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**Pastor's
 Corner**

ARE YOU A ZEALOUS BUT GENTLE BOSS?

How do you exercise the authority you have on your spouse, on your children and grandchildren, on your younger relatives, on your co-workers or employees, on your volunteers? Every relationship of authority is corrupted by original sin, but can be redeemed by Christ. Every relationship of authority can be, and must be evangelized. Christ tells us how by His words and by His example, especially in the Gospel.

The scribes and Pharisees, the religious authority of the time are not blamed by Christ for the content of their teaching, but for how they use their authority as teachers. The first thing Christ reproaches them is that they use the Law of God, the religious precepts, not to liberate, not to direct people, but to oppress them, "to tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them." (Matthew 23:4) As Fr. Barron said, they use their keen knowledge of the law "to point out the wicked things people are doing in order to humiliate them, to bring them down, thus lifting themselves up above and against them. They use the moral law of religion as a tool of aggression. Out of fear for their ego, they look down at others, to elevate themselves." Like a bully. Or more subtly they say, "I know what God wants, and I know that you don't do it. And I exalt on the fact that it burdens you!" Don't you sometimes do that in your exercise of authority? I sometimes do!

Can we evangelize this behavior? Jesus shows us how! He asks the teacher in authority, the leader, to help the people bear the "burden" of the law. Don't just drop the law on your people like a bomb.

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The priests at St. Mary's have been trying to do this in the confessional. We try to do more than imposing a penance and "scolding" the people. First of all we want to express our compassion for their sufferings and their failures. We say "Me too, I have sinned! Here is what I am doing when I am facing that sin, that difficulty." Then we pray for the healing grace of God, so that they won't fall again as easily and may resist the sin.

Try to apply these steps in your relationship with your spouse, your children, your co-workers and parishioners. Compassion, forgiveness, solidarity, counsels, healing and strengthening.

Words of affirmation! Blessings! Quality time given. Gifts of prayer. Services offered!

God Bless you in your exercise of authority.

Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (grades 6-8) - HALLOWEEN PARTY

Witches, vampires, and goblins- are these really what Halloween is about or is it something else? Curious? Well then, the Spark Halloween Party is the place to be on Monday, October 31 at 6:30pm in the Church basement! Come celebrate Halloween in style with some games, power points, skits, candies, food and more! Costumes of saints and holy souls are encouraged - no inappropriate costumes please (i.e. witches, vampires, goblins, etc.)



ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS MASSES

This Tuesday, November 1st is All Saints Day. Masses are at 8:00am and 7:00pm. Wednesday, November 2nd is All Souls Day, and Masses will be at 8:00am and 7:00pm. Please join us.

PARISH NEWS

LOVE WORKS

Will you be an angel for Mariel? Love Works Charity humbly ask for your support in our fundraising effort to provide for the heart surgery needed by 16yr old Mariel Mendoza, who has congenital heart disease. After all Masses on Nov 5/6, we will be selling rosaries, the proceeds of which will be used for his surgery. Thank you and May God bless you!



CHOCOLATE DRIVE FOR STREET OUTREACH

Would you like to bring a smile to the faces of street people? St. Mary's Street Ministry and St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Society are collecting individually-wrapped, bite-size chocolates bought within the last 2 months. Chocolates will brighten the day of the poor! Please deposit the chocolates in the box in the foyer. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

GRACE THAT REIGNS: INTERCESSION FOR PRIESTS

Jacqueline Loh will be sharing some stories of the priesthood and will also show us how Sister Breige and Fr. Kevin prayed for the priests and their needs in Ireland. She will also introduce a new proposal for prayer for the priests in our own Archdiocese. Healing prayer will be available to those who request it on Wednesday, November 9 at 7:30pm in the Church basement. A goodwill offering would be greatly appreciated.

ST. MARY'S CRAFT FAIR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, Nov. 20th, 8:30am-3:00pm. Join us for pancake breakfast (small \$2 or large \$3) and start your holiday shopping early! For lunch there will be hotdogs & chips and muffins. Table rentals are \$15 or 2/\$25.00. Contact Eileen 604-436-3655.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2011

Kudos to our parishioners and in particular those who contributed to this year's campaign. Your generous donations made it possible for us to collect to date \$81,400. For those who have not contributed, we encourage you to send in your pledges so we can meet our parish goal of \$92,000 which will enable the parish to cover administrative expenses as well as receive a rebate. This year's rebate will be applied to St. Mary's Student Aid program. Contributions made before year end can be included in your 2011 personal income tax remittance, so take advantage of this and send in your pledges quickly. Thank you again for your generosity and participation.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED PRIESTS

The annual Mass for deceased bishops, priests and religious will be concelebrated by Archbishop Miller, with the priests of the Archdiocese at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Nov. 3, 12:10pm. All parishioners are welcome. Kindly remember in your prayers this month those who have laboured for the Church in our Archdiocese and pray that the Lord will send more dedicated men and women to continue their work.

ARCHDIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

All are invited to the Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress on 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.

VOCATION LIVE IN

On the weekend of November 4-6 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, BC. For more info call 604-826-8715.

NOTRE DAME GALA

Notre Dame is hosting its 9th Annual Gala at the Italian Cultural Centre, on Friday, November 18th. Cocktails at 6:00pm and dinner at 7:00pm, with a live and silent auction, dancing, and a no-host bar. Tickets are \$75. Please contact 604-255-5454 or ldecotiis@ndrs.org for tickets or information.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH "CHRISTMAS AT THE ORPHEUM"

Archbishop Miller extends a heartfelt invitation to all parishioners and friends to join him for a performance of the world's perennial Christmas favourite, Handel's Messiah. Visit www.rcav.org/messiah2011 to purchase tickets online.

REGISTER FOR AN ENDOW STUDY GROUP

Register now for one of the upcoming ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) Study Groups on Blessed John Paul II's Letter to Women. Visit the Respect Life Office at <http://rcav.org/rlo>.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Oct 30:** 1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
- Mon. Oct 31:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr YM - SPARK (Church Basement)
- Tue. Nov 1:** 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
7:00pm **All Saints Mass** (Church)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
- Wed. Nov 2:** 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7401 Sussex)
6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)
7:00pm **All Souls Mass**/Adoration/Confession
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Thu. Nov 3:** 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. Nov 4:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Nov 5:** 9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)
10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
2:00pm CFC-SFC (Rectory Basement)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
7:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
- Sun. Nov 6:** 2:00pm YFC (Church Basement)

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: 9:00am to 9:30am, 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 6:30pm to 8:00pm

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