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**Pastor's Corner**

Sunday November 11, 2007



Dear Parishioners, Today's Gospel raises a question, "Why do people marry? Jesus answers that people marry because they die. In heaven we won't marry because we will not die. This statement is worth pondering because it can teach us about marriage and mostly about life after death.

The Bible suggests that people marry because "it is not good to remain alone", and that people marry to survive in their children. It is much harder to accept death when you don't leave any traces of your passage in this life. It is easier to leave this world when you have children who will live in the same family spirit and with almost the same genes. You survive through the stories your children will tell about you to their own children. You survive through their own accomplishments.

Priests and members of the religious communities don't have these blessings since they are not married. They have to face loneliness and death "only" with the consolation given by the hope of resurrection. In this they are a witness of the presence of the kingdom here and now, a witness of the world of the resurrected already present in seed form. Priests and religious testify that in the next life there is no separation, no loneliness, no death. We will live to the fullest yet without the exclusiveness of married life. We will be able to love another as much as husband and wife, and love each and everyone in this way. That is because we will be so close to God, that we will see love and understand each and everyone the way God sees, loves and understands each of us. We will share in his universal yet intimate way of loving and knowing each and everyone.

This Gospel, then, teaches us about beautiful things about life after death, about the life of the resurrected. But we tend to understand it in the opposite way. We think it teaches us that life after death is not as good as this one, because we will not be married and we will be angels "only". That is not what Jesus said. He said that we will be like angels in this particular point that we will never die. He did not say that we will not have a body. On the contrary he said we will be children of resurrection. We will recognize our spouse and love our spouse much more than in this world. But at the same time we will be able to love everyone in the same way. How great it will be! (Contd....)

(Pastors corner contd...) Right now I have to prepare myself for heaven by loving that person I cannot stand, my enemy, my brother, my ex-spouse...

God Bless you. Fr. Pierre



**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

*Please pray for our Pastors who will be away attending the Clergy Study Week from Monday-Friday. Thank you.*

**Sun. Nov. 11:** 2:00pm Couples for Christ (Church Basement)

**Mon. Nov. 12: REMEMBRANCE DAY - Office Closed**

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)

**Tue. Nov. 13:** \*8:00am Liturgy of the Word & Communion (Church)

12:00pm Seniors Lunch Bunch (Rectory Dining)

6:30pm Teen PREP (Rectory Basement)

6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)

6:45pm Confirmation Parents Mtg (Seminar Room)

6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)

**Wed. Nov. 14:** \*8:00am Liturgy of the Word & Communion (Church)

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

6:30pm Elementary PREP (School)

6:45pm Confirmation Parents Mtg (Seminar Room)

\*7:00pm Liturgy of the Word & Communion

followed by Adoration & Reposition (Church)

7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)

7:00pm CWL Meeting (School Gym)

**Thu. Nov. 15:** \*8:00am Liturgy of the Word & Communion (Church)

7:00pm Liturgy of the Word & Communion

followed by Adoration & Reposition (Church)

7:00pm Theology of the Body (Seminar Room)

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)

**Fri. Nov. 16:** \*8:00am Liturgy of the Word & Communion (Church)

3:00pm Divine Mercy (Church)

6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)

7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration

7:00pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)

9:15pm Benediction (Church)

**Sat. Nov. 17:** 10:00am Legion of Mary (Church Basement)

12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)

1:00pm YM Lazer Tag (see announcement)

7:00pm Christian Life Program (Church Bsmt)

**Sun. Nov. 18: ST. MARY'S CRAFT FAIR AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

2:00pm St. Michael's Liturgy (7451 Sussex Avenue)



**PARISH NEWS**

**AN INTRODUCTION TO JOHN PAUL II'S THEOLOGY OF THE BODY**

Presented by Vito Tinaburri. Did you realize that the meaning of life is not "out there somewhere", but rather is written into the very make-up of our bodies; particularly our sexuality? Find out why as we explore this life-changing teaching of John Paul II every **Thu. Evening, Nov. 15, 22 & 29**. Location: St. Mary's School Seminar Room (enter at the school's main entrance next to the gym entrance) Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm.

**YM LAZER TAG**

St. Mary's Youth Ministry invites all youth in Grades 6 to 12 to an afternoon of Lazer Tag, **Sat. Nov. 17. We will meet in front of the Church at 1pm.** Permission forms are required and are available in the YM bulletin board and YM website.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CAKES**

Respect Life will be selling Christmas Cards and quality Christmas Cakes after all masses on **Nov. 17/18 & Nov. 25/26**. All proceeds support Pro-Life. Thanks in advance for your support.

**ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Sun. Nov. 18, 8:30am - 3pm** in the school gym. Come and support our annual Christmas Fair. Do some Christmas shopping, mingle with friends & enjoy some good food at the same time. Pancakes and sausages will be served until 1:30pm; beef dip and hot dogs are served after 11:30am. Tables are still available for rent (\$15 for one / \$25 for two). For info. Call John 604-433-0884.



**ST. MARY'S 1st ANNUAL FAMILY BOWLING**

Have you picked up your Bowling Registration form? The deadline is next Sun. Nov. 18. So what are you waiting for? There are great prizes to be won!!!! Grab a registration form, attach your payment and drop it off at the Parish Office. **Sat. Nov. 24**, will be a day of fun and fellowship. Join us at REV's Bowling Centre at 11am. Need more information? Contact Eli at the Parish Office on Ext. #6.



**ST. MARY'S STREET MINISTRY - CANDY DRIVE**

It's our annual Candy Drive! We give out candies as an ice-breaker when we approach the women on the street. It works well for us. This year, again, we would like to ask for your generous donation. If you have any leftover Halloween candies, please drop them off in the box at the foyer. Thank you once again! May God bless you!



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & PARISH NEWS



### DEAR FATHERS AND PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S

Thank you so much for the beautiful "Farewell Party" on Nov. 4. It was wonderful! It is impossible for me to thank each of you personally. My response is to remember each of you in prayer and ask you to remember me. One of my favourite prayers for you (and me) is: "May there be PEACE within you. May you TRUST God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of FAITH. May you use those GIFTS you have received from God, and pass on the LOVE that has been given to you. May you be CONTENT knowing that you are loved by God. Let HIS PRESENCE settle in your bones, and allow your soul the FREEDOM to sing, dance, and to bask in the sun. It is there for each and everyone of us TODAY and EVERY DAY." Amen.

My Address: Mount St. Vincent - MRHSE, 150 Bedford Hwy., Halifax, NS, B3M 3J5. **Sr. Katherine Nickerson.**

### SPECIAL THANK YOU TO YM AND TEEN PREP

We would like to thank all the Youth Ministry and Teen PREP volunteers who helped in fixing the St. Mary's Blue Hymnals last week. Great job!

### SR. KATHERINE'S FAREWELL GATHERING LAST SUNDAY

A special thanks to Esmie McClaren for the beautiful painting of St. Mary's, St. Mary's Catholic Women's League for organizing the event, Susan Diewold and Karen Smith as the core-committee team members, Zeny Ocol and the Food Ministry Team for the bountiful food, the 9:30am Choir Group and our Parish Flower ministry. Last but not least of all, Sr. Katherine Nickerson for all that she has been and done for St. Mary's and her parish community.

### DOMINICAN NUN'S 800<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION LAST SUNDAY

The Dominican Family of Vancouver would like to offer a special thanks to St. Mary's Knights of Columbus and St. Mary's Young Adults for organizing the school gym before and after the event and for the directing of traffic, Tim Diewold for Coordinating the Mass Celebration and the Reception, Pat and Maureen Carroll, Zeny Ocol and the Food Ministry Team for helping out with the food and for providing the beautiful cakes, the 1:00pm Choir Group and our Parish Flower ministry.

### NOTRE DAME ANNUAL GALA DINNER/AUCTION

Notre Dame Alumni Foundation invites you to the Annual Gala Dinner/Auction in support of the new facility being built for the parish feeder high school at ND. The event will be **Fri. Nov. 16** -ND Gym - 6:30pm. Tickets \$65 (no host bar) are available through the school office-604-255-5454. Catering by Presto & live music by the Blue Meenies. With your support last year this event raised \$40,000. Please join us in our efforts and thank you for your support.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME - DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENT

Your contribution to our Home Missions supports native ministry in areas ranging from downtown Vancouver to the isolated community of Anahim Lake, provides pastoral care for the many sailors who pass through area ports each year, assists young ethnic parishes and inner city poor. A second collection will be taken up **next Sun. Nov. 18**: we ask for your generous support. It is also possible to sustain these important works by means of a bequest: the legal form is "The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver (Home Missions Fund)".

### CATHOLIC CAFÉ

Catholic Café offers a blend of spiritual, social, and outdoor activities for Vancouver Catholics in their thirties, forties and fifties. The second meeting will take place on **Sun. Nov. 18** at 6:30pm in the Hall at St. Jude's Parish, 3078 Renfrew St., Vancouver. Contact Thelma at 604-340-2271 or ThelmaGedak@gmail.com or <http://CatholicCafe.ca>.

### ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS, PRIESTS & RELIGIOUS

The annual Mass for deceased bishops, priests and religious will be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral, **Wed. Nov. 21** at 12noon followed by Lunch(r.s.v.p.). All parishioners are welcome at this special liturgy, to be concelebrated by the priests of the Archdiocese. Kindly remember in your prayers those who have laboured for the Church in Vancouver, and pray that the Lord will send dedicated men and women to continue their work.

### TALITHA KOUM BENEFIT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Talitha Koum Benefit Christmas Concert by the "Gentlemen of Fortune" (award winning male barbershop harmony chorus featuring Antique Gold) is once again being held at St Mary's Church, **Sat. Nov. 24 @ 7:30 pm.** (*Talitha Koum is a non-profit society that helps women with addiction problems on their journey of recovery. They have three transition houses in the Lower Mainland.*) Tickets (\$10) will be available at the foyer, after of all masses.

### CELEBRATE LUKE 15 HOUSE'S BIRTHDAY

Benefit Concert, 'Prodigal Son' Skit, Silent Auction & International Food Fair. **Sun. Nov. 25**, 6:30pm at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, 8842 - 119th St., Delta. Tickets \$15. Children under 17 free. For info call 604-930-4884.

### ST. FRANCIS DE SALES 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS DINNER & AUCTION

**Sat. Dec. 1**, with guest Auctioneer Bill Vanderzalm ! Only 20 days left ! Only 24 TICKETS left !! **Buy your tickets now before we Sellout !! \$40 each or \$70 a couple. TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS, Call The Parish @ 434-1328.**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL VOCAL CONCERT

**Sun. Dec. 2 at 7pm.** Classical & Contemporary Songs & Poems about Mary's Life. Program Includes: A Celtic Prayer, Breath of Heaven, Children's Music, Vergin Tutto Amor, Balm In Gilead, Udvozlegy Maria, Bells of Bethlehem, Ave Maria. Sacred Classical Soloist: Adeleina. Marianministries@gmail.com. Also singing for the 8pm Mass: original & new compositions. 646 Richards Street, Downtown Vancouver near the Bay Dept. Store. Please see the BC Catholic Newspaper for a list of all H.R.C. concerts.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### MASSES

Mon. - Fri. 8:00am; Sat. 12:00 pm  
Wed. - Fri. 7:00pm followed by Adoration  
& Benediction at 9:15pm

Saturday - 5:00pm (**Anticipation**)  
Sunday - 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 7:00pm

### RECONCILIATION

Sunday & Weekdays - Before and after all Masses.  
Saturday - 11:15-11:45am; 4:15-4:45pm;

(An appointment for reconciliation may be made at any time)

### HOLY COMMUNION

Available to shut-ins. Contact Parish Office.

### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Thursday - 8:00am; Saturday - 12:00pm

### FIRST FRIDAY

**Adoration Throughout the day after Masses**  
Masses: 8:00am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Benediction: 9:15pm

### BAPTISM

To register your child, contact the Parish Office.

### MARRIAGES

One of the couple must be a registered Catholic parishioner of St. Mary's. Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to your wedding date and prior to registering for the required diocesan Marriage Preparation Course.

### RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Contact the Parish Office.

### PREP

Religious education program for children attending public schools.  
Coordinator: Eli Bautista Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm

### ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leader: Jonquil Francis and Joseph D'silva  
Contact: smyac\_team@yahoo.ca Website: www.smyac.ca

### YOUTH MINISTRY

E-mail: stmarys\_ym@yahoo.com  
Coordinator: Eli Bautista Website: www.saintmarysyouth.com

### ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kevin Smith (Principal)  
K-Grade 7 (604) 437-1312 Fax (604) 437-1193 Website: <http://www.stmary.bc.ca>

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Pastor : Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP

Assistant Pastor : Fr. Mark Hoo, OP

Youth and PREP Coordinator : Eli Bautista  
Parish Office: Margherita Bordignon / Ossie Fernandes