the third question about how we can know that Christ is real and alive and that his Church really speaks His words, St. Augustine would answer, “*If you want to experience God, love your neighbour as He has loved you, dying to yourself every day. Then look at that love in your heart. That love is from God, is God, for God is love.*” Cardinal Balthasar would answer: “*By this [by loving one another as Christ has loved you] and only by this, no other characteristic of the Church can convince the world of the rightness and necessity of Christ’s person and teaching. Radiant love lived by Christians is the proof of all teaching, dogmas, and moral precepts of the Church of Christ.*”

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Mother Teresa would also answer: “*If faith is scarce, it is because there is too much selfishness in the world, too much egoism. Faith, in order to be authentic, has to be generous and giving. Love and faith go hand in hand...*”

*God Bless you, Father Pierre*

P.S. Mother Teresa would also say about Project Advance:

*“The less we have, the more we give. Seems absurd, but it’s the logic of love...”*

*“If you really love one another, you will not be able to avoid making sacrifices.”*

**PARISH NEWS**

**SR. YOUTH MINISTRY (Gr 8-12) – ASK ARDA**

How well do you know about your faith? Did you always have these questions that you didn’t know the answers to? You are in luck! We will be sweating our Youth Ministry Coordinator, Arda, with all your questions. You can come and put your written questions in a box and Arda will try to answer them all. There will be consequences for questions he cannot answer so join us and don’t miss the fun. Join us on Monday, May 3 in the rectory basement at 6:30pm and bring a friend if you can.



**PROJECT ADVANCE 2010**

It is very exciting to start off the 30<sup>th</sup> Project Advance again; our committee hopes to make this event as fun and successful as previous years. Committee members and volunteers will be available starting this weekend until the end of June to collect all returned pledges in the church foyer after each mass. We especially welcome new donors, as participation from all parishioners is important and is one of the key factors to make this a successful campaign. In past years, the rebates we received have been contributed towards the development project of Notre Dame Secondary School however this year the rebates will be routed to the development cost of a new Kindergarten class room at our very own St. Mary’s school. Therefore we should strive to exceed our goal to ensure that there will be a sufficient rebate to help cover the cost of this special school project for the benefit of the children in our own community. We thank you in advance for your generous support!

**PARISH NEWS**

**JEFF CAVINS COMING TO ST. MARY’S**

Jeff Cavins, a well-known Scripture teacher and creator of the Great Adventure Bible study, will facilitate an all day seminar on the Gospel of Matthew on May 8 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at St. Patrick’s Parish. **Jeff and his associate will also offer an informative and inspirational evening to parish Bible study leaders on Friday, May 7 at 7:00 pm, at St. Mary’s Parish, Vancouver.** Information and registration at [www.rcav.org/ore](http://www.rcav.org/ore) or call the Office of Religious Education at 604.683.0281.

**SPECIAL NIGHT OF HEALING**

Fr. Pierre and Jacqueline Loh will share their own insights and personal reflections on Our Blessed Mother and the vocation to the Priesthood. They will also reflect on ways in which Our Lady intercedes to heal us. A Special Rosary will be prayed for priests and prayers for healing will be centered on emotional and spiritual needs. Eucharistic Adoration and Confession will also be available. We invite you to receive healing prayers and special Graces from our Lady on **Saturday, May 8 at 7:30pm.** Also please see [www.GracethatReigns.com](http://www.GracethatReigns.com).

**MOTHER’S DAY LUNCHEON: MAY 9th 11am-2pm**

To all Mothers, Special Ladies and those who want to honour the extraordinary women in their lives, the Catholic Women’s League invites you to celebrate this Mother’s Day on May 9. Let’s make this day memorable with good food, door prizes, beautiful flowers and music. At very affordable prices: \$18 per adult; \$9 for kids 6-12 yrs; and FREE for children 5 yrs & under. The CWL will be selling tickets in the foyer after all masses this weekend and next. For more information, please call Kerr Tomayao at 778-868-6838 or [kerrlt@shaw.ca](mailto:kerrlt@shaw.ca).

**LEGION OF MARY**

St. Mary’s Praesidium will honour the 66th anniversary of death of the Venerable Edel Quinn on Friday May 14 at the 7:00pm mass. All active and auxiliary members are welcome and there will be a gathering in the church basement following mass.



**MOTHER’S DAY CARNATIONS**

Knights of Columbus will sponsor the sale of Carnations after all Sunday masses next weekend, May 8/9. Proceeds will be donated to the Talitha Koum Society. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## PARISH NEWS

### SPRING DANCE

The Beatles Are Coming To Our Spring Dance! It's time to dust off those dancing shoes. Jive to the Beatles & '60s music on **Saturday, May 15 from 6:30pm -11:30pm in the School Gym.** Tickets are only \$20, available from Kerr Tomayao at 778-868-6838 or [kerrlt@shaw.ca](mailto:kerrlt@shaw.ca) or Teresa Lung at 604-437-7745 or [teresa.lung@telus.net](mailto:teresa.lung@telus.net).



### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OPENINGS

There are still openings in the following grades for Sept 2010: Grades 2, 4, 6 & 7. If you are interested in sending your child to St. Mary's School, please get an information package from the school office during the hours of 8:30am-3:30pm.

## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### PRAY WITH PRIESTS: FOR PRIESTS AT ST. JOSEPH'S

All priests and lay faithful are invited to gather together in prayer for our priests on May 6 at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph's at 1612 East 18th Ave in Vancouver. Year for Priests prayer meetings happen each month on the first Thursday.

### ORDINATIONS TO TAKE PLACE ON MAY 7 & 22

Bryan Duggan will be ordained to the diaconate on May 7, 2010 at 7pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Edwin Kulling, Swann Kim and Rodney Nootebos will be ordained to the priesthood on May 22, 2010 at 10am at Holy Rosary Cathedral.




### DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES

**OLGCS** is seeking part time (25 hours per month) Resource Worker and Facilities Coordinator to assist the Society with its second stage transition house. The Coordinator will be the central point of contact and intake assessment for the clients at Eva's House. For more information call 604.708.8402 or see [www.domesticabuseservices.ca](http://www.domesticabuseservices.ca).

### FOCUS ON LIFE GALA TO TAKE PLACE AT HYATT

This annual fundraising event which helps abortion vulnerable and post-abortive women with a message of hope through TV ads will take place on Monday May 31 2010 at the Hyatt Regency. Our featured speaker is Raymond Arroyo, an internationally known journalist, producer, bestselling author and TV host on EWTN. Tickets for this event are \$75 per person or \$750 per table. Please call 1.877.7SIGNAL to order tickets.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. May 2:** 2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
- Mon. May 3:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm Sr Youth Ministry (Rectory Basement)  
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)  
7:00pm Lay Apostles (Church)
- Tue. May 4:** 6:30pm Prep (School)  
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)  
7:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Seminar Room)
- Wed. May 5:** 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex)  
6:30pm Prep (School)  
7:00pm RCIA (Rectory Basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration /Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
-  **Thu. May 6:** 7:00pm Mass/ Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm Ablaze! (Church Basement)  
7:15pm Hands of Veronica (Rectory Dining)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
-  **Fri. May 7:** 9:00am Lectio Divina/Bible Study (Rectory Dining)  
3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration /Confession (Church)  
7:00pm Jeff Cavins Leaders Mtg (Church Basement)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
-  **Sat. May 8:** 9:30am Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)  
12:45pm Bible Study (School Gym)  
2:00pm First Communion (Church)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)  
7:00pm Couples for Christ (School Gym)  
7:00pm Healing Service (Church)
- Sun. May 9:** 11:00am Mother's Day Lunch (Church Basement)  
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
3:00pm Couples For Christ (Church Basement)

## PARISH INFORMATION

**WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES:** Monday - Friday: 8:00am

Weekday Morning Rosary 7:00am / Weekday Morning Lauds 7:30am

**WEEKDAY EVENING MASSES:** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7pm

followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:00pm

**SATURDAY MASS:** Our Lady's Mass 12:00noon

**SUNDAY MASSES:** Anticipated Mass Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am / 9:30am / 11:15am / 1:00pm / 5:00pm / 7:00pm

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

Thursday: 8:00am & Saturday: 12:00noon

**FIRST FRIDAY:** Adoration throughout the day after morning mass

**CONFESSIONS:**

Weekdays: After all Masses (except Thursday Evening Mass)

Saturday: 11:15am to 11:55am, 4:15pm to 4:55pm, 6:10pm to 7:00pm

Sunday: Before & After all Masses

An appointment for confession may be made through the parish office

**HOLY COMMUNION:** Available to shut-ins. Contact Parish Office.

**BAPTISMS:** To register your child, contact the Parish Office.

**MARRIAGES:**

One of the couple must be Catholic and a registered parishioner of St. Mary's Parish for at least one year before requesting the sacrament of marriage. Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the wedding date to register for the required diocesan Marriage Preparation Course.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesday 6:45pm / Friday 9:00am / Saturday 12:45pm

**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

Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Coordinator: Eli Bautista E-mail: [stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca](mailto:stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca)

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

Leaders Jason Costa and Jonquil Francis

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**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Mondays to Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm / Saturday: 11:00am to 2:00pm

**PASTORS & STAFF:**

**Pastor**

Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P.

**Assistant Pastor**

Fr. Marcel Dumont, O.P.

**Executive Assistant to Pastor**

Vesna Jankovic

**Office Manager**

Ossie Fernandes

**Youth Ministry & Volunteer Coordinator**

Arda Akoglu