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Pastor's  
Corner

**THE FRUIT OF SUFFERING IN THE LIVES OF THE MAGI AND OUR LIVES**

Depression, Anxiety, Fear, Physical Illness, Drug Addiction, Pain, Anger, Abandonment, Pornography, Mental Anguish, Family Relationships, Jealousy, Unforgiveness, Hopelessness, Selfishness, Mental Illness, Marital Discord, Eating Disorders, Envy, Strife, Sexual Addictions, Self-Pity, Despair, Alcoholism, Gambling Addiction...

Sr. Ann Shields, S.G.L., said in her CD entitled "The Fruit of Suffering in Our Lives", "Much of our suffering is wasted because we do not see its purpose in the Christian life. God has so much to teach us about the place of suffering in our lives and the fruits that it can bear, not only for us, but for others." Yes, Scripture tells us that even Jesus was made perfect through what He suffered (see Hebrews 2:10.)

Right at his birth, when the Magi paid Him homage, two storylines met and would interact until the end of time. One storyline was given by Herod and His court: they were frightened by the announcement of the Messiah's birth in Bethlehem. They decided to kill. They wanted to capture every power, good or bad, that was not yet theirs, out of fear and selfishness. And they did produce the list of evil that is written at the top of this page. The other storyline is that of the Magi and it led them to the Child in the manger, and "they were overwhelmed with joy." To this day, this overwhelming joy is given to all who follow Christ and transform any suffering into a source of growth in God.

To which storyline do you want to belong? To the one that leads you down into darkness, and pulls down the world with you? Or to the one that climbs into the Light, lifting up the world with you, through the Power of the Holy Spirit? If you want to choose the Magi's way, here are some steps:

- Recognize that nothing in the world can satisfy you, if it is sought apart from God and/or against Him. You are made for something greater than the world alone. The world is good, but turns bad without God.

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- Do not fear suffering and/or persecutions. By this I don't mean that you should repress feelings of fear, but that you should continue to walk, to follow the Star, even among the dangers of the road, the danger of travelling into foreign territory. Just like the Magi did.
- When you do meet Christ, give Him the best you have, not just a little bit of extra time. Gold, frankincense, myrrh! Then you will be changed for the best. Even your crosses will be sources of Life and Blessings. You will never come back the same, after giving your life to Christ. You will come home through a new path, like the Magi.

*God Bless you, the new Magi! Fr. Pierre*

P.S.

Join us with Sr. Ann Shields this Saturday, Jan 14th in the Church, from 10am-4:30pm. Listen to her speak from her experience, and from her encounter with God on, "Growing Through Suffering." Listen to her many CD's including "The Fruit of Suffering in Our Lives." Read her many books and booklets including "Hope in the Midst of Suffering" and "Pray and Never Lose Heart."

**PARISH NEWS**

**SPARK (grades 6-8) – NEW YEAR'S KICK OFF**



SPARK is back and we are starting off the New Year with extreme fun and fellowship! Brand new games mixed with our all-time favorites, prizes, power points and pizza! These can be yours if the price is right! "How much?" you may ask? Free!!! So make sure to join us on Monday, January 9th at 6:30pm in the Church basement!

**FLAME (grades 8-12) – BRAND NEW**

It's a brand new year with brand new events & ideas! We welcome all brand new youth and look forward to seeing all regular participants on January 15 at 6:30pm in the Church basement. Are you wondering what it's about? Then you should definitely come to find out!



**PARISH NEWS**

**"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. Coffee & snacks are free; pls. bring bag lunch. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold after all Masses this weekend. Info: 604-435-9611 ext. 230 or 604-454-3143 or e-mail: servant\_ablaze2011@yahoo.ca.

**YOUTH MINISTRY PARENT NEWSLETTER**

Do you enjoy writing articles or blogs? Do you enjoy sharing up-to-date information that others may find useful? Do you want to share your talents and passion to do something productive and useful? Then this message is for you! Youth Ministry is putting together a monthly newsletter for youth parents and we need your help! We are looking for volunteers who would help us create, design and write articles on different issues for our newsletter on a monthly basis. If you are interested please email contact@marysyouth.com for more details.



**P.R.E.P. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Do you enjoy working with children? Are you knowledgeable and passionate about the Catholic faith? If this sounds like you, please consider volunteering as an assistant teacher in St. Mary's Parish Religious Education Program. We have positions available for Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. If you are interested, please contact stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca.

**2012 SUNDAY ENVELOPES**

The 2012 envelopes are now ready to be picked up from the Church basement; please do so as soon as possible. Effective immediately, please use 2012 envelopes only. If you have envelopes left over from 2011, these should be discarded as they can no longer be used.

**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.

## 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](http://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.

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.stmc.bc.ca).

### **VANCOUVER COLLEGE—IMPORTANT DATES**




Vancouver College is holding its annual Open House on Tuesday, January 17 from 6:30-8:30pm. There are openings in September 2012 for K, Gr. 4, 7, and 8 and at other grade levels as they occur. We encourage Catholic boys currently in Grade 6 at a public school to apply for Grade 7.

### **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](http://www.rcav.org/oc/winter).



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Jan 8:** 2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
- Mon. Jan 9:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
6:30pm Jr YM –SPARK (Church Basement)
- Tue. Jan 10:** 6:30pm Baptism Prep (Church)  
6:30pm PREP (School)  
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)  
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
- Wed. Jan 11:** 2:00pm Willingdon Mass (4435 Grange St.)  
6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)  
6:30pm PREP (School)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Thu. Jan 12:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)  
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Fri. Jan 13:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Sat. Jan 14:** **10:00am Sr. Ann Shields (Church)**  
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)  
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)  
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
- Sun. Jan 15:** 9:15am D & A (Rectory Basement)  
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Church Basement)  
2:00pm CFC (School Gym)  
5:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)  
6:30pm Sr YM– FLAME (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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**MIGRANT MINISTRY:** (604) 355-9611 [stmarysmigrant@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarysmigrant@yahoo.com)

**YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)** E-mail: [arda@marysyoung.com](mailto:arda@marysyoung.com)

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: [www.marysyoung.com](http://www.marysyoung.com)

**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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