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Pastor's
 Corner

THIS IS THE YEAR!

Mary went with haste to the hill country... The shepherds went with haste to Bethlehem... Mary Magdalene ran to proclaim the Good News to the Apostles... "One of the major tragedies of the spiritual life is that when we know what God wants, we don't do it right away, we procrastinate, we dawdle, we make excuses." (Fr. Barron's 'wordonfire', sermon 260.) Once you know what God wants you to do, then you must act, you must move. Imagine you are working for Microsoft, and Bill Gates sends you a note requesting you to do something! Would you procrastinate? You would jump on the occasion. You would feel honoured and chosen. You would smell a big increase in your paycheque. But here you have more than Bill Gates, you have God. Do not doubt that He will reward you for doing His will. In fact, He disguises this gift as a request! When He asks you something, He really wants to give you more through it than anything you will have to give up.

Why should we not wait and do promptly what He is asking? Because if we wait, the devil and this life's fast pace will make us forget or postpone indefinitely. Because God gives us the grace to do what He is requesting us to do. Tomorrow the devil will snatch away that grace, like the seed fallen on rocky ground eaten by the birds. But the more you are docile to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, the more He will speak to you and the clearer it will be. You have nothing to lose by obeying the Holy Spirit. You have all to gain. You have everything to gain by putting into practice the Word of God and His commandments, His Counsels, **now!**

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Blessed John H. Newman wrote that we have all been created for some definite purpose. "If we believe that the Infinite Mind of God has brought us into being, that is not a dumb event, that is not a meaningless event. Rather our very existence is the result of God's intentions." God wants to accomplish something with us, through us. It is called vocation. And there is no question more important in your life than the determination of this vocation. But when you know it, when you see, go, move, act...They went with haste. (Fr. Barron, sermon 260.)

Your vocation is more precise than being married or single. It includes that but it takes on a specific colour, according to your gifts, your charisms, your life circumstances. If you obey as you discover what it is, the definite purpose, or purposes of your life will become clearer and clearer and your joy will multiply. May this happen in 2012.

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre



*Wishing you a Blessed and Joyous
 New Year from the Pastors and
 Staff of St. Mary's Parish!*

PARISH NEWS

DANCE SHOW FOR PHILIPPINE FLOOD VICTIMS



A group of young people, some from Mission Ablaze prayer group, will stage a dance and singing show to fundraise for the victims of the flash floods in the Philippines. The show will be on Saturday, January 7th at 7pm in the Church basement. Tickets will be available at the door that evening for \$10. Donations of cash or cheques will be gratefully accepted on site. Envelopes will be provided for those requiring tax receipts. All are welcome.

"GROWING THROUGH SUFFERING" SR. ANN SHIELDS

Do not let your suffering be wasted. Come and listen to Sr. Ann Shields, an internationally noted speaker and author of many books, like "Deeper Conversion" and radio host of "Food for the Journey." This one day conference will be on Saturday, Jan 14, from 10am to 4:30pm at St. Mary's Church. Tickets \$10. Coffee & snacks are free; pls. bring bag lunch. Info: 604-435-9611 ext. 230 or 604-454-3143 or e-mail: servant_ablaze2011@yahoo.ca.

CHILD-MINDING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for volunteer assistants & supervisors to provide child-minding service at Sr. Ann Shields' retreat "Growth through Suffering" on Sat Jan 14 from 9am-4pm. Volunteer assistants must be 14 or older. Volunteer supervisors must be adults with experience in child-minding, and must go through a criminal record check. If you are interested, please email mmoy_ca@yahoo.com or call 604-435-9611 (x230).

2012 SUNDAY ENVELOPES

The 2012 envelopes are now ready to be picked up from the Church basement; please do so as soon as possible. If your address has changed, please fill out the form at the envelope table or at the registration table.

DID YOU MOVE IN 2011?

If you moved in 2011 and are expecting a tax receipt for use of parish envelopes, please update your address by filling out the change of address form at the registration table in the Church foyer, or by emailing the parish office at stmarys@telus.net.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note the parish office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd for the New Year's holiday.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - PHILIPPINES

Flash floods in the Philippines have claimed the lives of close to 1000 people and the government has declared the situation a national calamity. Development and Peace is accepting donations by phone 1-888-234-8533, online at www.devp.org or by sending a cheque made out to Development and Peace (please indicate Philippines Floods) to: Development and Peace, 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. W, 3rd Floor, Montreal, QC H3G 1T7.

SAME-SEX ATTRACTION

You may think the Catholic Church rejects persons with same-sex attraction, not true! For confidential help call Courage/Encourage at 604-916-6192 or email vancouvercourage1@live.ca for more info.

THE WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

World Day of Migrants and Refugees will begin Jan. 9 with a week of prayer and reflection, culminating Sunday, Jan. 15, with a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Miller at St. Helen's Parish at 5pm. Join us for a Celebration which follows in the school gym; entertainment and goodies from many different cultures. For more info: e-mail evollet@rcav.org; or visit <http://rcav.org/osj>.

NOTRE DAME - IMPORTANT DATES

Annual Open House is on Jan 11, 6pm-8pm. The placement exam is on Jan 14, 8am - Noon. For more information, call Mrs. Cirillo at 604-255-5454.

ST. THOMAS MORE-IMPORTANT DATES

Annual Open House is on Jan 17 at 6:30pm. The placement exam is on Jan 23 at 1:30pm. For more information please visit the website at www.stmc.bc.ca.

ENRICH YOUR FAITH



Archdiocesan Formation Institutes offer one-day faith formation and ministry training courses for adults. Faith formation topics include, Church history, apologetics, "Basics of the Faith" and Adolescent Development; ministry training is offered for PREP, RCIA, and Youth Ministry. Saturday, Jan. 21 from 10am to 4pm at Holy Cross Secondary, Surrey. Cost \$35 includes lunch. Everyone is welcome! For more information and registration call 604-683-0281 or visit: www.rcav.org/oc/winter.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Jan 1: *NEW YEAR'S DAY*



9:30am Mass (Church)

11:15am Mass (Church)

1:00pm Mass (Church)

5:00pm Mass (Church)

7:00pm Mass (Church)

Mon. Jan 2: *PARISH OFFICE CLOSED*

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)

7:00pm Lay Apostle (Church)

Tue. Jan 3: 7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

Wed. Jan 4: 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex Ave)



6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Thu. Jan 5: 6:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)



7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)

7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Fri. Jan 6: 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)



5:00pm Youth For Christ (Rectory Basement)

7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)

9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Sat. Jan 7: 9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)

10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)

2:30pm Baptism (Church)

3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)

7:00pm Flood Fundraiser (Church Basement)

Sun. Jan 8: 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: 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

Coordinator: Stefan Oberg E-mail: stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca

MIGRANT MINISTRY: (604) 355-9611 stmarysmigrant@yahoo.com

YOUTH MINISTRY (YM) E-mail: arda@marysyoung.com

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: www.marysyoung.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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