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Pastor's
Corner

BURDEN OR FREEDOM

- Do you sometime wish you were not a Catholic?
 - Do you envy the so-called freedom of the non-believers?
 - Do you wear your religion as an artificial leg that you have to strap on every morning?
- An artificial limb that helps you to limp around but is never really yours? Never really a normal part of your being?
- If you have answered yes to any of the above, you have not fully received the Holy Spirit. Religion is for you an added burden that you wish you would not have to carry.
- But, when you receive the Holy Spirit, even though you still have the Ten Commandments, they are not burdensome! You want to fulfill them, to do even more than requested. And you receive the Power to do it.

The Holy Spirit makes you fly with love through the Ten Commandments. You will not see them as a limit to your freedom, but as guidelines along the path to freedom. You will see their purpose. You will be inclined to obey them.

God will no longer seem to be distant and uncaring. You will see Him as a Loving and Understanding Father. You will not pray to Him so much to be re-energized, but you will pray because you will long to be with Him, just as Jesus did. The Liturgy will no longer be a succession of boring rituals, but a life-giving encounter with Christ. Christ will no longer be a person of the past, about whom you know things, but the Living One, interacting with you. The Bible, the Scriptures will no longer be a foreign ancient document to be read with a dictionary. They will be a conversation with God, through which even the same verse can have a different meaning for you, everyday, according to the context of your life. Evangelization will no longer be a scary duty, but a passionate expression of the driving force and love of your life.

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Tradition will become a communion with the ancestors who transmitted Christ's teaching for two thousand years!

Do you want this? Pray for the Holy Spirit! Jesus promised to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask for Him. Pray everyday for the Ultimate Gift, the Holy Spirit. Without Him, Christ's passion serves you nothing!

What else to do in order to receive fully the Holy Spirit? A Fr. Barron Said, there is a very important clue in today's second reading, the first letter to the Corinthians, 12 verse 3: "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit." There is a very tight correlation between "having the Holy Spirit" and "declaring the Lordship of Jesus." This "claiming the Lordship of Jesus" means to submit to His direction in every aspect of your life. To think as He thought, to act as HE acted, to desire as He desired, to pray as He prayed, to love as HE loved. The wager is that the submission to this Lordship will unleash the Holy Spirit in you. When you make Jesus Lord, the Holy Spirit is operative in you.

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."

John 7:37-38 Vigil of the Pentecost

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (GRADES 6-8) – CALLED BY GOD



How does a person know if they are called to be a priest? Do they get an email from God? When should we start thinking about our vocation? Is what we want to do with our life always the same as what God wants us to do? If they are different, which one is better? So many questions, so little time. Join the Jr Youth Ministry to find out the answers and to hear Fr. Pierre's vocation story. Join us on Monday, June 13 at 6:30pm in the church basement.

FLAME (grades 8-12) - BIKE OR BLADE



Sr. Youth Ministry is going to Stanley Park for a day of fun in the sun. We'll bike/rollerblade the seawall. Join us on Saturday, June 18 at 1:00pm in the church parking lot. Registration forms are mandatory and are available in the parish office or the YM website.

PARISH NEWS

CANADA DAY PICNIC



Mark your calendars for the 6th Annual Parish Picnic on Canada Day, Friday July 1st at Burnaby Fraser Foreshore Park. We begin with outdoor mass at noon, followed by lunch, entertainment and lots of fun & games. For the potluck, we request that you bring enough food to feed your family and 2 or 3 others, so we can really experience sharing and community. You may also bring your own barbecue, lawn chairs, and coolers. The school bus will be available to transport parishioners, leaving the church parking lot at 11am and returning at 5pm. There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer to reserve your spot on the bus starting next weekend. So, come and join your fellow parishioners for fun and fellowship as we celebrate Canada Day!

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.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

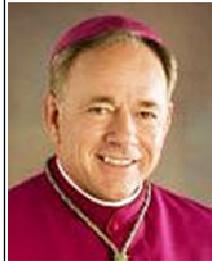
We will join the Meditation Prayer Group at St. Paul's Church, 381 East Cordova St., on June 14 at 6:30pm. Come and meet fellow meditators. Note this is for this Tuesday only. We will resume our meditation session in the rectory basement on June 21 at 7pm. For details please call Cora 604-517-0029.

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 more details are posted on our website. Please do not call the parish office before visiting the web-site.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER ON STEWARDSHIP



Dear lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver,

On Pentecost, the Archdiocese of Vancouver will celebrate its first Stewardship Awareness Sunday. On this day of celebrating the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, we ponder the many gifts we have received and consider prayerfully our commitment of time, talent and treasure to our

parish and wider Church community. Do we give God the best time of our day by making prayer a priority? How do we use our talents in the service of others? Can we honestly say we are giving generously of our treasure to support the Church's mission?

Stewardship is a wonderful gift for renewal that touches the heart of Archdiocesan life. Putting God first in our lives by practising stewardship deepens our faith. By cultivating a spirit of gratitude, instead of resentment, and by practising generosity instead of measuring out exactly what is owed, good stewards experience a freedom from want and care that is truly liberating. By letting go of their dependence on the things of this world, they receive back a hundredfold from our loving God.

On Stewardship Awareness Sunday, let us focus on making stewardship a way of life. As we prayerfully reflect on the gifts each of us has been given, I ask that you consider how good and responsible a steward of those gifts you have been.

What better way to put our Project Advance theme, "Touching Many Lives" into action than by sharing God's abundant blessings with those around us. Let us remember to give thanks to those who are living lives of service and ask the Holy Spirit for inspiration and guidance that all may know the joy of service in ministry in the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

With cordial best wishes and the assurance of my prayers,

I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

J. Michael Miller, CSB

Archbishop of Vancouver



Stewardship Reflection : *We have all been given different gifts, and a variety of ways to serve. Think about how you can serve others in your parish and in the wider community.*

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



- Sun. Jun 12:** 2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
6:30pm Sr. YM- FLAME (Church Basement)
- Mon. Jun 13:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr. YM- SPARK (Church Basement)
- Tue. Jun 14:** 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
- Wed. Jun 15:** 5:00pm L'Arche Mass (7401 Sussex)
6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Thu. Jun 16:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm Pastoral Council (Rectory Dining)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Fri. Jun 17:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:30pm CCO (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Sat. Jun 18:** 9:45am Bible Study (Church Basement)
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory 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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