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Pastor's
 Corner

“FREDERIC WON'T HAVE ANYONE TO PLAY WITH” (Guillaume)

Frederic died of leukemia at the age of seven. Guillaume, only five years old, had spent most of his time playing with Frederic who could no longer go to school. After the funeral, when Frederic's body was lowered into the crematorium, and shut away from his family by two steel doors, Guillaume shouted loudly, “Frederic will not have anyone to play with”. I will never forget these words said 25 years ago by this five year old boy. They expressed the definitiveness and absolute finality of death, how death separates us from our loved one, and how the dead person can no longer reach out to us. The face we love will never smile at us again. We will never be able to obtain any reaction, any response from the dead person. He or she is paralyzed forever.

But this is from our human perspective only. Jesus says in today's Gospel, “Our friend Lazarus is at rest, I am going to wake him”. The disciples understood that Lazarus was not really dead. But Jesus clarified, “He is dead”. When they arrived at Bethany, the stench of death had already begun, since Lazarus had been dead four days, indicating that death was irreversible by human standard. Only the creative power of God could recreate Lazarus. When Jesus said, “Lazarus, come out”, it was like the first day of creation, when the Word was spoken, “Let there be light”. The same word that created the stars and set them in motion was now at work in Lazarus.

This Gospel passage is about the non-finality of death. Death is a transitional stage to a greater and richer mode of existence.

Pastor's Corner Continued...

“If you had been there, Lord, my brother would not have died”. This is our question too. Why, Lord, this passage through death? Personally, I can only say that death is the moment of total trust and surrender to God. It is the way to undo the corruption of sin, by total faith and surrender. Jesus Himself died. We don't die alone and hopeless. We die in Him, with Him, for Him, and we go to the Life-Giving Father through Him and with Him, and meet our loved ones with Him.

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

Jr. YOUTH MINISTRY (gr 6-8)- WELCOME TO THE PARTY

You might be the life of the party but did you know that the sacraments are the life of the Church? Join our party as we celebrate the sacraments and find out how they give life to us. Join us on Monday, April 11 at 6:30pm in the church basement. Bring a friend and win a prize!

Sr. YOUTH MINISTRY (gr 8-12)-SORROWFUL MYSTERIES



Our Lord asked the apostles to keep watch with Him. For all that He has done for us can we not even keep watch with Him? Join the Sr. Youth Ministry as we meditate on the Sorrowful Mysteries with scenes from the Passion of Christ and dive deep into our Lord's Passion and crucifixion. Join us on Sunday, April 17 at 6:30pm in the church basement and bring your palms with you for palm-art session.

YOUTH DAY 2011 - MAY 6 & 7



I cannot believe a whole year has passed and it's time for Youth Day again. Yes, the highly anticipated, impatiently waited event of the year is almost here. If you have been to Youth Day before then you know what I am talking about and if you have never been there before, well this is your chance! Team up with the St Mary's Sr. Youth Ministry (gr 8-12) who will be joining hundreds of teens for an awesome weekend of faith, fellowship, and fun! Registration forms are available on the Youth Ministry web-site at www.saintmarysyoung.com under “forms” menu. Early registration deadline is April 22 (you will get a free t-shirt). Don't miss this amazing weekend!

PARISH NEWS

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

St. Mary's Lenten Penitential Service will be on Friday, April 15, following the 7pm Mass. Please avail yourselves of this opportunity with several priests available to hear confessions.



CWL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The Catholic Women's League (CWL) invites everyone to a pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 10 from 8:30am to 1pm in the School Gym. This event is a great opportunity for ladies of all ages to meet the CWL Members and consider joining the league. Come and see for yourself what the sisterhood of faith, fun and fulfillment can do for you. All proceeds from the breakfast will go to Share Lent. So, come for a hearty breakfast and for a good cause.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2011

Calling for volunteers! Our committee required volunteers this year to assist in our campaign. If you are a new parishioner, come join us and show your support for the parish. If you have participated previously, we sure need your expertise in assisting us to make this event more successful. Volunteer cards are available in the church foyer, please return all cards by April 18. There will be an information and training meeting on April 19 at 6pm in the School Gym. We look forward to working with all of you in this year's campaign.

“ABLAZE” LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Get set ‘ablaze’ in the Spirit through a Life in the Spirit Seminar to be conducted by ‘Mission Ablaze’ Group of St. Mary's. Friday, April 29 -7pm to 10pm and Saturday, April 30 from 9:30am to 4:30pm. Register online at servant_ablaze2011@yahoo.ca or 604-454-3143 (pls. leave your name and contact info) or sign up in the foyer.



STREET MINISTRY CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

St. Mary's Street Ministry is looking for volunteers to join the Saturday homeless outreach team. We meet at 2pm and finish around 5:30pm. If you're interested to serve Jesus in the poor, and are able to walk for 2 hours, please contact Mildred at 778-885-9611 or 604-435-9611(x 230) or mmoy_ca@yahoo.com.

COFFEE SOCIAL GROUP

Volunteers are needed for the 3rd Sunday every month. Please contact Kerr at 604-327-6864 if you can help.



PARISH NEWS

HOLY WEEK

On Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, we will have an additional Mass at 3pm. There will be an additional Good Friday service celebrated in the School Hall this year. Please note, flowers will not be used for veneration on Good Friday.


DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

DEANERY PENITENTIAL SERVICES

April 12– St. Jude’s 7pm, St. Theresa’s 7pm
April 13– Corpus Christi 7pm, St. Joseph’s (English) 7pm
April 14– St. Helen’s 7pm, St. Joseph’s (Vietnamese) 7pm
April 15– **St. Mary’s 7:45pm**
April 18– St. Francis of Assisi 7pm



DISCOVERING GOD’S VOICE

 “Discover Intimacy with Christ amidst the Challenges of Daily Life” with Father Elton Fernandes, SJ, who currently provides spiritual direction, facilitates retreats, and gives spiritual exercises in our Archdiocese. Parish Lenten Retreat will be held on Apr. 13, 14 and 15 from 7-8:30pm at Guardian Angels’ Parish, 1161 Broughton Street, Vancouver. Free parking available. More information: 604-684-5775/office_guardianangels@shaw.ca.

THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE LIKENESS OF GOD




Theology of the Body is John Paul II’s teaching on love, life and human sexuality. Fr. Alan Boisclair will present an 11week course starting Apr. 26 at St. Francis Xavier’s Parish, Vancouver and Apr. 28 at St. Monica’s Parish, Richmond. The cost is \$50, includes the textbook “Man and Woman, He Created Them-Theology of the Body.” Visit www.rcav.org/tob for more information and registration.

BACK TO (CATHOLIC) BASICS

Choose from a variety of one-day courses, open to all, in Church History, Apologetics, Theology of the Body, Basics of the Faith. The Archdiocesan Spring Institute, April 30 at Holy Cross Secondary in Surrey, offers general interest and ministry training courses for RCIA, PREP, Liturgy of the Word with Children, and Youth Ministry. Learn your faith and pass it on! Cost: \$35/40, lunch included. Info and registration: 604-683-0281; www.rcav.org/winter.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Apr 10:** 8:30am CWL Breakfast (School Gym)
2:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
2:00pm Migrant Ministry (Rectory Basement)
6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study (Rectory Dining)
- Mon. Apr 11:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr YM Spark (Church Basement)
- Tue. Apr 12:** 5:30pm Baptism Prep (Church)
6:30pm Prep Catechism (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
6:45pm Vigil Choir (School Seminar Room)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze Prayer Group (Church Basement)
- Wed. Apr 13:** 2:00pm Willingdon Mass (4435 Grange)
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)
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Thu. Apr 14: 10:00am Ignatian Spirituality (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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Fri. Apr 15: 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:00pm CFC-SFL (School Seminar Room)
6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
6:30pm Dev & Peace (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:30pm CCO (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
7:45pm Lenten Penitential Service (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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Sat. Apr 16: 9:45am Bible Study (Church Basement)
10:00am CFC-SFL (Rectory Basement)
1:30pm CFC SFC (Rectory Dining)
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
7:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
8:00pm CFC (Church)

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 9:45am

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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