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Pastor's
 Corner

**ARE YOU GOD'S JANITOR OR GOD'S
 SUBSTITUTE?**

The big Thanksgiving weekend is coming next week. We can prepare for it spiritually by remembering ourselves that we don't own anything. God does! He did give us the dignity of participating in the governance of the world. We are stewards, janitors, but not substitute owners. We did not buy anything from Him, nor can we? We are graciously allowed to use the gifts of life, of Creation and Redemption, to enjoy them and to make them fruitful for God's people and the whole humanity. But we don't own them.

Why? Because God and only He created all that exists from nothing, and only He sustains everything in existence, every second! He holds the "patent", the license, the copyright. When did it go wrong for us? Fr. Barron answers, "The minute we say, 'My money belongs to me., my health is for my benefit, my wealth, my reputation, my power, they are mine. They belong to me'". No they don't! Everything in nature, everything that you have and do, belongs to God. It exists for God. You are a janitor for God, not a substitute god.

What we produce for God's land, in God's time, with God's given life, what we produce, our wealth, our career, or success, all of it belongs to God and should serve God's purpose. But I forget this principle. I forget that every breath I take is from God and for God. I forget that my family is from God and for God. At the end of my life, when God will come to collect His produce, will you be willing to give it? Will you be able to acknowledge His Lordship over everything you are and do? Start doing it now!

This might seem to be a hard lesson. But it is not! It is meant for your joy. You will find the purpose of your life when you live it for Him. And God will bless your life and its fruits.

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Finally, remember that God gives you a lot of leeway, in using the gifts He gave you. He is not a puppeteer manipulating you. He has moved away so that you may have room to move, and options to choose from.

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre



PARISH NEWS

FR. MARK AND FR. GUY

Fr. Mark left last week for Ottawa. He had been in Vancouver for four months, to work on his P.H.D. comprehensive exam. Let us offer our prayers for him as he will pass a big exam soon. After that, he will start writing his P.H.D. paper in Ottawa for the next few years. Fr. Mark was happy to concelebrate Mass with us this summer, but he could not engage in any preaching and parish ministry, as he had to devote all his time to his studies. I hope you understand this. Fr. Guy has returned to China on a new assignment, and is unreachable for the foreseeable future. God bless him. Let us pray for him. *Fr Pierre*

SPARK (grades 6 - 8) – THANKS BE TO GOD

With Thanksgiving coming up very fast, it's once again time to make our list of things that we are thankful for! Stuck? Youth Ministry is here to help! Join us on Monday, October 3 at 6:30 pm in the Church basement to learn how this list will bring you one step closer to God. Mix that with games, chocolates, pizza and Power Points and you will certainly have a night to be thankful for!



YM BASKETBALL

Youth Ministry Basketball League is starting. Do you want to be a part of it? We have a Jr. YM Team for grades 6 to 8 and a Sr. YM Team for grades 9 to 12. The teams are co-ed and your skill level doesn't matter at all. Practices will be on Saturdays from 10am to 12pm in the school gym starting on October 22. If you are interested please register with Arda so you can join one of our Youth Ministry Basketball Teams. Call 604-435-9611 ext. 6 or e-mail: arda@marysyoung.com.



PARISH NEWS

HANDS OF VERONICA

Fr. Gabriel would like all those who have been involved in this ministry for the past 5 years and are interested in renewal to get in touch with him. Please call 604-435-9611, ext. 3 or e-mail gabrielop@telus.net.

PROJECT ADVANCE

Our committee would like to thank everyone for their generous contribution and support to date. We are at 80% of our parish goal, \$18,400 short of our projection of \$92,000. It is important for the parish to make the target so we cover the administration fee pertaining to this campaign and will be able to receive a rebate back to assist our parish student aid program. Please continue to send in your pledges through the collection basket or donate online through www.rcav.org.

WORKSHOP ON LEADING WORSHIP

There will be a workshop on leading worship on Saturday, Oct 8th from 1:30pm-4pm in the Church basement. The workshop is to support singers, musicians and prayer leaders in the ministry of leading worship. Topics include the role and importance of being a lay worship leader,, various forms and methods of prayer, tips on leading worship, including choice of songs and being part of a worship team. For details and to register go to: <http://worship.shawwebspace.ca>.

MIGRANT MINISTRY

St. Mary's Migrant Ministry wishes to invite all caregivers, temporary foreign workers, and all migrant workers to a "Meet and Greet Get-Together" at the St. Mary's School Gym on Sunday, October 9 from 10am-12:30pm. There will be snacks and lots of fellowship for everybody! Please bring your families and friends.

UNDERSTANDING MASS ANEW WITH THE NEW MISSAL

St. Mark's College Continuing Education will offer students a renewed understanding of the source and summit of our faith in the Mass. Fr. Bill Burke, the Director the of National Office of Liturgy for the CCCB, is a dynamic teacher who will help students to unpack the meaning of the Mass as we celebrate it today as well as give us the tools to incorporate the changes coming in Advent 2011. Oct. 15th, 9am to 4pm at St. Mary's. For more info, email: continuinged@stmarkscollege.ca; call 604-822-4463; <http://stmarkscollege.ca/news>.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' MASS

Archbishop Miller cordially invites all college and university students including faculty to the University Students' Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 8 at 7:30pm. Confessions will be available at 6:30pm and a reception will follow at Holy Rosary Hall after the Mass.

CCO RISE UP

CCO's National Rise Up Conference is coming back to Vancouver! If you are a young adult, between 18 & 35, don't miss out on this opportunity. You will be inspired by great speakers, including Archbishop Miller, empowered to be a leader in the new evangelization, daily Mass, amazing Worship and a New Years Eve Banquet & Dance! Join us December 28 to January 1 for Rise Up--*JPII: Inspired by his Legacy* at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Registration: www.cco.ca/riseup. Info: email riseup@cco.ca CCO Vancouver office-Eric Chow: 604-540-7521. Register before October 5 and save \$75!

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL - BURNABY

Spaces available in kindergarten, and Grades 2, 5, & 6 for September 2011. If Interested, download and fill out "Wait List Form" at www.sfdsschool.ca or visit the school. Any questions call 604-434-5311.

LOVE WITHOUT JUSTICE

Deepen your understanding of Catholic Social Teachings and how to practically apply them for justice in our communities on Oct. 22nd, 9:30am to 3pm at Our Lady of Mercy, 7455 10th Ave., Burnaby. The Office of Service & Justice, Metro Vancouver Alliance, Fr. Ken Forster OMI, and guest speakers will help us explore what the challenge of Pope Benedict means for us. Please bring a lunch - coffee/muffins will be served. For more details and to register email: vancouvercst@gmail.com.

ARCHDIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS


All are invited to the Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress, Sat., Nov. 5, at St. Matthew's, Surrey. Mass at 9am with Archbishop Miller. Victoria Bishop Richard Gagnon and Fr Tien Tran, will give a presentations. All day exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, exhibit of Vatican Eucharistic miracles, and benediction at 3:30pm. \$15 includes lunch and break. Register at www.rcav.org/eucongress. Info at 604-683-0281 or eucongress@rcav.org.


THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH


Sun. Oct 2: 10:30am Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)

Mon. Oct 3: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm JR YM- Spark (Church Basement)
7:00pm Lay Apostle (Church)
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)

Tue. Oct 4: 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

Wed. Oct 5: 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 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)

Thu. Oct 6: 6:30pm Knights of Columbus (Seminar Room)
 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm Ignatian Spirituality (School Gym)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Fri. Oct 7: 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Sat. Oct 8: **8:30am Mass** (Church)
9:45am Bible Study (Church Basement)
10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
7:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)

Sun. Oct 9: 10:00am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)
1:00pm Knights of Columbus (Seminar Room)
1:30pm CFC (Church Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

PARISH INFORMATION

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS: Monday - Friday: 8:00am

Weekday Morning Rosary 7:00am / Weekday Morning Lauds 7:30am

WEEKDAY EVENING MASS: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7pm followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:00pm

SATURDAY MASS: Our Lady's Mass 8:30am

SUNDAY MASS: 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: 8:30am

FIRST FRIDAY: Adoration throughout the day after morning mass
CONFESSION:

Weekdays: After all Masses (except Thursday Evening Mass)

Saturday: 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.

BAPTISM: To register your child, see website or contact Parish Office.

MARRIAGE:

One of the couple must be Catholic and a parishioner of St. Mary's Parish 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 / 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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