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Pastor's  
Corner

## WHAT DOES REAL LIFE HAVE TO DO WITH IT?

Last month I met someone who had never brought his real life to confession. He said that he never thought religion and real life had anything to do with each other. Therefore a priest could not help him to deal with his real life. Indeed the Church seems to many people to be emptied from human life. It performs lifeless rituals and teaches rigid laws about what you should not do if you want to live in another world after death! This is not what the Church should be about, this is how it is perceived. We, Catholics, have to change that perception and that reality!

To achieve this, we must bring our real life to the Church, and we must bring the real life of the Church to the world. First, we must bring our whole life to Christ! We must let Christ know us through and through, forgive us, heal us, transform us. This is done not only by the confession but by studying the Scriptures with the community, receiving anew the power of the Holy Spirit, serving and loving one another, sharing our faith and love within the Church. "There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than to know him and to speak to others of our friendship with him." (Pope Benedict)

You will not be able to contain the joy of this friendship within the walls of St. Mary's Church. You will want to give freely what you have freely received. Evangelization is a beggar telling another beggar where he has found bread! "Evangelization is not only accomplished through public preaching of the Gospel (...) but also by means of personal witness which is always very effective in spreading the Gospel." (Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, Rome)

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Remember a person who has touched your life. You do not remember many things about that person but you are still energized by the power and love that emanated from that person. Evangelization is sharing that energy, that life that comes through your encounter with Christ. That is what the seventy-two disciples, who were not priests but lay people, did to prepare Christ's visitation.

*God Bless You! Fr. Pierre*

## PARISH NEWS

### Sr. YOUTH MINISTRY (gr 8-12) RADICAL COMMITMENT



Sometimes a 20 second shot requires commitment, radical commitment, even if it is for a bird of paradise. Everybody has a Bird of Paradise, what is yours? If you want to find out then join Sr. Youth Ministry on Monday, July 5 at 6:30pm in the rectory basement. Bring a friend if you can.

### FUN IN THE SUN



Youth Ministry is going to Cultus Lake Water Park on Thursday, July 29. Do you want to join us? The cost is \$25/pp. If you are interested please register as soon as possible because space is limited. You can get the registration forms from the parish office or from [www.saintmarysyoung.com](http://www.saintmarysyoung.com) under "Forms" menu.

### YOUTH MASS NEEDS HELP

Youth Mass needs your help. We need youth and young adults to help with the hospitality ministry in the Youth Mass. You can help us make the Mass a more enjoyable experience for all our parishioners. If you are interested in serving as an usher or a greeter for the Sunday 5:00pm Mass, or need more info please contact Karina Genio at 778-968-0777 or [karina\\_@live.ca](mailto:karina_@live.ca).

### DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF PASTORAL COUNCIL?

Our parish needs Christian leadership to help make decisions about our pastoral life and growth. If you feel that you have what it takes to enable us to develop our sense of Evangelization, Worship, Word, Service, Community, Stewardship and Leadership, then please contact the parish office to find out more about this leadership opportunity and to obtain an application form. The form is also available online at [www.stmarysvancouver.ca/node/4540](http://www.stmarysvancouver.ca/node/4540).

## PARISH NEWS

### FR. PIERRE ON RETREAT

Fr. Pierre will be away from July 4 to August 9 at a conference on prayer in Omaha, Nebraska followed by a 30 day retreat. During his absence Fr. Claude Noel, O.P. will replace him. Let's all pray for a restful and spirit filled sojourn for Fr. Pierre; that he comes back renewed, refreshed and invigorated! *God Bless you Fr. Pierre!*



### SEMINARIAN NEEDS HELP TO PURSUE VOCATION

We are very blessed to have two seminarians from St. Mary's Parish at Christ the King Seminary in Mission. The tuition costs for the first year of grand seminary is \$6800.00. The cost of textbooks is an additional \$500.00. They are in need of financial assistance! If you are able to donate any amount to this worthy cause, please mark your sealed envelope for the attention of "Ossie (Vocations)" and place in the Sunday collection basket or, contact him at the Parish Office tel. 604-435-9611 ext. 7 or email [smpacc@telus.net](mailto:smpacc@telus.net). Tax receipts will be issued for your donations, which will be treated strictly confidential. Thank you so much for your kind consideration. *Fr. Pierre*

### RCIA- BECOMING A CATHOLIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is designed for:



- 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).
- For adult Catholics, who are baptized, but not catechized and/or did not complete the other Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion and/or Confirmation).

All 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 will begin soon. For further information please contact: Carolina Prada at 604-733-3457 or [carolturkia@yahoo.com](mailto:carolturkia@yahoo.com).

### COFFEE & SNACKS

There will be no coffee service for the months of July and August. This ministry will resume again in September.



### SUMMER IS HERE!!!

*The pastors and staff of St. Mary's would like to wish everyone a safe, enjoyable and relaxing summer! God Bless!*



## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### PILGRIMAGE TO VISIT CATHOLIC SHRINES IN ITALY

Including 6 nights in Rome and 2 nights each in San Giovanni Rotondo, Assisi and Florence. Please join Fr. Daniel Geddes, FSSP from Holy Family Parish in Vancouver on this wonderful pilgrimage to Italy. Departing February 20, 2011 and returning March 5, 2011. Please contact Susan Kotnik at 604-465-6911 or e-mail [ivanandsue@shaw.ca](mailto:ivanandsue@shaw.ca).

### STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For information or to register for the program beginning on Oct 15, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com), email [1009@retrouvaille.org](mailto:1009@retrouvaille.org), or call 604-530-6710.

### LAY MINISTRY COURSE COMING TO SAINT MARK'S

Come to St. Mark's July 12 to 16 (1:30 to 4:00) for a course taught by Susan Campbell, Director of the Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Prince George, on how lay persons are called to serve within the Church. This course will examine the thoughts and reflections of church leaders, theologians, and lay ecclesial ministers. For info email [registrar@stmarkscollege.ca](mailto:registrar@stmarkscollege.ca), call 04.822.4463 or visit [www.stmarkscollege.ca](http://www.stmarkscollege.ca).

### ST. MARK'S TO HOST SACRED ARTS EXHIBIT

Members of the Epiphany Sacred Arts Guild will be exhibiting sacred art during the Saint Mark's College Summer Institute on July 7 & 14. Master iconographer Frank Turner will also be on-site from 12:30 pm-1:30 pm demonstrating the art and techniques of sacred icons. 5935 Iona Dr, Vancouver. Info: [info@stmarkscollege.ca](mailto:info@stmarkscollege.ca); [www.stmarkscollege.ca](http://www.stmarkscollege.ca) or 604.822.4463.

### RC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS TALK COMING TO CTR

North Shore Catholic Seminar Series presents "The Future of Catholic Independent schools" by Doug Lauson, superintendent of Catholic Independent Schools and Celso Boscarol, Chairman of LFA's board of directors. The event will take place on July 16 from 7:30-9:30 pm at Christ the Redeemer Parish, 599 Keith Road, West Vancouver. \$6/person. More info at [www.nscdg.ca](http://www.nscdg.ca); tel: 778.839.4884.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Jul 4:** 2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)  
6:30pm Youth Mass Bible Study (Church Basement)
- Mon. Jul 5:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm Sr YM (Rectory Basement)  
7:00pm Lay Apostle (Church)
- Tue. Jul 6:** 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
7:00pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)
- Wed. Jul 7:** 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex Ave)  
6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Jul 8:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. Jul 9:** 9:00am Lectio Divina/Bible Study (Rectory Dining)  
10:00am St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex Ave)  
3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
5:30pm Singles for Family & Life (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:30pm Street Ministry (Rectory Basement)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Jul 10:** 10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)  
1:00pm Handmaids (School Gym)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
7:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
- Sun. Jul 11:** 2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
6:30pm Youth Mass Bible Study (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 PERPETUAL HELP**

Wednesday 6:00pm

**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 / Sunday 6:30pm (*Youth Mass Bible Study*)

**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

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**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**

Principal: Ms Brenda Krivuzoff Website: [www.stmary.bc.ca](http://www.stmary.bc.ca)

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Mondays to Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm

**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