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Pastor's Corner

THE EXORCIST

"The movie "The Exorcist: is based on a true story of a boy from Mount Rainier, Maryland. *Newsweek* magazine wrote of the boy: 'After he was admitted to Georgetown University Hospital...the boy began to mouth fierce curses in ancient languages and at one point, while strapped helplessly in his bed, long scratches appeared on his body.' The boy survived and now lives near Washington, D.C." (Fr. Mark Link, S.J. in Mission, page 188).

This true story reminds us of today's Gospel where Jesus expels evil spirits. Jesus did not do this to scare us, but because it was and is still necessary. We are at war. If we don't know it, we are bound to lose it. What are the weapons? St. Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians (6:12) wrote, "For it is not against human enemies that we have to struggle, but against the principalities and the ruling forces who are masters of the darkness in this world, the spirits of evil in the heavens."

Yes, the evil spirits are more powerful than us, human beings. But they are not infinite beings. They are finite creatures. God is infinite. The powers of all the evil spirits cannot do anything against God's will and power. They are just like a mosquito for Him. If God is with us, who can condemn us, wrote Paul in his letter to the Romans (8:28).

Fr. Elias Vella, an exorcist, said at the Rosemary Heights Set Free retreat, "Do not be afraid of the devil; the devil should be afraid of you..." provided that you are in communion of will with Jesus Christ. He can turn everything for your own good, if you are in union with Him (see Romans 8:28), God does not want evil, but He allows it to happen, gives it permission to happen, only because He intends to draw greater good from it.

Fear is the preferred tool of the devil. If your fear makes you believe, that you are at the devil's mercy, then you have

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already lost one battle. Rather let Christ, in you, face the devil. "Put on the full armour of God so as to be able to resist the devil's tactics." (Ephesians 6:10). If you don't, "you will not be able to put up any resistance on the evil day, or stand your ground even though you exert yourselves to the full." (Ephesians 6:13).

Let us not be afraid of the devil's powers, because God's powers are greater, but let us despise the devil's lies and tactics. Let us ask the grace to stay completely away from sin and from the near occasions of sin.

Each time we sin, we give authority to the devil. We give him permission, even without knowing it, to gain ground in us. "Resist the devil, and he will flee away." (James 4:7) When you resist the devil in any kind of temptation, you share in Jesus' mission of bringing about the full victory of God's Kingdom of Light over Satan's Kingdom of Darkness. You and I must finish what Jesus began.

"What is one way I am working to finish the war against evil that Jesus began?" (Mark Link, S.J.)

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (grades 6-8) – LIFE IS WONDERFUL



It's time to celebrate! Celebrate what??? Celebrate life! Why??? Because life is precious! Join us as we celebrate with our favorite games, an awesome talk and all you can eat pizza! Come on Monday, January 30th at 6:30 pm in the church basement for another night filled with balloon-popping excitement!

FLAME (grades 8-12) – GAMES, GAMES, GAMES



Pictionary, Trivial pursuit, Charades, Quip it, Scene it, Pyramid, Scrabble, Scattergories, Suburbia, Who wants to be a millionaire, Monopoly, Risk, Clue, Pandemic, Blitz and more. With all these games the Sr. Youth

Ministry games night is your sure source for fun and fellowship. Whether you have been with us before or this is your first time, make sure to join us on Friday, Feb. 3 at 6:30pm in the church basement and don't miss out on the fun.

PARISH NEWS

YOUNG ADULTS (ages 18-30) – ARE YOU READY?



Are you ready? Are you ready to meet new people? Are you ready to go deeper in your faith? Are you ready to serve God? Are you ready to have fun like never before? Are you ready for what's coming? Our

new young adult group is here and we want you to come and join us. This will be an adventure and a life changing experience. Our first event is on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 12:00 to 2:30pm. We will go and serve at VANSPEC. Jesus said whatever you did for the least of my brothers you did it for me. So come and serve Jesus with us. To register and for more detailed info please contact Arda at arda@marysyoung.com.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE SHROUD EXHIBIT

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to serve the Lord in the upcoming Man of the Shroud Exhibit from March 1-7. Pick up a volunteer form in the foyer and place in the box, also in the foyer. Your help is critical to the success of this exhibit! For more information, please call 604-435-9611 (x230) or email mmyo_ca@yahoo.com.

COUPLE FOR CHRIST CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

Couples for Christ is inviting all married couples, widow or widowers, and separated Catholics to a Christian Life Program that will start on February 11, 7pm in the School Gym. Fellowship and free light snacks follow. The program is free but pre-registration is requested. To register or to inquire, please call: Tony & Joy Borromeo 604-454-9139; Jun & Amie Morales 604-561-9007 or Andy & Cheng Palanca 604-230-9303.

HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD

Handmaids of the Lord, a family ministry of Couples for Christ, is inviting single mature women, widows, separated or divorced, single parents, wives of overseas workers, and those whose husbands are unavailable to join the community to a Christian Life Program. This is a series of teachings about our faith and how we can deepen our relationship with the Lord. The program starts Feb 12 at 10am in the school gym. It is free and fellowship follows after each session. For more information pls. call: Sandra at 778-836-2368 or Rae 604-435-0297.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

NOTRE DAME PRODUCTION

Notre Dame presents Sherlock Holmes and The Hounds of the Baskervilles, Tues Jan 31 to Fri Feb 2 at 7:30pm in the Notre Dame Library, tickets \$10. Senior matinees on Tuesday Jan 31 and Wednesday Feb 1 at 12pm. For tickets or info please call 604-255-5454 or e-mail Joe Dardano at jdardano@ndrs.org.

VOCATION LIVE-IN (MEN)

On the weekend of February 3-5 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. For more information call 604-826-8715.

VOCATION LIVE-IN (WOMEN)

Silent Live-In Retreat for women interested in discerning a call to religious life on the weekend of Feb 10th, from 7pm to 3pm, Feb 12th. For further information or to register, contact Linda at 604-824-4184 or becharlinda@gmail.com; or Sr. Denece at 604-985-4872 or dbillesberger@shaw.ca. Space is limited so register early.

POST-ARRIVAL SEMINAR FOR TEMPORARY WORKERS




There will be free orientation seminar on Sunday, Feb 5 at the Metrotown Community Room (near Old Navy) from 1-6pm. Speakers from Labour Ministry and Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration will be present.. To register, please visit www.upaabc.org.

DON'T MISS THE ARCHDIOCESAN CONFERENCE

Take one dynamic Archbishop, mix in one talented Catholic musician, add one passionate speaker from New Orleans...total them up and what have you got? **Archdiocesan Conference: One Faith. One Body. One Mission.** The Archdiocesan Conference is our annual event gathering Catholics at the Vancouver Convention Centre to inspire and renew their faith, Feb. 17 & 18. This year's line-up has something for everyone: renowned singer-songwriter Matt Maher; the dynamic and humorous Mike Patin speaking on the role of passion in our faith; Fr. Paul Nicholson, a popular speaker who will address the disappearance of men from Western Christianity, and plenty more, including Mass with the Archbishop, a ministry fair and exhibits. For more speaker information, a promo video, and to register go to www.rcav.org/conference.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Jan 29:** 10:00am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
- Mon. Jan 30:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr YM- SPARK (Church Basement)
- Tue. Jan 31:** 6:30pm PREP (School)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
- Wed. Feb 1:** 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex)
6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)
6:30pm PREP (School)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:00pm Grace That Reigns (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- **Thu. Feb 2:** 6:30pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- **Fri. Feb 3:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- **Sat. Feb 4:** 9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
2:00pm CFC-SFC (School Gym)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
5:00pm Man to Man Dinner (Church Basement)
- Sun. Feb 5:** 12:30pm UPAABC (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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