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Pastor's Corner

ON THE SEVENTH DAY, GOD RESTED!

An old lady was complaining to her pastor about his day off. She said, "The devil does not take a day off." The pastor replied, "If I didn't take a day off, I would become like the devil!" Then he added, a bit facetiously, "Even God took a day off, after completing the creation of the Universe. It is called the Sabbath." The Jews of the Old Testament considered the Sabbath rest as an anticipation of heaven, a preparation for the great rest when the Kingdom of God would be realized; a way of entering into Communion with the joy of God. We Catholics consider Sunday as a preparation for what we will do, forever, in heaven, in the world of the Resurrected.

Can you imagine yourself resting forever? "May he rest in peace." That looks like death to me. It is written all over the tombstones in the cemetery. To me, the kind of rest that is attractive is the one that comes after a hard-won victory! A rest after a defeat is depressing, unless we see it as a preparation for another attempt at victory!

In heaven, we will celebrate the great victory over death, over division, sin, misunderstandings, hatred. Right now, during the summer months, we can celebrate the victories Christ already gave us over our personal and collective selfishness, our doubts, our fears. Even though there is still much to do, we can celebrate every Sunday, and every summer holiday. That celebration is called gratitude and praise.

Think of the reasons to be grateful. Grateful for being alive...in Vancouver...in St. Mary's Parish. Gratitude for your family, your work, your passions. Gratitude for being able to see God in every event, in every person, in sickness and in health, in poverty and in abundance. All is grace, and grace is everything.

In the end, we will celebrate the great victory in Christ. There will be a creative explosion of joy and praise and adoration. Practice this during your holidays.

God bless you, Fr. Pierre
Enter into His joy!

PARISH NEWS

ARE YOU THE MISSING PIECE OF THE PUZZLE?

Calling all faithful Catholics between the ages of 19 to 99! We, the Youth Ministry team, are challenging you for a mission! A mission that is tough but exciting; daring and will push you to your limits, but will definitely be rewarding! The mission is to be a part of the team and help serve the youth in our parish! Interested? Contact Ana at ana@marysyouth.com or 604-435-9611 ext. 247 for more information.

SPARK SUMMER EVENTS (grades 6-8)

School is over and summer has finally arrived! Are you bored with nothing to do? Don't worry, SPARK is here for you! Join us on **July 9th** for an event that is not only good for the body but also for the soul, and on **July 16th** as we debunk the image of perfection that the world gives us, and on **July 23rd** as we end of the year with a Talent Show and Games Night! All of these are happening at 6:30pm in the Church basement! Don't miss out!

FLAME EVENTS (grades 8-12)

We may have cancelled the "Locked In" event for FLAME, but the year is not over just yet! We have two awesome events lined up just for you! **FUN TIME** on **July 13th** in the school gym at 6:30pm and **BEACH DAY** on **July 27th** – you can find details on the Beach Day form at www.marysyouth.com/forms or contact Ana at ana@marysyouth.com.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (ages 18-35) – LIFE WITHOUT LIMBS

Does life sometimes seem unfair? How can we overcome hardships? These are questions we all face in our lives one time or another. Come and find the amazing answer. What you hear and see will blow your mind… guaranteed!!! Join the Young Adult Group on Saturday, July 14th at 6:30pm in the Church basement for a life-changing event with an amazing testimony, adoration, reflections and then going out to grab a bite to eat.

HEALING MINISTRY

Healing Prayers will be on Fridays only during the month of July and August. To make an appointment with the Healing Ministry for prayers, please call 778-885-9611.

ST. MARY'S PARISH WEBSITE

Fr. Gabriel is looking for passionate parishioners who would be interested in contributing to the development of our new parish website. The website shell is already in place, however we need content. Those who are interested, please contact Fr. Gabriel at 604-435-9611 ext. 3.

PARISH BULLETIN

The bulletin will take a break during the month of July and will return in August. Please refer to the bulletin calendar for events throughout July.

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ANGELIC WARFARE CONFRATERNITY

The Angelic Warfare Confraternity is a fellowship of men and women of all states of life (teenagers, single, married, widowed, separated/divorced, consecrated sisters and brothers, priests) dedicated to pursuing and promoting chastity together under the powerful patronage of St. Thomas Aquinas and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Visiting Dominican Seminarians, Brothers Jonathan Landry, O.P. and Julian Dugas O.P. invite you to the Enrollment Ceremony on **Monday, July 9 at 7pm** in the Church. Kits are $5.00 each. Please review beforehand the Catechism at www.angelicwarfare.org. All are welcome.

TALK ON RELIGIOUS AND CONSECRATED LIFE

Visiting Dominican Seminarians, Brothers Jonathan Landry, O.P. and Julian Dugas, O.P. invite you to a talk on the Religious and Consecrated Life on **Thursday, July 12 at 7:45pm** in the Church basement. All are welcome.

ST. MARY'S STREET OUTREACH

We are looking for volunteers for an anti-sex-trafficking and anti-demand-for-sex campaign. If you are interested, please sign up at the foyer or contact Mildred Moy at 778-885-9611 or email mmoy_ca@yahoo.com. Volunteers must be non-judgemental. We are also forming a prayer group to fast and pray for an end to sex-trafficking, and for all the street people including those who are addicted, prostituted, and also for the buyers, pimps and procurers of sex. If you're interested, sign up in the foyer or contact Mildred Moy at 778-885-9611 or email mmoy_ca@yahoo.com. Our first session will be on Friday, July 6 at 6pm.

R.C.I.A. SPONSORS NEEDED

Have you ever desired to help someone journey toward faith in Jesus Christ and His Holy Catholic Church? St. Mary's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is looking for devoted, faithful Catholics to be sponsors for inquirers who want to learn about the Catholic Faith. If you sense the Lord calling you to this important ministry, please contact the R.C.I.A. coordinator at soberg@rcav.org for more information.

R.C.I.A. ACCEPTING INQUIRERS

Are you an adult who would like to join the Catholic Church? Perhaps you are a baptized Catholic, but lack the Sacrament of First Communion or Confirmation. Maybe you would like to learn more about the Catholic faith and what the Church teaches. Welcome to St. Mary's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program! We start in early September and are taking registrations now. Do not miss this life-changing opportunity. Interested? Please contact the R.C.I.A. Coordinator at soberg@rcav.org. for more information.

PARISH NEWS

NEW PARISH CENTRE

We are very blessed to be part of an active and growing parish community. With close to 50 different ministries, our parish now needs a new parish centre to accommodate our needs. This is a big project and we are forming a Building Committee that will be in charge of this exciting undertaking. If you have expertise and willingness that you would like to contribute by being part of the committee, please send a brief summary or your qualifications to the parish office "Attn: Building Committee."

P.R.E.P. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Do you enjoy working with children? Are you knowledgeable and passionate about your Catholic faith? If this sounds like you, please consider volunteering as a teacher, or as an assistant teacher, in St. Mary's Parish Religious Education Program. The classes are every Tuesday and Wednesday evening starting in mid September. We are also looking for an Administrative Assistant for Tuesday evenings. If you are interested, please contact the P.R.E.P. Coordinator at soberg@rcav.org.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2012

Right now we are at 41% of the parish goal. We encourage parishioners to return pledges or register as new donors. This year's rebate will be used toward the Parish Community Centre. During the summer please deposit all pledges through the Sunday collection. Blank pledge forms are available at the registration desk in the foyer, or you can donate online at www.rcav.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REQUEST FOR FREEZER

We have families in need of a freezer. We will accept any used freezer in good working condition. Please call Richard Lange 778-995-2010 or Cecilia Carbonneau 604-436-3256 or email richard_lange@hotmail.com. Thank you for your generous support.

SUMMER GARAGE SALE

Light of Jesus Family will have its annual garage sale on Sunday, July 8th from 9am - 6pm at the entrance of the school gym. We have great items (both new & used!) We invite you to check it out!

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY 2013

Thank you to all who volunteered and participated in the Eucharistic Procession 2 weeks ago. God blessed us with His outpouring of the Spirit of Joy onto everyone present! Next year, Corpus Christi Sunday will be on June 2, 2013. We will do it again. Please mark your calendar!

HANDMAIDS CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

On Saturday, July 7 at 10am, the CFC-Handmaids of the Lord invite single mature women, widows, separated or divorced, single parents, wives of overseas workers, to a Christian Life Program. This is a series of teachings about our faith and how we can deepen our relationship with the Lord. Location: school seminar room.

JULY CALENDAR

Sun Jul 1:	1:30pm Youth For Christ (Church Basement)
Mon Jul 2:	**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
	7:00pm Lay Apostle (Church)
Tue Jul 3:	7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
Wed Jul 4:	10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex)
Thu Jul 5:	6:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)
Fri Jul 6:	6:00pm Street Ministry Outreach (Rectory Dining)
	7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
Sat Jul 7:	9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)
	9:30am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
	10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
	1:30pm CFC-SFC (School Gym)
	2:30pm Baptism (Church)
	3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
	5:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
Sun Jul 8:	9:00am Light of Jesus Garage Sale (School Gym)
	2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
Mon Jul 9:	6:30pm Jr YM- SPARK (Church Basement)
Tue Jul 10:	6:30pm Baptism Prep (Church)
	7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
Wed Jul 11:	2:00pm Willingdon Mass (4435 Grange)
Thu Jul 12:	7:45pm Talk on Religious Life (Church Basement)
Fri Jul 13:	7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
Sat Jul 14:	9:30am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
	9:15am DNA (Rectory Basement)
	10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
	3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
	6:00pm CFC (School Gym)
	6:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)
	6:30pm Young Adults (Church Basement)
Sun Jul 15:	10:00am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)
Mon Jul 16:	6:30pm Jr YM- SPARK (Church Basement)
Tue Jul 17:	7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
Wed Jul 18:	5:00pm L'Arche Mass (7401 Sussex)
Fri Jul 20:	7:30pm CCO (School Gym)
	7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
Sat Jul 21:	9:30am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
	10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
	3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
	3:00pm Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
	7:30pm ARC (Church)
Sun Jul 22:	2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
	2:00pm Knights of Columbus (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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