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**Pastor's  
 Corner**

**GOD'S RECIPE FOR HAPPINESS**

We've all short changed responsibilities: duties, jobs, relationships, family, church. Touching on this point someone said, "It's gotten to the point where I expect a reward or a bonus for doing things I ought to have done anyway."

Am I like that in my relationship with God, with the Church, my family, my workplace? Even if I give up all my money, accomplish extreme penances, "If I don't have love," said St. Paul, "I am nothing." If I do everything for a reward, whether it be money, good reputation, or any form of self-seeking, I am like an empty shell.

Pope Benedict wrote, on May 7, 2006: "This is the true way to rise; this is the true door. It is not the desire to become 'someone' for oneself, but rather to exist for others, for Christ, and thus through Him and with Him to be there for the people He seeks, whom He wants to lead on the path of Life..."

An anonymous writer was quoted by Fr. Mark Link, S.J. saying: "Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God's blessings were given us for the well being of others."

Theoretical physicist Albert Einstein echoed Jesus' words perfectly, saying: "Strange is our situation here upon earth. Each of us comes for a short visit, not knowing why, yet sometimes seeming to a divine purpose. From the standpoint of daily life, however, there is one thing we know. That we are here for the sake of others...for the countless unknown souls with whose fate we are connected...Many times a day, I realize how much my own outer and inner life is built upon the labours of people, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received."

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In my service for God and for others taking place "in haughty pride over how useful to the Lord my co-service may be (as if he could not do anything without me). Just the opposite- in modesty the servant knows the words of Jesus: 'Without me you can do nothing' (Jn 15:5). Since he has already done everything for us, the correct estimation of ourselves is the one commanded by the Lord himself and expressed in the confession, 'We are useless servants; we have only done our duty'" (Cardinal Balthazar). *God Bless, Fr. Pierre*

**PARISH NEWS**

**SR. YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 8-12) – SEXUALITY & SPIRITUALITY**

What does it mean to be sexual? Is it a bad thing or a good thing? When do we become sexual? How does our sexuality affect our spirituality? Do you know the answers to these questions? Many people think they know what the Church teaches and are surprised when they really find out the truth. Well, the right answers might surprise you too! Come and join the Sr. Youth Ministry (**FLAME**) on Sunday, October 3 at 3:00pm in the Church Basement and find out for yourself the truth behind all your questions.



**JR. YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 6-8) – FIRE!**

Come Holy Spirit let Your fire fall on us! Another amazing Jr. YM (**SPARK**) event is coming...Fire! With games, sharing, fire!, and pizza; your night just can't get any better. So make sure to join us on Monday, October 4 at 6:30pm in the church basement and your life will be set ablaze.



**CATHOLIC FORUM**

We invite you to explore the "New Evangelization and Mission Oriented Parishes" with Msgr. Mark Hagemoen at 7pm on Oct. 5 at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver. *Growth in faith and understanding to better engage and transform our society* - Initiated and hosted by the lay Dominicans and Dominican friars, with the support of the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization.

**PARISH LIBRARY**

The Parish Library is now open for 30 minutes after the Saturday 5pm, Sundays 9:30am, 11:15am and 5:00pm masses. Come and check it out!



**PARISH NEWS**

**PROJECT ADVANCE 2010**

We are now at 84% of our parish goal, so close to 100%! WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT SO PLEASE, PLEASE send in your pledges either through the parish office or the Sunday collection basket. New pledge forms can be obtained at the registration desk. You have until end of December to send in the pledges to claim 2010 tax credit. Thank you again for your generosity.

**HEALING PRAYER**

Those in need of healing and intercessory prayers, come and be prayed over by St. Mary's Healing Ministry, every Wednesday and Friday at 7:40pm, following the evening mass.

**ST MARY'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & PAN-CAKE BREAKFAST**

Come join us Sunday, October 31st from 9am to 3pm for pancakes and start your Christmas shopping early! For table rental, please contact Eileen Hardy at 604-436-3655.



**DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

**2 WEEKS TO SIGNUP FOR RETROUVAILLE**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For information or to register for the program for the weekend of October 15, email 1009@retrouvaille.org or call 604-530-6710 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

**MARRIAGE CAN BE GREAT, NO, REALLY!**

Learn to enhance your marriage or future marriage in a FUN and RELAXED setting. No group sharing required, individuals are also welcome to attend on their own. Topics: Attitude, Peace with the Past, Listening, Dating & Sense of Humour, Forgiveness and more...Choose one of three options: Oct. 18–St. Joseph's Port Moody, Nov. 8–St. Theresa's Burnaby, Nov. 22–St. James' Abbotsford. Only \$20/person. Please call 604-931-7211 to save your seat! Individuals must pre-register/pre-pay at least one week before seminar date. Session time: 7-10pm. Please visit: www.denisboyd.com for more



## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### **RELIC OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY AMIDST US**

Relic of St. John Vianney will be coming to Parishes Oct. 3 to Oct. 8. Morning and evening Mass and Confessions at each parish. For complete list of Relic viewing schedule, visit [www.rcav.org](http://www.rcav.org), click on News & Events.



### **VIANNEY PLAY**

A one-man play on the life of the Cure of Ars will be performed in three parishes: St. Matthew's (Surrey), Our Lady of Fatima (Coquitlam) and St. Patrick's (Vancouver). Tickets are \$10 for individuals and \$25 for families. For complete details of the performances, visit [www.rcav.org](http://www.rcav.org), click on News & Events.

### **ST. JOHN BOSCO'S RELIC IS COMING**

Our Lady of Good Counsel in Surrey is pleased to announce the arrival of the holy relic of St. John Bosco on Oct. 9 and 10. For more information and details call 604-581-4141 or visit: <http://www3.telus.net/OLGC/www.donboscoamongus.org>.

### **THANKSGIVING MASS FOR SENIORS**

Archbishop Miller will celebrate Mass on Oct. 7 at 10am at St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver followed by a light lunch and "meet and greet" with the Archbishop. Please contact the parish office to register. Space is limited!






### **LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY**

Little Flower Academy welcomes all prospective 2011-2012 grade 8 candidates and their families to an Open House on Tuesday, October 19 in the school auditorium from 6pm-8pm. Please contact Kathi Wilson at 604-738-9016 (ext 222) or email [wilsonk@lfabc.org](mailto:wilsonk@lfabc.org).

### **BRINGING CATHOLICS BACK TO CHURCH**

Congress 2010 - Keynote address by Father Robert Barron, a theologian, author, professor and YouTube Catholic Evangelist. *Learn how you can reach out and welcome inactive Catholics back to the Church.* Congress is an annual day-long faith formation event. Speakers and sessions cover topics ranging from the local parish to the worldwide scene and also the interests of seniors. Participate in the Mass with the Archbishop. This event will be held on Oct. 23 from 9am to 4:30pm at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver. More information available at [www.rcav.org](http://www.rcav.org)— News and Events.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Oct 3:** 1:00pm Youth for Christ (School Gym)  
3:00pm Sr YM-FLAME (Church Basement)
- Mon. Oct 4:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm Jr YM-SPARK (Church Basement)  
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining Room)  
7:00pm Lay Apostles (Church)
- Tue. Oct 5:** 6:30pm Prep Catechism (School)  
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)  
7:00pm Catholic Forum (Church)  
7:00pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)
- Wed. Oct 6:** 11:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex)  
6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)  
6:30pm PREP Catechism (School)  
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Thu. Oct 7:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Fri. Oct 8:** 9:00am Lectio Divina/Bible Study (Rectory Dining)  
10:00am St. Michaels' Mass (7451 Sussex)  
6:30pm Dev & Peace (Rectory Dining Room)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Sat. Oct 9:** 9:00am Handmaids (School Gym)  
12:45pm Bible Study (Church Basement)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
5:00pm CFC-SFL (School Seminar Room)  
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)  
7:00pm CFC (School Gym)
- Sun. Oct 10:** 1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)  
6:30pm Sr YM- FLAME (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  
Coordinator: Erwin Mow E-mail: [stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca](mailto:stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca)  
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