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Pastor's
 Corner

THE MAN WHO WAS NOT WEARING A WEDDING GARMENT

Before giving the communion at the Mass, right after the Lamb of God, the priest used to say "This is the Lamb...Happy are those who are called to His supper". With the new translation, the priest will instead say something like, "Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb". This alludes to the Gospel's preaching for today. The Mass is the anticipation of the wedding feast of the Lamb. It is a wedding of God and us. The King of the Universe celebrates the wedding of His Son, Jesus Christ, to us. This is the marriage of God and Humanity. Therefore we are the bride, collectively, as part of the Church, which is the Body of Christ. Through communion, Christ makes us members of His Body. Therefore each of us receives the gifts of God Himself. The marriage between the Divine and the Human that began at the conception of Jesus is happening to us. You and I are the bride of God.

If you accept such an invitation, and receive communion, you become the bride. As Jesus said in today's Gospel, you have to wear the wedding garment, otherwise, you will be thrown out. That "wedding robe" means "putting on Christ" as St. Paul wrote. Putting on the love, the forgiveness of the enemy, the reverence of Christ for the Father, etc.

That love, that reverence for God calls for a "distinct form of human expression, a different way of speaking, of conducting oneself". (James Monti in Magnificat).

When Lady Diana married Prince Charles, she had to change her whole lifestyle. She was not forced to marry him. She knew what she was getting into. New dress code, less privacy, having to represent the "Crown" 24/7, and behaving in an appropriate way. We too, when we go to Mass and receive communion, we accept to be the Bride of the King of Kings. With that comes obligations! These we should consider as **privileges** rather than restrictions.

Pastor's Corner Continued...

We are called to dress properly **inwardly and outwardly**. This is not only for God, but for our own dignity! Should we not be happy to put on Christ?

In our Canadian culture, we are led to believe that we can dress any way we want, anywhere, anytime. We do make an exception for the workplace and for political events. We won't go to the wedding banquet of the Prime Minister's son in a mini skirt or leggings, or in a wrinkled t-shirt. But we do this for the banquet of God's only Son!

Fr. James Monti wrote, "In our current culture, many seem to think that because Christ was born in a manger, dined with sinners, and washed the feet of His disciples, God should be treated as merely 'a first among equals', that the incarnation has virtually eviscerated the distinction between God and His creatures. Yet immediately after washing the feet of the apostles, Christ told them, "You call me 'teacher' and 'master', and rightly so, for indeed I am" (John 13:13).

Of course, we can pray to God in pajamas before going to bed. But when we gather to celebrate the death and Resurrection of our Lord, in His very real Presence with the solemn gathering of His whole community, it calls for a different code of conduct. You could go to a Bible study and eat your lunch, while sharing the Gospel, but you would not eat that lunch during Mass! By the way, the coming new translation of the Roman Missal aims at deepening our sense of the Sacred.

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (grades 6 - 8) – NO EVENT

Happy Thanksgiving to all. There will be no Jr. Youth Ministry event on Monday, October 10. We will resume on Monday, October 17.

FLAME (grades 8-12) – HEROES



Do you have a hero with superpowers? I don't mean an imaginary one but a real person. If you know how to get in contact with them, anyone can have a real hero who can help you! Do you want to find out how? Join the Sr. Youth Ministry next Sunday (October 16), at 6:30pm in the church basement for a night of faith, fun and fellowship.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OPENINGS

St. Mary's has limited openings in grades 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7. Registration forms can be picked up from the school office 8:30-4:00.

PARISH NEWS

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD



Do you know someone who loves serving Christ and His Church? Do you think they should be recognized for their efforts? We want to encourage everyone to volunteer by recognizing those who dedicate themselves to the work of the Church. If you know someone who exhibits such passion for volunteer work please fill out one of the blue 'Volunteer of the Year Nomination' forms in church foyer and place in the red box. Only one nomination per person.

YOUTH MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Youth Ministry is looking for generous parishioners who can contribute to the Youth Ministry Scholarship Fund which will support our youth in their education. Every year two youth (one from Jr. YM & one from Sr. YM) will be chosen based on attendance, positive participation and development to receive an annual sponsorship. Will you share your treasure with us? If so please contact Arda at 604-435-9611 ext.6 or arda@marysyoung.com.

UNDERSTANDING MASS ANEW WITH THE NEW MISSAL

St. Mark's College presents Fr. Bill Burke, the Director the of National Office of Liturgy for the CCCB, 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. Saturday, October 15th, 9am to 4pm at St. Mary's. For more info and to register, continued@stmarkscollege.ca or 604-822-4463.

MISSION ABLAZE

Broken, wounded, tired, hopeless, unsure of the future, angry, defeated? Come to the Life in the Spirit Seminar on Oct. 28, 6pm-9pm and Oct. 29, 9am-6pm. Seminar is free with snacks and drinks; please bring bag lunch. St. Mary's Church basement. More info 604 435-9611 ext. 230 or www.stmarysvancouver.ca.

HANDS OF VERONICA

Fr. Gabriel would like all those in this ministry to contact him. Please call 604-435-9611, ext. 3 or e-mail gabrielop@telus.net.

SHROUD EXHIBIT

St. Mary's will host THE MAN OF THE SHROUD Exhibit next Lent from March 1-7. Please keep this exhibit in your prayers, and that it will convert many hearts.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

CONSECRATED LIFE FOR WOMEN

On the weekend of October 14-16 there will be a Monastic Life Workshop for ladies interested in the consecrated life, at Westminster Abbey, Mission. For more info call 604-826-8975.

REMEMBER THE PRISONERS

Opportunities to Serve in Prison Ministry, a workshop focusing on 10 tools volunteers can use in prison ministry. Lunch and refreshments provided. Oct. 15- 9am-3:30pm at St. Andrew Kim Parish: 10222-161 Street, Surrey. Info: BPerra@rcav.org, 778-240-4886 or: maureendonegan@shaw.ca, 604-791-1864.

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY

Welcomes all prospective 2012-2013 candidates and families to an Open House on Oct 18 from 6pm-8pm in the school auditorium: 1625 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver. Application packages for the entrance exam will be available. Info: www.lfabc.org, wilsonk@lfabc.org, 604-738-9016 ext. 114.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE FALL ACTION WORKSHOP

Find out more about this year's Fall Action Campaign as we launch the new five-year theme involving ecological social justice and what we can do to help. Oct. 21- 6pm to 8:30pm and Oct. 22- 9:30am to 4pm at Holy Name Parish. Bring a dish for potluck dinner on Friday and a bagged lunch on Saturday. For info, please contact bertillawatanabe@yahoo.ca.

RETROUVAILLE

A Chance to Help Your Marriage: Registrations accepted for one more week for the Vancouver Retrouvaille program on October 14-16. Retrouvaille can help your marriage recover from serious problems such as conflict, infidelity, and even separation. If you think there is no hope, think again! For info and registration call 604-530-6710, email 1009@retrouvaille.org or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

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 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 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)
- Mon. Oct 10:** *THANKSGIVING Parish Office CLOSED*
6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
- Tue. Oct 11:** 6:30pm Baptism Prep (Church)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
- Wed. Oct 12:** 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. Oct 13:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm Ignatian Spirituality (School Gym)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. Oct 14:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
5:00pm Youth For Christ (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Oct 15:** **8:30am Mass** (Church)
9:00am Roman Missal Workshop (Church Basement)
9:00am D&A Men's Group (Rectory Basement)
10:00am Handmaids (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining)
3:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
7:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
7:30pm ARC (Church)
- Sun. Oct 16:** 9:00am Handmaids (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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