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Pastor's
 Corner

WHAT A STRANGE GOD WE HAVE

How can you find peace, joy and love when you are unfairly treated? How do you react to those who oppress you? Do you try to muster more abuse against them than they had against you? Do you try to switch places with your oppressor, so that he becomes your victim? We all do that from time to time or even more often than not! Myself too! In today's Gospel, St. Peter is like that too. He has just confessed that Jesus is the Messiah. In his understanding of the word, or understanding common with most Jews of his time, the Messiah was supposed to kick the oppressor out (the Romans) and Israel would become the center of the world. The Messiah would bring a reversal of the relationship of the oppressed and the oppressor. But not a real transformation of that relationship!

So we can understand now why Peter was really upset when Jesus said that He, the Messiah, would have to undergo great suffering, be rejected by His people and be killed. Peter is rebuking Jesus— what a strong verb! Peter is correcting Jesus, defining for Him, His mission as a Messiah. Why? Because he loves Jesus? Of course, he loves Jesus! But he is also using Him. He is dreaming of being the vice-president of the new world. He is dreaming of self-promotion by shattering the enemy, aggrandizing himself and smashing the enemies. Jesus replies to him with strong words, "Get behind me Satan. For you are thinking not as God does, but as humans do."

How does God think? How would He answer the questions at the top of this page, that is, "How do you react to those who oppress you?" *Pastor's Corner Continued...*

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And God answers through Christ, not by adding more violence and more hatred! But absorbing that violence and that hatred in His own being. By putting Himself between the oppressed and the oppressor and absorbing the blows. In His Divinity, Jesus can absorb all the evils, by Forgiveness and Love.

"I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you...Do not judge and you will not be judged; do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven, give and it will be given to you...for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. (Luke 6: 27-38)

"Whoever loses their life for my sake, and for the sake of the Gospel, will save it." (Mark 8:35)

God bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

NEW PARISH CENTRE

Our Parish Building Committee is in need of volunteers with expertise in the areas of communications, marketing, and fundraising. If you have these skills and wish to be part of this committee, please email your resume to the parish office at parish.smarv@rcav.org. Deadline is Sept. 30.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's council 9th Annual Fr. Michael J. McGivney Memorial Fundraising Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday Sept 30 starting at 9am at Sunshine Woods Golf Centre, 10646-64th Ave., Delta. Net proceeds will be donated to candidates for priesthood. For more info, please contact Gabby at 778-322-8884.



PARISH NEWS

SPARK (GRADES 6 & 7) – REVEALED

SPARK has a secret to reveal! But it's not just any secret, it's one that will definitely change your life! Curious? Then there's only one way to find out! Join us as we break open a secret and top it off with some awesome games, fellowship time and so much more! Come on Monday, September 17th at 6:30pm in the Church basement and don't miss out!



FLAME (GRADES 10-12) – MUSIC & ME

Do you like music? Who's your favorite artist? What is your all-time favorite song? What does your music say about you? Come and join us as we dive into the world of music with games, skits, pizza and tons of fun. Bring your favorite songs on mp3 to share and bring a friend if you can. Sunday, September 16 at 6:30pm in the Church Basement

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (ages 18-35) – BIG SAVE

Do you want to help those in need? Did you know that approximately every minute of every day, someone in Canada needs blood? Join us as we go and donate blood and do our part. Saving a life can be fun with St Mary's Young Adult Group. Join us on Saturday, September 22 at 12:30pm as we go donate and then go to celebrate. Contact Arda at arda@marysyoung.com for more info or to register.



YM BASKETBALL

Youth Ministry Basketball League has started. Do you want to be a part of it? Our team is open to grades 8 to 12. The team is co-ed and your skill level doesn't matter at all. Practices are on Saturdays from 10am to 12pm in the school gym. If you are interested please register with Arda so you can join our Youth Ministry Basketball Team. Call 604-435-9611 ext. 6 or e-mail: arda@marysyoung.com



PARISH NEWS

DO YOU WANT TO READ THE BIBLE?

If you want to read the Bible, but don't know where or how to begin, then "A Quick Journey Through the Bible" is for you! This DVD series by Jeff Cavins makes reading the Bible easy and exciting! You will learn the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible. Perhaps for the first time in your life, you will know the "big picture" of salvation history. The readings at Mass will come alive to you like never before! The series consists of 8 DVD's; each is 30 minutes long. They will be shown in the Church basement on Sundays (Sep 23/30, Oct 7/14/28, Nov 4/11/18) at 6:20pm (after the 5pm Mass). *No need to register, no cost involved, no discussion groups. Just come, sit back and enjoy!*

CFC SINGLES FOR FAMILY AND LIFE




Our community provides a supportive environment to help singles live a full and meaningful life with Christ at the center of it, where unmarried men and women would experience Jesus Christ, know their state of life, be effective and efficient in their workplace, and strong witnesses of God's love and faithfulness. If you are unmarried (never been married), between 20-40 years of age, you are invited to attend a Christian Life Seminar. The seminar is free and starts on Friday, September 21 at 6:30pm in the Seminar Room. For more info, please email ourjoyinCHRIST@gmail.com or call Marianne at 778-385-5926.

PARISH NEWS

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

This year's annual charismatic conference will focus on the healing of the family beginning with past generations and current family. Fr. Denis Phaneuf and Moira Noonan have teamed up doing intergenerational family healing conferences and workshops across North America. The conference takes place on Friday, Sept. 21 from 7pm-9:30pm and Saturday, Sept. 22 from 9am-6pm, including anticipated Mass with Archbishop Miller. Tickets are \$10 each, available at the parish office.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun Sep 16:** 2:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)
6:30pm YM-FLAME Gr 10-12 (Church Basement)
- Mon Sep 17:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm YM-SPARK Gr 6-7 (Church Basement)
- Tue Sep 18:** 6:30pm CWL Meeting (School Gym)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
- Wed Sep 19:** 10:00am Hands of Veronica (Rectory Dining)
5:00pm L'Arche Mass (7401 Sussex)
6:00pm Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:30pm Neo Catechumen (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Thu Sep 20:** 7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm Theology of the Body (Seminar Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Fri Sep 21:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
5:30pm CFC-SFC (Seminar Room)
6:00pm Fast & Pray (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:30pm CCO (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Sat Sep 22:** 9:30am DNA (Rectory Basement)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
1:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
6:30pm CFC (School Gym)
7:30pm Neo Catechumen (Seminar Room)
- Sun Sep 23:** 2:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm Knights of Columbus (Seminar Room)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
6:30pm Bible Study (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-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

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