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Pastor's
Corner

**WILL THE REAL CHRISTIAN PLEASE
STAND UP!**

I had my first conversion when I was about fifteen years old. It was a "weak" conversion. I was interested in Jesus' ideas only, not in him. I wanted to use his ideas for my success, to fulfill my desire to be recognized, to be loved, to be admired. I was not really interested in placing Jesus at the centre of my life. Rather, I was putting myself at the centre and Jesus was an "asset", a tool, for my selfish purpose. Don't throw a stone at me! You might have begun like that too. I had not fully realized that Jesus wanted to befriend me. I had not realized that Jesus was saying to me, "I want you to accept not only my ideas, but me, myself." Yes, still today, Jesus is saying to me, and maybe to you also, "I want a true friend who puts me at the centre of his life! I am not satisfied with a pupil, a student, who copies my ideas and then forgets about me and hangs out with other friends only." Yes Jesus said, "I no longer call you servants but friends." (John 15:15) Jesus wants me to have a friendship with him, so that, through him, I may have a great friendship with the God of the Universe. That is what true Christianity is about.

Fifty-one years passed since my first conversion. Am I any better? Yes and no. I am willing to put God at the centre, but not all the time. As my life draws to a close, I realize that I would be a better person spiritually,

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physically, emotionally and intellectually today if I had put God at the center earlier in my life, and more consistently after. But Jesus is saying to me, "Relax, I can do in one year what you could not possibly do in a century. Just live by me. You will not regret it! Give me permission to come closer to you and you will become a better, holier, happier priest, pastor and friend.

To you too, Jesus is saying "I am your way, your truth, your life. Without me, you can do nothing. With me, nothing is impossible. Live by me, eat my flesh, drink my blood. Do you also wish to go away from me? Or do you want to be in me, and me in you?" If the apostles had said "No, we don't want to follow you anymore," then the world we live in would be very different. If you say no to Christ, the world will be different for you and for many others. Please say yes.



God bless you, Fr. Pierre

p.s. Put Christ at the center and he will put you at the center of HIS LIFE...

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.



PARISH NEWS

CAMPAIGN AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

St. Mary's Street Outreach and CWL are having a campaign against human-trafficking in the foyer after all Masses. Please show your support by writing your name, address and postal code legibly on 8 post-cards. We will send them to your MP, 3 major party leaders, and 4 ministers: justice, aboriginal affairs, status of women, and public safety.

LOOKING FOR CREATIVE THINKERS!



Are you passionate about your faith? Does evangelization excite you? St. Mary's Parish is looking for people who are creative thinkers- inside and outside of the box! We need to redefine the role

of the pastoral council in a growing parish where new ministries are being created every year. Do you have the attributes and the desire to be part of a short term committee (3 -6 months), with a goal to create a mission statement for the new pastoral council? If so, come out and meet the challenge! Send us your contact information, along with a few lines about yourself to the parish office at parish.smarv@rcav.org.

FR. VINCENT HAS A NEW BOOK

Former St. Mary's pastor, Fr. Vincent Travers, has written a new book titled, "youngandrestless@god.com." The book may be pre-ordered through the sign up sheet in the foyer. **The book must be prepaid** at a cost of \$10 each. Place the payment in an envelope marked "FR. VINCENT'S BOOK" into the Sunday collection basket. When the books arrive, it will be announced in the bulletin for pick up.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

The 'Theology of the Body' is Pope John Paul II's integrated vision of the human person - body, soul, and spirit. Father Alan Boisclair will offer an eleven-week session in September at St. Mary's Parish. Cost \$70/person, includes the textbook. Pre-registration is required. More information at www.rcav.org.tob or call 604-683-0281.

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." Deadline is September 3rd.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Couples for Christ invites all married couples, singles, divorced/separated and widows/widowers to a Christian Life Program that starts Saturday, Sept 1 at 7pm in the school gym. Fellowship and free light snacks follow. Couples for Christ is a charismatic community committed to the work of global evangelization, particularly the renewal of Christian couples. The program is free but pre-registration is requested. To register or inquire, please call: Andy/Cheng (604-230-9303); George/Susan (778-668-7422) or Joe/Flor (604-438-3821).



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

COUPLE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND IN CANTONESE

The Catholic Canadian Chinese Marriage Encounter Association will hold a Cantonese speaking Couple Enrichment Weekend from Oct. 5- 7 at UBC Carey Centre, 5920 Iona Drive. Facilitator will be Sr. Maria Hsu, Fd CC from San Francisco. Fee \$380 per couple. Couples who desire to renew and deepen their marital commitment and faith are cordially invited. For more information contact: Winnie/Eric at 604-222-3573; Catherine at 604-889-8378; email info@ccmea.com or visit www.ccmea.com.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



- Sun Aug 26:** 2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
2:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
2:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)
- Mon Aug 27:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
- Tue Aug 28:** 7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
- Wed Aug 29:** 6:00pm Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- **Thu Aug 30:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- **Fri Aug 31:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
- **Sat Sep 1:** 9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)
9:30am Handmaids (Seminar Room)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
6:30pm CFC (School Gym)
- Sun Sep 2:** 9:00am Youth For Christ (Church Basement Library)
1:30pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
2:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory 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-9:30am, 4:15pm- 4:55pm, 6:10pm- 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.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Contact soberg@rcav.org.

PREP: Catechism Program for children attending public schools on Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm

Coordinator: Stefan Oberg E-mail: soberg@rcav.org.

TEEN PREP: Interactive Catechism Sessions for Teens on Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm

Coordinator: Stefan Oberg E-mail: soberg@rcav.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY: E-mail: arda@marysyoung.com

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: www.marysyoung.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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