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**Pastor's
 Corner**

**MOTHER TERESA, THE BAKER, AND
 THE ORPHAN**

One day, Mother Teresa came across a starving orphan girl in the streets of Calcutta. She took the girl by the hand to a bakery and there she begged the baker for a loaf of bread for the girl. The baker spat full on Mother Teresa's face. She responded as a saint, "Thank you for that gift for me. Now...perhaps something for the child?" Mother Teresa did not offer herself as a doormat. She did not run away nor did she fight back against the baker. Rather, she was "actively engaging aggression, so as to turn it into something new. She was loving her enemy precisely by...shaming him and helping him to see what he was doing." (Fr. Robert Barron) Mother Teresa engaged in an attempt to transform the wicked person from within and I bet she succeeded! That is a hard strategy. Will it result at times in the practitioner of this strategy being taken advantage of? Yes. Will it cause anguish? Yes. But this is the path of love, and it is the only one that works against evil. Running away from evil will simply postpone the problem. Fighting evil in order to crush it will not work, long term, even if you can have a few so called "victories" here and there.

Seeking to convert the aggressive person, seeking to lure him into a better spiritual space, this is God's way. He makes the sun shine for the good and the bad. How many times did He lure me into a better spiritual space, while I was abusing Him? Remembering it with love, help me to follow His command. "Be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect."

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This is very hard. But it is the path of love. "The very difficulty of it throws one necessarily back on God—and this is always good— compelling us to rely on grace." (Fr. Robert Barron) Finally, what Jesus is recommending in this Gospel is "a living out of the Divine Life." Let us drink at the well of this Divine Life, at the heart of Jesus.

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

Jr. YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 6 - 8) – HEAVEN & EARTH

PARISH NEWS

Can you go to Heaven before dying? Yes you can. On Monday, join the Jr. Youth Ministry to find out how. Join us at 6:30pm in the Church Basement and don't miss out on the big secret.



8:00 AM CHOIR – MUSICIANS WANTED

We are sad that our talented pianist Dimas and soloist/guitarist Dominic will be leaving us shortly. We lose Dimas to UBC course load demands and Dominic to a new career in Hong Kong. We desperately need a **Pianist** commencing July and **Guitarist** by April. We wish to also add a **Violinist** to our Team. All musicians should have good sight reading skills and be able to commit to the 8:00am Mass each week. We practice for 1 hour, directly after Mass. Please contact Amalie 778-836-4187 or amalie.livera@telus.net.



ST. MARY'S LENTEN MISSION

"Eucharistic Principles of the Spiritual Life", by Fr. Emmerich Vogt, O.P. on Monday, March 7 and Tuesday, March 8. There are 2 conferences, morning conference 8:45am-10am & evening conference 7pm-8:15pm. The morning & evening conferences are the SAME, offered twice for your convenience. Please see the poster in the Church foyer for more details.

A GENTLER AND KINDER WORLD FOR OUR CHILDREN

St. Mary's former pastor, Fr. Vincent Travers, O.P., will present: "Cherishing and Protecting Children" on Tuesday, March 15 at 7pm in the Church. This is a seminar for anyone who is interested in creating a world where only good things happen to children and vulnerable adults. After the presentation there will be time for anyone who wishes to raise issues of concern.

PARISH NEWS

HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD

On Saturday, February 26 at 10am, the Handmaids of the Lord, a family ministry of Couples for Christ, is inviting single mature women, widows, separated or divorced, single parents, wives of overseas workers, and those whose husbands are unavailable to join the community to a Christian Life Program at the St. Mary's Gym. This is a series of teachings about our faith and how we can deepen our relationship with the Lord. The program is free and fellowship follows after each session. For more information pls. call: Irene 778-883-9091 or Rae 604-435-0297.

PARENTING WORKSHOP-SESSION 3

"Positive Ways to Discipline your Child/Teen": Discipline can be an unpleasant task for a parent, but effective discipline is an opportunity for a child/teen to develop responsibility and decision making skills. In this module, parents will learn practical skills for positive and creative ways to discipline. Join us on Friday, March 4 from 7pm-9:30p.m.

BIBLE STUDY—BOOK OF ACTS

The previously postponed Bible study on the book of Acts will now resume. The first session is on March 5, Saturday 9:45am-11:45am. The new schedule is posted on the board in the church foyer. Study materials (cost \$30) will be distributed on the first session. Everyone is welcome!



IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

Inspired by the life of Saint Ignatius, this 6-week course introduces students to the essentials of Ignatian spirituality. Topics include discovering God's voice in daily life, Ignatian contemplation, guidelines for discerning life choices, and nurturing a faith that leads to justice. Instructor: Fr. Elton Fernandes, SJ. Six Thursdays from 10am-12pm, March 10 to April 14, St. Mary's Church Basement. Cost \$50. For more information, email: continuing@stmarkscollege.ca.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

EXPLORE THE RICH SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

A Retreat Day - dive Into Lent by exploring the rich Sunday scriptures of Year A Liturgical Cycle with Sr. Monica on Mar. 12, 9:30am to 4pm at the Cenacle, 5989 Mackenzie Street. Reservations, call 604-266-1611.



DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

SEARCHING FOR THE MEANING OF SUFFERING

Is there ever purpose or meaning to be found in suffering? Join Mark and LaRee Pickup who have dealt with multiple sclerosis for over 25 years in this interactive seminar. Searching for the Meaning of Suffering: A Christian Perspective: Feb. 26. Cost: \$20 including a light breakfast. St. Patrick's Parish, 2881 Main Street 9am-1pm beginning with Mass. To register call 604-443-3220.

TALK BY JIM MURPHY

Jim Murphy will speak on March 4/5 on the topics: Is Holiness Achievable, Obstacles to Holiness, Why Holiness is Essential and the Fruit of Holiness in Our Lives. Both days begin with Mass: Friday 7pm and Saturday 9am at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, 7455 10th Ave Burnaby. Info: Vernon 604-460-0114 or www.vccrs.ca.

THE ART OF BEING TOGETHER

Join talented emerging artists and celebrate the spirit of community at L'Arche's second annual "Art of Being Together." Proceeds go to L'Arche Greater Vancouver, a Burnaby based organization that is dedicated to providing homes and day programs to those with developmental disabilities. Art celebrates the whole person, body, soul, and spirit, and so does L'Arche. Join us on Saturday, March 5, from 11am-5pm at the Nikkei Centre, 6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby. Admission by donation, minimum \$5. Everyone is welcome.

SIMPLICITY AND PRAYER

An evening of reflection, an opportunity to reflect on the season and its meaning by Fr. Eugenio Aloisio on Mar. 4 at 6pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Vancouver and by Fr. Craig Scott, on Mar. 7 at 6pm at St. Clare of Assisi Parish, Coquitlam. Cost: \$15 per person, light supper included. Register: www.rcav.org/ore.

ARE YOU LIVING THE "MARRIED SINGLES" LIFESTYLE?

Many married couples have lost the sense of closeness they once had and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to get back that closeness. This program has helped thousands of couples at all levels of marital distress from simple disillusionment to deep misery. All that is required is a mutual desire to work on your marriage. For confidential info or to register for the weekend of April 8-10, call 604-530-6710, email vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Feb 20 : 10:00am Handmaids (School Gym)
2:30pm Liturgy Committee (Rectory Dining)
6:30pm Sr. YM FLAME (Church Basement)

Mon. Feb 21: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr. YM-SPARK (Church Basement)

Tue. Feb 22: 6:30pm Prep Catechism (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Ablaze Growth (Church Basement)

Wed. Feb 23: 8:30am Respect Life (Rectory Dining)
3:00pm St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex)
6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)
6:30pm Prep Catechism (School)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Thu. Feb 24: 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Fri. Feb 25: 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL Youth (Rectory Basement)
6:00pm CFC-SFL (School Seminar Room)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Sat. Feb 26: 10:00am Handmaids (School Gym)
1:30pm CFC-SFC (Seminar Room)
3:00pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

Sun. Feb 27 : 1:00pm CFC-FFL Youth (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study (Rectory Dining)

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, see website or contact 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 (*Young Adult 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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