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**Pastor's
 Corner**

THE WIDOW AND THE PROPHET

This Pastor's Corner is a loose transcription of Fr. Barron's sermon 618 on wordonfire.org. In today's first reading, the widow hits rock bottom. She has no support, the whole country is going through famine caused by a severe drought. She is at her last meal, about to die with her son. The great prophet Elijah, the miracle man, doesn't offer her anything, even though he knows her condition. On the contrary, he asked her for a cake! At the moment of her greatest vulnerability, God comes in and asks her something. This is often the case, even today. He asks us more when we feel we have nothing more to give, no energy, no hope, no money. St. Paul wrote, "I willingly boast of weakness, that the power of Christ might dwell in me." Christ asks us more when we are vulnerable so as to give us more. If we accept His requests, our very vulnerability becomes an entry door for Him and His power.

This is a great spiritual law, the law of giving. "Abundance comes from the willing gift," as Fr. Barron puts it. "When you are linked to the God who is nothing but giving, then you can give and never run out." It will become water swelling up in you to eternal life.

The flip side of this truth is that when we cling to pathetic substitutes for God; money, sex, power, pleasures and honour, we can hoard and hoard all we want and we never have enough. When we turn something that is not God into God, we can hoard it and store it up all we want, it will never be enough. But when we are hooked on the one true God, you can give and give and give and it never runs out. The first reading says it beautifully. "The jar of flour shall not go empty nor the jug of oil run dry." The widow and her son are able to eat for a year, even after they have given away all they had to live.

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God is Love. So being filled with God, is being filled with love. So we have God by giving God away. If you want your faith to increase, share it. If you want more joy, then become a bearer of joy. That is the meaning of the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, "Make me an instrument of your peace."

In contrast, look at the scribes and Pharisees in today's Gospel. Jesus notices that they are milling around outside the temple, wearing their distinctive robes, accepting greeting according to their proper titles, seeking the places of honour. They are in a classic hoarding mode, taking as much privilege, honour, and attention as possible. We all do that once in a while. But the buzz we get from such attention wears off very quickly and we need more of it and more of it, without ever being satisfied.


So if you too feel you have hit rock bottom, then look for God who will invite you...to give! It can be giving money or giving joy, giving life, giving peace, becoming an instrument of God's purposes. That will be the path to fullness of life, the path to joy. Give out of your poverty.



God bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

There will be commissioning of all Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist during all Nov 24/25 Masses.  This includes all EM's who serve at the weekday Masses as well. This is for another term of 2 years. Please make every effort to attend.

BIO ETHICS SEMINAR

Stephanie Gray, executive director of the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform, an international pro-life speaker will present "Defending the Pro-Life View on Abortion: Adding Persuasion to Your Passion." Do you want to learn about how to discuss the abortion issue without getting tongue-tied? Do you know how to answer questions like, "Is abortion acceptable in cases of rape?" Do you want to simply be equipped to be a persuasive and winsome witness in the world? Then this presentation is for you! Wednesday, Nov 21 at 7pm in the Church basement. Everyone is welcome.

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (grades 6 & 7) – A PROMISE IS A PROMISE



Has someone ever made a promise to you and broke it? Were you hurt and disappointed? Many people in our lives will make empty promises and hurt us but there is Someone that will never break His promise to us.


Come and explore this promise with SPARK as we break it down with great games, super skits, awesome teaching, power points and so much more! So make sure to join us on Monday, November 12th in the church basement and don't miss out!

CAMP FLAME – LAST CHANCE



We are almost there, next weekend will be a weekend filled with faith, fun and fellowship. This is a retreat you won't want to miss out on. Come and find out for yourself what all the buzz is about and create memories that will last a lifetime. This special weekend will make you laugh, cry, yell, scream and pray. Registration forms are available from the parish office or from the YM website www.marysyouth.com/forms. What are you waiting for? Go and register!!!

YOUTH MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Youth Ministry is looking for generous parishioners who can contribute to the Youth Ministry Scholarship Fund which will support our youth in their education. Every year, two youth (one from Jr. YM & one from Sr. YM) will be chosen based on attendance, positive participation and development, to receive an annual sponsorship. Will you share your treasure with us? If so please contact Arda at 604-435-9611 (ext.6) or arda@marysyouth.com. 

CATHOLIC FORUM

Catholic Forum invites you to explore the topic "Saints and the Universal Call to Holiness: Vatican II and its Legacy", presented by Dr. Christophe Potworowski, Professor, Redeemer Pacific College, on Tuesday Nov. 27, 7-9pm at St. Mary's Church. Info: <http://dominicanlaity.ca/forum>, Dr. Paul Ungar 604-599-5696 or Cathy Neugebauer at ve7cld@shaw.ca.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2012

To date we are at 77% of our parish goal, \$23,000 short of our projection of \$100,000. Please continue to send in your pledges through the collection. Thank you again for your gen-

PARISH NEWS

MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF NOV 12-16

During Clergy Study Week, Mass schedules are as follows:
Monday & Tuesday: 8:00am / Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:00pm

CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS

Do you want to be equipped to defend your faith? Are you eager to witness and explain your faith? Then come to a free Catholic Apologetics Seminar on Saturday Nov. 17 & 24 from 9:30am-11am. Listen to outstanding speakers: Kyle Neilson (*Director, Office of Evangelization*), Pavel Reid (*Director, Catholic Family Services*), and Graham Osborne (*BC Catholic columnist and apologist*). All are welcome!

GET THE FLU SHOT, NOT THE FLU!

Pharmacists from Extra Foods Pharmacy will offer a flu clinic on Monday, Nov 12 and Sunday, Nov 18 from 9am-3pm in the Church basement. The vaccine is free for people over 65 years old, people with chronic conditions, pregnant women, aboriginal people, caregivers of children/elderly, and health care workers. Please see the display table in the foyer for more info. To sign up, fill out a form, and bring it with you to your appointed time. Don't forget to bring your care card!

NOVEMBER CANDY DRIVE

Save your Halloween candy for the poor! St. Vincent de Paul Society and Street Ministry Outreach are collecting Halloween candy during the month of November. To donate, please place your candy in the boxes provided in the foyer. Thank you for your generosity.



ST MARY'S CRAFT FAIR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday Nov. 25 from 9am-3pm. Pancake breakfast (Small \$2/Large \$3.) Start your shopping early: crafts, baking, jewelry and more! Table rental single \$15, additional tables \$10. Contact Eileen Hardy 604-436-3655.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Do you know someone who loves serving Christ and His Church? If you know someone who exhibits such passion for their volunteer work, please fill out one of the blue "Volunteer of the Year" nomination forms in the Church foyer and deposit it into the red box. You can nominate only one person.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday Nov. 11: (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

1:00pm CFC (Church Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
6:20pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

Monday Nov. 12: (St. Josaphat) PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

9:00am Flu Shots (Church Basement)
6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm YM- SPARK Gr 6-7 (Church Basement)

Tuesday Nov. 13:

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Evangelization Workshop (Church Basement)

Wednesday Nov. 14: NO 8:00am MORNING MASS

2:00pm Willingdon Mass (4435 Grange St.)
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)

Thursday Nov. 15: NO 8:00am MORNING MASS

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm Theology of the Body (Seminar Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Friday Nov. 16: NO 8:00am MORNING MASS

3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
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)

Saturday Nov. 17: (St. Elizabeth of Hungary)

9:30am Apologetics (Church Basement)
2:30pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Library)
6:30pm CFC (School Gym)
6:30pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
7:30pm ARC (Church)

Sunday Nov. 18: (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

9:00am Flu Shots (Church Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
6:20pm 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@marysyouth.com

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: www.marysyouth.com

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