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Pastor's  
Corner

**Ballroom Dancing, the Commandments  
and the Eucharist**

Did you ever take lessons in ballroom dancing, or line dancing? Were you ever coached into a sport? And did you go through the tedious drills of basketball or effective skiing? In any of those cases, you had to go through those tedious drills that seemed irrelevant and imposed on you. The coach had to take some tiny parts of the sport, some particular basic moves of the sport or dance, and drill them into your body memory. Then came the day when you were able to use these moves effortlessly into your game or sport. Some body positions of ballroom dancing or golfing which seemed to you arbitrary and uncomfortable became freeing. Your skiing became like a gracious dance all over the mountain.

Now transpose this in the spiritual and moral domain. At first, when you start practicing the drills of the commandments of God and of the Church, they seem arbitrary and intrinsic, even counter-intuitive and counter-productive. Then you get to see, with life experience, that they are the only way to go, in the long run. You want to stop envying because you know it ends in disregarding your true goodness. You stop lying because it results in people not trusting you and you not trusting them. You start to live in harmony and truth.

But there is a problem. We do not persevere. Most of the time, we fall back into the old sins, the old patterns of bad moral conducts. What if the Law of God was written in our hearts? Then we would be inclined to obey the

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Commandments. We would see the goodness and the relevancy of the Commandments. We would integrate them freely in the dance of our lives. Just as a skilled athlete, just as a pro-dancer, we would have internalized the moves of the game and use them joyfully, and creatively and effortlessly in our journey to holiness and wholeness. Society would change as individuals would be changing.

This is what Jeremiah 31:31-34 announced and what Jesus fulfilled at the Last Supper. When we drink at His Cup of the Covenant and eat His body, we drink and eat of Him who is the Word, that is the Law, the mind of God, the Spiritual Principle that hold everything together and can make us and the world a living part of the great Dance of God and His creation. As we receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, we become what we receive. We are being "Christified". But we still need to repent, to renounce, to forgive, to discipline our lives according to the Commandments. Don't worry! We have a great coach: Jesus Christ Himself who embodies in Himself His Person and Life the perfect dance. Look at Him, follow Him and obey His Spirit in you, inclining our will to His will.

*God bless you, Fr. Pierre*

**PARISH NEWS**

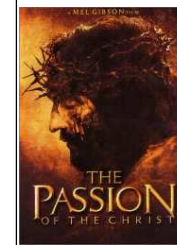
**SPARK (grades 6-8) – NEEDS & WANTS**



Sometimes what we want is not what we really need. What we need is not what we really want. The media tells us that we need all these material things to be happy. But how long does that happiness last? We know that you want something that will last a lifetime so that is what we will give you! Join us on Monday, March 26 at 6:30pm in the church basement for a night filled with fun games, Power Points, meaningful teaching and pizza! Don't miss out!

**PARISH NEWS**

**FLAME (GRADES 8-12) - MOVIES**



With so many movies to choose from we are sure "The Passion of the Christ" is the best choice as we start for the Holy Week. Join us on Friday, March 30 at 6:30pm in the church basement for a night faith and fellowship. The movie is rated R and youth are required to bring permission forms to be able to watch the movie. Permission forms are available on [www.marysyoung.com](http://www.marysyoung.com).

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP – 40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

We are sponsoring the 40 Days for Life Campaign on Tuesday, March 27 and invite all young adults (18 to 35) to join us for an hour to pray to end abortion in our country. It is the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history and this is your chance to stand up for justice and be a part of history. We can't just say abortion is bad; we need to do our part. To sign-up please contact Arda at [arda@marysyoung.com](mailto:arda@marysyoung.com)



**GRACE THAT REIGNS MINISTRY**

PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS - Spend 30 minutes in a directed prayer to help intercede for our priests. When & Where? Thursday, March 29, 7.30pm @ St. Mary's Church, ALL ARE WELCOME! To find out more about this ministry, please visit our website @ [www.GracethatReigns.com](http://www.GracethatReigns.com) or contact [Jacqueline@GracethatReigns.com](mailto:Jacqueline@GracethatReigns.com)

**THE CATHOLIC FORUM**

The Catholic Forum invites you to explore the topic: "The Vatican II Council: the most important event in the Catholic Church in the last 500 years", on Tuesday March 27 at 7pm in St. Mary's Church. The guest speaker is Dr. Christine Jones, President of Redeemer Pacific College. For further info, contact Dr. Paul Ungar at 604-588-5696 or Cathy Neugebauer email: [ve7cld@shaw.ca](mailto:ve7cld@shaw.ca).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

St. Mary's School has openings for Grade 5 & 7 for September 2012. If interested, please contact the school at 604-437-1312.

## PARISH NEWS

### **CATHOLIC EVANGELIZATION WORKSHOP:**

**Embracing Your Missionary Identity** on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 7pm – 9pm in the Church Basement. Pope Benedict



XVI has called for a New Evangelization, how do you want to respond? This workshop will inspire your heart by equipping you to embrace your missionary identity. If you want to learn how to be a witness for Christ, or how to share your faith in a way that is natural and fruitful, please consider attending and consider bringing friends and associates. Brett Powell is an excellent teacher known for making an impact with audiences by providing practical and inspiring training in evangelization and leadership development. His workshops are fun, engaging, informative and inspiring. To register please contact [stmarys@telus.net](mailto:stmarys@telus.net)

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

### **RETRouvaille**

Is your Marriage in Misery? - Vancouver Retrouvaille helps couples like you! Recover intimacy, trust and a loving marriage! We have helped many couples overcome serious problems of all kinds, even infidelity or years of misery. Heal the pain, learn to forgive, rediscover love and romance! Learn the tools for healthy communication and respect.) Couples need not be Catholic to attend. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning the weekend of April 13-15, 2012. call 604-530-6710., email [1009@retrouvaille.org](mailto:1009@retrouvaille.org) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

### **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

Help bring God's kingdom to our neediest brothers and sisters in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. On March 24/25, please give generously to the 2nd collection Share Lent.

### **ENRICH YOUR FAITH**

Archdiocesan Formation Institute offer one-day faith formation and ministry training courses for adults. Topics include: Church history, apologetics & more. Apr 21, from 10am to 4pm. Cost:

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Mar 25:** 10:00am Handmaids (Rectory Library)  
10:00am Migrant Workers (School Gym)  
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)  
2:00pm Light of Jesus Family (School Gym)  
2:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)  
**7:30pm Neo Catechumens (Church Basement)**
- Mon. Mar 26:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)  
**6:00pm Eucharistic Minister Training (Church)**  
6:30pm Jr YM—SPARK (Church Basement)
- Tue. Mar 27:** 7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)  
7:00pm Catholic Forum (Church)  
7:30pm Ablaze Growth (Church Basement)
- Wed. Mar 28:** 8:30am Respect Life (Rectory Dining)  
6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
**7:00pm CCO Workshop (Church Basement)**  
**7:30pm Neo Catechumens (School Gym)**  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction
- Thu. Mar 29:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
9:00pm Benediction
- Fri. Mar 30:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)  
6:30pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)  
6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)  
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)  
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)  
9:00pm Benediction
- Sat. Mar 31:** 9:00am CFC-YFC (Seminar Room)  
9:15am DNA (Rectory Basement)  
**9:30am Catholicism (Church Basement)**  
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)  
1:00pm Talitha Koum (Church Basement)  
2:00pm CFC-SFC (School Gym)  
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)  
6:00pm CFC (School Gym)  
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
- Sun. Apr 1:** 10:00am Handmaids (School Gym)  
10:00am RCIA (Rectory Dining)  
1:00pm Light of Jesus (Rectory Dining)  
**7:30pm Neo Catechumens (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@marysyouth.com](mailto:arda@marysyouth.com)

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**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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