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**Pastor's  
Corner**

## **THE POWER OF BEAUTY**

How do you know if there is something after death? The next Catholic Forum at St. Mary's this coming Tuesday night will address the questions of life after death. Some people think it is only a big gamble. Some bet there is life after death. Others bet there is nothing. But this pure gambling will not hold up when you go through difficult moments in your life. Then you will need to see something in this world that will be a glimpse of the world to come, like the beauty of God and the beauty of heaven shining in and through this world.

This is how St. Thomas Aquinas, the Doctor of the Church, saw the Transfiguration of Jesus. He said it was fitting that Jesus Christ be manifested in all His glory, because those who are walking an arduous path need from time to time a clear sense of their goal. What is the arduous path? It is human life with all of its trials and dangers and difficulties: failures and depression, fear of death, sickness, the loss of friends. As we make our way through this life, we are going on an arduous journey. What is the goal of the journey? The beatific vision, the vision of God, the life of heaven, this transfigured and glorious state that God has designed for us. Therefore, said St. Thomas, it is so important for us, at least from time to time, to get a glimpse of the end. The disciples, John, James, and John needed a glimpse of heaven, this momentary breakthrough of the glory that was held out to them. They needed this to keep following Christ to Jerusalem, for during His passion they would be tempted not to believe in Him and in God anymore. Therefore, Thomas concludes that it was fitting that He should show His disciples the glory of His radiance, to which He would configure those who are His, a sense of the end goal.

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We are not meant just for this world. No matter how good it is, there is nothing in it that can satisfy our thirst. We need "something" that is more intense, more durable, something that will never die, that will never be washed away by life's trials. Isn't that a sign that we were made for more, and that there must be something that corresponds to that desire? Then that "something" more must be experienced from time to time. That is what happened at the Transfiguration. The light of the World to come, the light of God, the Uncreated Light through which we see light itself came to be seen. This light is meant to awaken our sense of amazement, so that we may forever look at the world in a different way, as the promise of something more real, more beautiful, more lovable.

Why the light? We have always associated holiness with light, with halo, with aura. When Malcolm Muggeridge turned a film in the "House of the Dying of Mother Teresa," this place was so dark and gloomy that the crew felt the film would not pick up anything discernable. When they developed the film in London, they were amazed to see everything in that dark place filled with a gentle warm light. It was coming from Mother Teresa and was moving with her. The camera miraculously seemed to pick up the supernatural light of her holiness. Another time, at another location in a school hall, while Mother Teresa was captivating her audience, not by her words, but because of her very presence, because of some "quality" that came across, over and above her words...at that moment, a luminosity seemed to fill the place, penetrating every mind and heart.

That is what happened, and much more, to John, James and John. This light made them feel understood by Jesus and made them understand who Jesus was.

Do you have any "Transfiguration" experience? Did you ever glimpse the compelling beauty of God, of Heaven, of the World to come? Share it!

*God Bless you, Fr. Pierre*

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **YOUTH MINISTRY BREAK**

Youth Ministry is on Spring Break. There will be no Youth Ministry events this week. We will resume on Sunday, March 27 with Sr. Youth Ministry and Monday, March 28 with Jr. Youth Ministry. Have a great vacation!



### **CATHOLIC FORUM**

Invites you to explore "What Happens After Death?" on Tuesday March 22 at 7pm at St. Mary's Church. Presentation and discussion will be led by Fr. David Sajdak, S.D.B. Come and bring a friend! For information contact Dr. Paul Ungar at 604-588-5696 or Cathy Neugebauer email: ve7cld@shaw.ca

### **CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH**

CCO Missionaries are visiting our parish this weekend to share about their work of evangelization on university campuses, and how we can join the mission through supporting the missionaries through prayer, provision, and partnership. More information can be found at [vancouver.cco.ca](http://vancouver.cco.ca) or emailing [vancouver@cco.ca](mailto:vancouver@cco.ca).

### **ANNUAL YARD SALE**

The sale will take place on April 30th and is sponsored by our Respect Life group to help women in distress. Your donations of goods (tools, books, dishes, toys, etc) would be greatly appreciated, but **NO CLOTHING** please. Items may be dropped off in the large box in the church foyer.

### **PENNIES FOR HEAVEN**

The Knights of Columbus St. Mary's council is appealing for your generous support to our Annual Pennies for Heaven Drive. We will be collecting in the Church foyer during March and April. All proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charity Foundation in support of Vocations to the Priesthood.

### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING PETITION**

If you believe that we can do more to combat Human Trafficking, please sign the Petition located in the foyer, sponsored jointly by of the St. Mary's Catholic Women's League and St. Mary's Street Ministry. Together we can make a difference!

### **MIGRANT WORKERS WORKSHOP**

Couples For Christ are conducting the second part of the Migrant Workers Workshop Seminar on Sunday, March 20 from 1-5pm in the church basement. Everyone is welcome.

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

### **CCODP FOR JAPAN**

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace is forwarding donations to Caritas Japan for its reconstruction programs. To donate visit [www.rcav.org/japan](http://www.rcav.org/japan).

### **HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES**

Have your loved ones stopped practicing the faith? Do they no longer believe in God? Then this seminar by Vernon Robertson is for you, at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Burnaby on Apr. 9th from 9:45am to 4pm. To pre-register and for a free manual (for participants) email: [varobertson@shaw.ca](mailto:varobertson@shaw.ca); phone: 604-460-0114.

### **A DAY OF CONVERSATION ON RELIGIOUS LIFE**

On Saturday, Apr. 2 from 9am-4pm. It will cover the call to religious life, prayer, community life, mission and ministry. Location: Immaculate Heart Early Childhood Education Centre, 789 Alderson Ave, Coquitlam. By donation. Lunch provided. To register/more info contact: [mariavie2000@yahoo.com](mailto:mariavie2000@yahoo.com) or 604-874-9371 or [sihm@telus.net](mailto:sihm@telus.net) or 604 936 3455.

### **CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP**

Discern your God-given spiritual gifts! Discern your call! Workshop offered by professional presenters from the Catherine of Siena Institute on Friday, Mar. 25, 7:30pm - 9:30pm and Saturday, Mar. 26, 9:30am - 4pm, simultaneously at St. Joseph's Parish, Mission and St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver. Materials, coffee breaks and lunch on Saturday included in the cost of \$49. For more information and to register: call the Stewardship Office at 604-683-0281 or visit [www.rcav.org/stewardship](http://www.rcav.org/stewardship).

### **GRACE THAT REIGNS**

Lenten Healing Missions on the theme "*The Word Made Flesh*." Mission 1: April 8th -7:30pm & April 9th- 9am at St. Joseph the Worker in Richmond with Fr. David Poirier S.A.(Franciscan Friar.) Mission 2: April 16th -9am at St. James in Abbotsford B.C with Fr. George Varghese. For details please visit: [www.GracethatReigns.com](http://www.GracethatReigns.com).

### **3-DAY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE**

To the National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother in Portland, Oregon April 8-10. Father Peter Chiang will be the chaplain for this Retreat. For info, brochure, or registration please call Sampaguita Travel Bureau 604-874-9533 ext. 105 or Lennie 604-594-7296 or [lennieptl@telus.net](mailto:lennieptl@telus.net).

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sun. Mar 20:** 1:00pm Migrant Workshop (Church Basement)  
2:00pm CFC-SFL (School Gym)

**Mon. Mar 21:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

**Tue. Mar 22:** 6:30pm Prep Catechism (School)  
7:00pm Catholic Forum (Church)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)  
7:30pm Ablaze Prayer Group (Church Basement)

**Wed. Mar 23:** 3:00pm St. Michael's Mass (7451 Sussex)  
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 24:** 10:00am Ignatian Spirituality (Church Basement)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



**Fri. Mar 25:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
6:00pm CFC-FFL Youth (Rectory Basement)  
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)  
6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



**Sat. Mar 26:** 9:45am Bible Study (Church Basement)  
10:00am Handmaids (School Gym)  
1:30pm CFC-SFC (School Gym)  
3:00pm Baptisms (Church)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)  
6:00pm CFC (Church Basement)  
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

**Sun. Mar 27:** 1:00pm CFC-FFL Youth (Rectory Basement)  
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)  
2:00pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)  
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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**YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)** E-mail: [stmarys\\_ym@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarys_ym@yahoo.com)

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