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**Pastor's
 Corner**

WILL GOD BE YOUR CENTRE?

Until the beginning of the twentieth century, the highest building of almost any large cities of the world was the cathedral or the temple. Nowadays, in Chicago for instance, the three highest buildings in the city skyline are owned by insurance companies. Security and money are priorities.

These are important, indispensable realities in our lives. But life is more than food, clothing, security. Suppose for one moment that, after years and years of hard work— having put money and security above all other goals, you finally have them. Well, then you won't know what to do with them, with your security, with your money, with your food and drink, with your health. Unless you have put God first during your life, you won't know what to do with the four "P's," possessions, power, pleasure, prestige. You will die of boredom or simply try to get more of the same, more security, more money, however futile it is.

But if you put God first, if all the good things of this life— and the trials too— are sought after God and in obedience to Him, then you will benefit from His Providence. You will be in the right spiritual space to receive fully His loving care. In today's Gospel, Jesus said, "Strive first for the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." And in the first reading, God said, through Isaiah, "Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you."

An objection may rise in your mind. Is Jesus calling us to live irresponsibly, like "the birds of the air" or to become a monk, living with the bare minimum, just enough to survive? No, Jesus does not tell us to seek only God. We can still seek the good things He has created for us; we only need to seek

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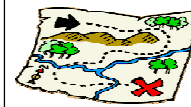
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them in the ways and order He wants us to seek them. He should know, because He created us. He knows that we cannot serve two masters. If our master is lower than us - money, possessions, power, pleasures, prestige, clothing, food— then we alienate ourselves, we become slaves of these things. We always want more of them. If our master is Him, we are set free by Him who lifts us up to Himself, only God can satisfy us. When we have God, then we can truly enjoy the world, freely, without being addicted to it.

What have you got to lose? You receive your life from God. Give it back to Him, serve Him, and He will give you a hundredfold in this world, and eternal life in the kingdom. He promised it.
God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

Jr. YOUTH MINISTRY (gr 6-8) – TREASURE HUNTERS



We will hunt for the treasure and when we find it...we will give up everything just to have it. Join the hunt and don't miss the fun. Join SPARK on

Monday, February 28 at 6:30pm in the church basement

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 8am 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 9

Mass times will be: 8am, 9:30am (School Mass), 5pm & 7pm, with a separate Prep Liturgy at 6:45pm in the School Gym.

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-9:30pm.

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: continuinged@stmarkscollege.ca.

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.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

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, and by Fr. Craig Scott, on Mar. 7 at 6pm at St. Clare of Assisi Parish. Cost: \$15/person, light supper included. Register: www.rcav.org/ore.

COME AND REST AWHILE RETREAT

A retreat by Madonna House for all in need of spiritual renewal, especially weary pro-lifers, to be held Mar. 26- 8:30am-4pm at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, 3690- 152nd Street, Surrey. Retreat consists of conferences, Mass, Confession and Stations of the Cross. Cost is \$35/person includes coffee break and lunch. To register call the Respect Life Office at 604-443-3220. Deadline is Mar. 21.

FOUR STAGES OF MARRIAGE



The four stages of troubled marriages are: Romance, Disillusionment, Misery, and Awakening. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the fourth stage. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery, contact Retrouvaille. For 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 27:** 1:00pm CFC-FFL Youth (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study (Rectory Dining)
- Mon. Feb 28:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr. YM-SPARK (Church Basement)
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)
- Tue. Mar 1:** 6:30pm Prep Catechism (School)
6:30pm Baptism Prep (Church Basement)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Ablaze Growth (Church)
7:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
- Wed. Mar 2:** 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 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. Mar 3:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. Mar 4:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:00pm CFC-SFL (Rectory Basement)
6:30pm Dev & Peace (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:00pm Parenting Workshop (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Mar 5:** 9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)
9:45am Bible Study (Church Basement)
10:00am Handmaids (School Gym)
1:00pm Fr Emmerich (Church Basement)
1:30pm CFC-SFC (School Gym)
3:00pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
- Sun. Mar 6:** 1:00pm CFC-FFL Youth (Rectory Basement)
1:00pm Youth 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 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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