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Pastor's
Corner

SHE BEGAN TO SERVE THEM

Why doesn't God heal all of the sick? Why doesn't He heal my son, my mother, my grandpa? Even while Jesus was physically present on earth, He did not heal all who were gathered around Him. "He cured many" says today's Gospel. Then He went out to pray, probably asking the Father what He should do. Should He stay there until He would heal all in that village? What was His mission? "While he was praying, the disciples said, "Everyone is searching for you! What are you doing? Please go back to your healing work?" What did Jesus answer? "Let us go somewhere else that I may proclaim the message there also, for this is what I came to do." Jesus left many people who were still sick and went to another village.

Why? Because unless we take out the roots of sin in us, evil and sickness will always spring back. As soon as we get better, we forget about God and start doing or allowing what got us sick in the first place. What is the root of sin in us? A search for happiness without a desire to use it for others! That is why Jesus wanted to preach more than to heal! He wanted to give us back the desire to live for God and for others. Without that deep inner desire, we all get sick. We get sick spiritually, living a purposeless life, even if we are healthy. That lack of real, radical, eternal life purpose leads us to a sense of emptiness. We try to fill that emptiness, to numb the void by all kinds of addictions that destroy our human relationships, our health and wealth, our relation to God.

Why would God heal you, if with regained health, you would live just for yourself? God is trying to tell you and me that we need to commit to His service, first.

"Seek the Kingdom of God first and everything else will be given unto you." But you may say, "That is what I am doing. Yet I am still very sick." Then you are called to offer up your

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suffering with Jesus in the Cross and share in His sacrifice for the redemption of the world. On the Cross Jesus endured all our sufferings. He offered us His companionship in our suffering. That **redemptive suffering** will be the topic of next week's pastor's corner.



God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (grades 6-8) - SPARK SOCIAL

The celebration continues with SPARK as we award our Power Points Champ! Will our Top Contender bring home the prize or will an underdog rise up and steal the win? Come & join the fun on Monday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. With all the games we have, the next Power Points Champ could be you!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Today, we begin the observance of Catholic Schools Week across the province of BC. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools...iLearn, iBelieve, iPray." During this week we will be celebrating learning and how our students are becoming people filled with enthusiasm, courage and sense of service filled with compassion.

VALENTINE CHOCOLATE

St. Mary's School will be selling chocolates in the foyer after all Masses, this weekend and next, to fundraise for the school.

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

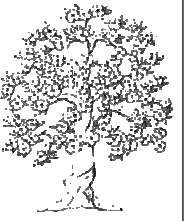
Are you ready? Are you ready to meet new people? Are you ready to go deeper in your faith? Are you ready to serve God? Are you ready to have fun like never before? Are you ready for what's coming? Our new young adult group is here and we want you to come and join us. This will be an adventure and a life changing experience. Our first event is on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 12- 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.



PARISH NEWS

HEALING YOUR FAMILY TREE

Find out how to lift the trans-generational bondages that may be causing unwanted tendencies, behaviour patterns and defects in body, mind and spirit in you and your family. In this DVD teaching, Fr. John H. Hampsch CMF (listed in *Who's Who in Religion in America*), will show us how to heal the present problems resulting from our ancestors' sins as well as to draw down God's graces on present and future generations in the fullness of spiritual healing. Don't miss this event!!! Saturday, Feb 11 from 10am to 3 pm. Entrance is free, just bring a bag lunch. This healing service will be concluded with a Healing Mass to be celebrated on Tuesday, February 14 at 7:30 pm. Volunteers will be handing out flyers after Mass or see the poster at the Church foyer for more details.



COUPLE FOR CHRIST CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

Couples for Christ invites all married couples, widow or widowers and separated Catholics to a Christian Life Program that will start Feb 11, 7pm in the school gym. Fellowship and free light snacks follow. The program is free but pre-registration is requested. To register, please call: Tony & Joy 604-454-9139; Jun & Amie 604-561-9007 or Andy & Cheng 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 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. Info call: Sandra 778-836-2368 or Rae 604-435-0297.

WHERE DOES YOUR ROAD LEAD?

Let's find out together! Single men and women 21 and older are invited to attend the Christian Life Program sponsored by CFC Singles For Christ, a ministry of Couples For Christ for loving, caring and passionate young adults called to follow God's will and to live a life of purpose. The CLP starts on February 11, 2pm in the school gym. No cost to join. To register call Mark Costales 778-837-2424 or Genesis Rigor 778-855-7325.

PARISH NEWS

CATHOLICISM SERIES

Join Fr. Barron as he travels in an exciting globe-trotting experience, exploring the Universal Church in a way never before seen. This is an amazing opportunity to grow in your faith. Series begins on Feb. 18 from 9:30am-11:30 am in the Church basement. To register call 604-435-9611 ext. 3 (*Fr. Gabriel OP*) or email catholicismsaintmary@gmail.com.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE SHROUD EXHIBIT

The Man of the Shroud Exhibit is still looking for volunteers. The new volunteer form shows the times and areas where volunteers are lacking. Please pick up a new volunteer form in the foyer today. In addition, there is volunteer orientation on Sun Feb 19 at 2-4pm in the church basement. All are invited.

HOME COMING

Do you know any friends who used to be Catholics, or any non-Catholics whom you would like to introduce Christ to? Fountain of Love & Life (FLL), is hosting an evangelization event in Chinese (Cantonese) on Sunday, March 25, from 2:30-4:30pm, at the Michael J. Fox Theatre, in Burnaby. FLL Volunteers will be visiting this Parish on the weekend of Feb 25/26 to answer questions and sell tickets. Please see flyer and poster for more information, or call 604-818-6888.

DIOCESAN & COUNITY NEWS

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. Feb 5: 12:30pm UPAABC (Church Basement)

Mon. Feb 6: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr YM- SPARK (Church Basement)
7:00pm Lay Apostle (Church)
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)

Tue. Feb 7: 6:30pm PREP (School)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

Wed. Feb 8: 2:00pm Willingdon Mass (4435 Grange)
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)



Thu. Feb 9: 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)



Fri. Feb 10: 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. Feb 11: 9:15am D & A (Rectory Basement)
10:00am Healing Family Tree (Church Basement)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
10:00am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
2:00pm CFC-SFC (School Gym)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)
6:00pm CFC (School Gym)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)

Sun. Feb 12: 1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm 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: 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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