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Pastor's
Corner

**THE METAPHYSICAL JOURNEY-
ASCENSION**

We sometimes imagine the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ in a hyper-realistic way: Jesus beginning a journey into space until He reaches a place called heaven. But even if Jesus had been traveling at the speed of light, He would be barely going out of our galaxy, two thousand years later, that is now. And He would still have to go through millions, billions of other galaxies. What we celebrate today is not that Christ has gone into a physically different place- He said He would be with us every day until the end of time, but that His whole being, including His body, His human nature, has entered into another metaphysical dimension, a way of being that shares God's way of being. We know that one day, we too will have a body like His.

What do I mean by all this? That Christ, at the Ascension, is no longer limited by the space-time matrix, even in His body. We live in space and time. We can only be present in one place at a time. And so did Jesus before His Resurrection. When He was in Jerusalem, He could not be physically present in Galilee. Now He can, even physically. Because He has a spiritual body, as Paul describes. He shares in His Resurrected Body, God's way of being present everywhere, of knowing everything about every one of us, of being in relation to all and each of us at the same time. We will be like that in heaven, after the Resurrection of the dead.

We see anticipation of that in the lives of the saints. Padre Pio, who died in the twentieth century, had the gift of bilocation several times. Also, in near-death experience, people in comas have experienced a form of out-of-the-body consciousness. We don't have to believe in these experiences of near-death, but they could be used to open our minds to a different mode of knowing and perceiving that transcends the limit of time and space.

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The Ascension makes the Eucharist possible. Christ can be physically present in every consecrated host of the universe, because it is His Risen Body that is present in the consecrated bread, a Body that has joined the qualities of the spiritual and the physical realm.

This is also what we mean when we pray the Our Father with Jesus: "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done here as it is in heaven." When we say that, we pray that the day will come, when the dynamics of relationship with one another and with God will be the same here as they are in heaven, in God's sphere of being.

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

SPARK (grades 6 - 8) - COMFORT & JOY



Who likes getting sick? Nobody of course. And when we get sick we want to get better right away. And the best way to do that is to ask God for His healing power. Our health is so important to God that He has given a whole sacrament to heal us. Join the Jr Youth Ministry to find out more about the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Join us on Monday, June 6 at 6:30pm in the church basement.

YOUTH MASS NEEDS HELP



Youth Mass needs your help. We need young adults and adults to serve as Eucharistic Ministers at Youth Mass. This is a great honor to hold the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and to give communion. If you are interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister for the Sunday 5:00pm Mass, and are over the age of 21, please fill out a yellow Parish Participation Form from the church foyer and return it to the Parish Office.

PARISH NEWS

THE ASCENSION



God our Father, make us joyful in the ascension of your Son Jesus Christ. May we follow him into the new creation, for his ascension is our glory and our hope. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

JOB OPENINGS

We have two job openings in our parish: A part-time, 20hr/week position for a Youth Ministry Assistant Coordinator and a 10 hr/week position for a PREP Coordinator. The job descriptions and details are posted on our website. Please do not call the parish office before visiting the website.



PROJECT ADVANCE

A BIG thanks to parishioners who have returned their pledges and contributed! Our parish target this year is \$92,000.00 and we are now at 14% of the target. Committee members and volunteers will be in the church foyer after each mass during the month of June to assist you. So far, less than 3% of registered families of the parish have contributed, so we encourage every one to participate in this event, as it is the key to making this a success! Your generosity is greatly appreciated regardless of the amount. You can also send in pledges online at www.rcav.org (make sure you insert the correct parish name).

WORSHIP LEADER

Youth Ministry is looking for a worship leader who will be responsible for praying and leading worship for Jr. & Sr. Youth Ministry events. Youth event performances will last approximately 15-20 minutes. You must be a practicing Catholic in full communion with the Catholic Church with a minimum of 2 years experience playing guitar. You will need strong voice and capability of leading others in song, ability to pray spontaneously, ability to direct others to produce a Christ centered worship environment, ability to take instruction and feedback and most importantly- interpersonal skills, and the ability to relate to teens. If you think you have what it takes, we dare you to take this challenge and apply for this amazing volunteer position. For more information please contact Arda at 604-435-9611 ext.6 or stmarys_ym@yahoo.com.



DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

INTRODUCTION TO IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

A Retreat will be presented and facilitated by Rob Des Cotes and Fr. Elton Fernandes, S.J. at St. Augustine's Parish, 2028, W. 7th Ave., Vancouver, June 9 and 10– 7 to 9 pm and June 11– 9:30 am to 4:30pm. The retreat will be limited to 30 people, priority given to members of the parish. To inquire about registration please contact 604-874-6246 or imago@shaw.ca.

CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

Catholic Charismatics will celebrate Pentecost: praise, worship, adoration, benediction, Mass and birthday cake on June 11 from 10am-1pm at St. Matthew's 16079 88th Avenue Surrey. All are welcome.



SEPARATION, DIVORCE AND ANNULMENT SEMINAR

A presentation by Roy MacIntyre, M.A., Counsellor of Catholic Family Services, and followed by questions and answers. This event will be held at the Immaculate Conception Parish, 8842 – 119th Street, Delta on June 18 -10 a.m. to noon. Cost \$10. All are welcome. For more information and registration call 604- 443-3220.

SUMMER IN THE CITY (OF GOD) FAITH FORMATION

St. Mark's College registration is now open for the Summer courses July 4-15. Join us as we explore biblical and theological foundations of Catholic practices and devotions. Check out all the offerings at <http://stmarkscollege.ca/programs/continuing-education/summer-institute> or email registrar@stmarkscollege.ca or continuinged@stmarkscollege.ca for more information. Register by phone, mail or in person at 604-822-6862.

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE

If you are still making post-secondary plans for this fall, consider getting started at Corpus Christi College. As Vancouver's Catholic Liberal Arts College, we offer university transfer programs in arts, humanities, business, and science. It's not too late to apply and register for the fall, and scholarships are still available. Check out www.corpuschristi.ca/apply-now for more details!

VOCATION LIVE-IN WEEKEND

On the weekend of July 1-3 there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission. For more information call 604-826-8715.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Jun 5:** 9:00am Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
10:30am CWL Family Fair (School Gym)
2:00pm CFC (School Seminar Room)
- Mon. Jun 6:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr YM- SPARK (Church Basement)
7:00pm Lay Apostle (Church)
- Tue. Jun 7:** 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
- Wed. Jun 8:** 2:00pm Willingdon Mass (4435 Grange)
6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- **Thu. Jun 9:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. Jun 10:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:00pm CFC-SFL (School Gym)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- **Sat. Jun 11:** 1:00pm Handmaids (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
- Sun. Jun 12:** 10:00am Migrant Workshop (School Gym)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
6:30pm Sr. YM- FLAME (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 9:45am

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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