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**Pastor's
 Corner**

Pastor's Corner Continued...

Every mother in heaven intercedes for her children. Every child in heaven including those who were aborted, intercede for their mother on earth. Why? Because in heaven, everybody there has forgiven everyone on earth. Otherwise, heaven would not be heaven.

I also know that the sooner we can reconcile with our mother, the better it is for her and for ourselves...Sadly enough, I felt for a long time, that a reconciliation with my mother would be a form of abdication of my autonomy, of my true freedom. It was wrong. I knew it. But I could not change it. Only grace can do it. But I had to ask for it.

When we cannot reconcile with our mother, and/or our father, we create a protective barrier around our heart, which prevents life, love and light to come in us and to get out of us. We build a heart of stone and we start judging and accusing those who represent authority and those who represent the power of love and intimacy. We form self-fulfilling curses like "I will never let a woman come close to me", or judgments like "All women are the same". The good news is that, with Christ, we can break these curses, and bring all these judgmental thoughts to the foot of the Cross so that Christ can free us from them. Welcome to a Healing Ministry. Welcome to the Sacrament of reconciliation. I hear some beautiful stories there about relationships with mother and son, mother and daughter. I also hear some tragic stories. Please pray for those who come to confession and for us, priests who hear them.

God Bless all the mothers of this parish. Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

P.R.E.P. (CATECHISM) REGISTRATION FOR 2011/2012

Early Bird Registration for P.R.E.P. for the upcoming school year has now begun. If you are new to P.R.E.P., please obtain a copy of the registration form (one per child) found in an envelope pinned on the bulletin board in the church foyer. After you complete the registration form, please bring it (along with the registration fee and a copy of your child's baptismal certificate) to the **SCHOOL OFFICE (upstairs)** during P.R.E.P. evenings only. (Tues. & Wed. nights 6:30pm to 7:45pm, during the month of May). All other information can be found on the registration form.

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (gr 6 - 8) – DIDN'T I GRADUATE?



The grade 7's received their Sacrament of Confirmation last week and they were so happy, but why? What really changed? Are they better people now or are they holier than before? Join SPARK to find the answers and to celebrate with the grade 7s. Join us on Monday, May 9 at 6:30pm in the Church Basement. *PS: Yes we will have cake to celebrate and more.*

FLAME (gr 8-12) – ABORTION: MURDER OR CHOICE?



Abortion: Murder or choice? Every coin has two sides to it, so if you have an opinion come and join the debate, if you want to learn more then come and listen. Join us on Sunday, May 15 at 6:30pm in the Church Basement. With pizza, games and a lively debate, this will be a night to remember.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE



The Knights of Columbus Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale will take place at the Church entrance today, Sunday May 8, after all Masses. Minimum donation of \$1.00 per carnation. All proceeds go to Knights of Columbus sponsored Parish community projects.

READY, SET, LEARN



St. Mary's School is hosting a Ready, Set, Learn early learning parent information meeting on Thursday, May 12 at 7pm in the school seminar room. This workshop is intended for families with **3-4 year olds** to support their young learners through play-based activities and to gain knowledge about community resources. Parents **must** register with the school office at 604-437-1312 to reserve your spot. Attendees will receive an educational package for home use. Parents only please.

PARENTING WORKSHOP

Communication is a basic life skill. When we learn to communicate effectively with our kids/teens, we develop a good relationship with them. Come and attend the 5th of 10 series of parenting workshops on Friday, May 13, 7-9pm in the Church basement. The topic will be "Communicating Effectively with Your Child/Teen." Bring your family and friends and snacks for sharing.

PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE 2011

It is very exciting to start off the 31st Project Advance; our committee hopes to make this event as fun and successful as IN previous years. Committee members and volunteers will be available this weekend until end of June to collect all returned pledges in the foyer after each mass. We also welcome new donors, participation from all parishioners is most important and is one of key factors to make this a successful campaign. Last year with your generous support, we received donations in amount of \$91,000 and after expenses we were able to receive a rebate of over \$9800 to assist with the cost of a new Kindergarten class room at St. Mary's school. This year the rebate will assist the St. Mary's Student Aid program, which assists families with financial difficulties in paying school tuition. Thank you in advance for your generous support in making this year even more success campaign from the Project Advance Team.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RETREAT

The purpose of the *Spiritual Exercises* is to discover what hinders us from drawing closer to Christ, to come to know Christ more intimately and to clarify his call to us. In other words, it is an opportunity to know Christ more clearly, to love him more dearly and to follow him more nearly. This retreat is a prayerful introduction to the *Spiritual Exercises*. It will take place over two evenings and one day (Thursday May 19, 7-9pm, Friday May 20, 7-9pm and Saturday May 21, 9am-3pm). Please register on the sign up sheet in the Church foyer. The retreat fee is \$45.00 and is limited to 30 participants.

NOTRE DAME PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE

There are two positions to be filled for the next school year. All candidates nominated for election must be people of faith who are committed to Catholic Schools. Those eligible to be nominated must be practicing Catholics, registered in the parish, approved by the pastor and have reached the age of 21. The nomination forms and the expectation forms may be picked up at the parish office.

RESPECT LIFE YARD SALE

Many thanks to all those who donated goods for our annual yard sale. It was a huge success, and the lives of some babies may well be saved as a result. God Bless you!



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. May 8: 10:00am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)
11:00am Mother's Day Lunch (Church Basement)
2:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study (Rectory Dining)



Mon. May 9: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr YM- SPARK (Church Basement)

Tue. May 10: 5:30pm Baptism Prep (Church)
6:30pm Prep Catechism (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

Wed. May 11: 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)



Thu. May 12: 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Fri. May 13: 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:00pm Parenting Workshop (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Sat. May 14: 2:00pm First Communion (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Seminar Room)
7:00pm CFC (Church Basement)

Sun. May 15: 9:00am CFC-YFL (School Gym)

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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