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"The world will always say, 'You made your bed, and you must lie on it. But Jesus said, take up your bed and walk. Your sins are forgiven you'"

"When we have met people who got sick through their own fault, how often have we thought -- and maybe even said -- "They just got what they deserved"?"

What would happen to ourselves if that would be the final judgement on us? Wasn't it Jesus who once said, "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged yourself"?"




The poor paralytic would have laid in his bed forever if not for his four good friends. The crowd around the house of Simon Peter and Jesus was so thick! No one cared for the paralytic. Everybody, it seems, was there for himself and would not give up his place. Maybe they too thought, "He made his bed and now he must lie on it. It is his fault if he is paralyzed." But the four friends must have loved the paralytic very much! They cut through the roof and let down the paralytic! How astonishing!

We see here the victory of love over evil. Evil makes man live outside himself, outside one another, outside God. It turns us into rivals. We become "things" for one another. Things to be excluded. Things to be used. We use persons and love things instead of loving persons and using things.

Love undoes what evil has done. The paralytic is brought at the foot of Jesus for healing and forgiveness. He is not only included in the crowd, He is at the center of the stage. Would you like to bring someone at the foot of Jesus? Would you like to be a major beneficiary of his love and a sign for others? What can you do to fulfill these dreams?

God Bless You *Fr. Pierre*

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Feb. 22:** 10:00am RCIA (Rectory Basement)
 10:15am Willingdon Park Liturgy(4435 Grange St)
 2:00pm Couples for Christ - FFL (Church Bsmt)
 3:00pm Baptism (Church)
 7:00pm Young Adults Info Night (Rectory Bsmt)
- Mon. Feb. 23:** 8:00am **No Morning Mass -- See 7:00pm**
 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
 6:30pm Jr. Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
 7:00pm Eucharistic Apostolate (Rectory Dining)
 7:00pm Mass (Church)
 7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)
- Tue. Feb. 24:** 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)
 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
 7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
- Wed. Feb. 25:** **8:00am Ash Wednesday Mass**
 8:30am Respect Life Meeting (Rectory Dining)
 9:30am St Mary School Mass (everyone welcome)
 6:30pm RCIA (Church Basement)
 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 8:00pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
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Thu. Feb. 26: 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
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Fri. Feb. 27: 9:00am Bible Sharing for Women (Rect Bsmt.)
 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
 7:00pm Great Adventure Bible Study (Ch Bsmt)
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/ Sacristy)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
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Sat. Feb. 28: 10:00am Echoes (Church Basement)
 10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)
 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
 3:00pm Knights of C Council (Church Basement)
 3:30pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining Room)
 7:00 pm Couples for Christ - FFL (Church Bsmt)
- Sun. Mar. 01:** 10:00am RCIA (Rectory Basement)
 2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Bsmt)
 3:00pm Baptisms (Church)

PARISH NEWS

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2008

We had hoped to have the tax receipts available for pick up in the church this weekend. Due to time constraints this was not possible. The receipts will be mailed on Tuesday.

PENNIES FOR HEAVEN

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus will be collecting pennies and other Canadian coins/currency in order to support vocations to the priesthood. Please bring donations to the foyer before and after **all Sunday Masses (Feb/March)** and put them in the BIG bottle. Your donations will be used for the education and personal needs of our seminarians God Bless You.

ARE YOU TURNING 18 THIS YEAR? // ARE YOU ALREADY 18?

Are you turning 18 this year? Are you a young adult between the ages of 18 - 39? If so, come to a **"Meet & Greet"** hosted by SMYAC (St. Mary's Young Adult Community). Come & see us on **Sunday, February 22 at 7:00pm in the rectory basement** and find out what we are all about. Refreshments provided!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jr. Youth Ministry (grades 6 - 8) is meeting on **Monday February 23 at 6:30pm** and this time in the **church basement**. Do you have friends? How about a best friend? Come and join us as we try to find out what makes someone a friend and how to make friends. You will enjoy a night of games, activities and yes, pizza. It's just too good to pass. See you there!

Sr. Youth Ministry is having a Movie Night with "Narnia" on **Saturday, February 28 at 5:00pm** in the **rectory basement**. Join us for an evening of great entertainment. You know you want to come so do yourself a favor and be there!

YOUNG ADULTS (18+) MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

St. Mary's Young Adult Community invites you to join us at Hanwoori Korean Restaurant (5740 Imperial, Burnaby, BC) on **Saturday, February 28 at 7:00pm**. Circle that date on your calendar and make yourselves available! Bring a friend or two! We would love to see you for an enchanted evening of faith, food & friendship. RSVP to smyac_team@yahoo.ca by Wednesday February 25 to Carpooling is available -- please let us know.

YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18+) COFFEE NIGHT FAITH DISCUSSION

Join us on **Saturday March 7 at 8:00pm** in the rectory basement for a Movie Night Event. The movie we will see is *The Message of Garabandal* -- a documentary about an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to four young girls in Garabandal, Spain in the 1960's, A short discussion will follow after the movie. Warning: there are a couple of scenes that may be frightening to young viewers. Light refreshments will be served. For more information please contact smyac.team@yahoo.com

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THE GREAT ADVENTURE -- CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY

The Great Adventure Bible Study System, created by Jeff Cavins is being presented and all St. Mary's parishioners are invited to attend "*A Quick Journey through the Bible*" an 8-part introduction to the *Bible Timeline learning system*. This study is designed to give students a brief overview of Salvation history from Genesis through the resurrection of Christ and the establishment of the Catholic Church. Students learn about spiritual benefits of Bible study and how to enter deeper into "**His-story**" as they begin study of the Scriptures. Facilitated by members of Couples for Christ, the Bible study started on **February 20** and will continue the 3rd Friday of each month at **7:00pm in the church basement**. Workbook is \$25. Register and more info: Rod/Marilyn Trigo(603-6856);Serge/Marilyn Saunar (419-4589)

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM.

Are you looking for a program that will help: 1) bring you and your spouse or loved ones to a real relationship with God and a renewed faith in Jesus, 2) empower you in the Christian life through Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and , 3) integrate you into an environment where you can receive support for your individual Christian life or your families' Christian life? **If your answer is yes**, Couples for Christ, a Catholic community movement, invites you and all couples, including those separated, divorced and widowed, to a Christian Life Program (CLP). **The CLP will be held starting Saturday March 7, 2009 at 7:30pm in St. Mary's School Gym.** This program is conducted free of charge. Transportation will be provided upon request. Sessions consist of: a teaching, a group discussion, and a time for fellowship with free refreshments. Each session would normally last for about 2 and 1/2 hours. For further details, please contact June and Amie Morales at 604-561-9007.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL REGISTRATION

On April 2 there will be a meeting at **7:00pm in the school gym** for new families who wish to enter St. Mary's School in September 2009. You **must attend** to receive an information package because they are not handed out from the school office.

2009 SUNDAY ENVELOPES FOR NEW PARISHIONERS

Have you recently registered and requested Sunday envelopes? PLEASE check the registration table for your box. If you cannot find your box this week, we ask your patience for one more week. Call the parish office with any questions.

MINISTRY IN FOCUS

Project Advance is much more than an annual fundraising event. Donations help to ensure that we have the resources to purchase land for churches and to build and maintain high schools that provide a Catholic education for our teenagers. They also assist in less visible needs of our youth , our seniors and our disadvantaged ones especially the hungry and the imprisoned. Responsible stewardship is required of us in order to respond effectively to these needs. Meetings occur in the beginning of Spring. Three to five volunteers are needed after each mass to collect pledges.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ACT — FREE WORKSHOP

Immigrant Services Society of BC, will hold a free workshop on **Saturday February 28 from 1:00-3:00pm**. This workshop is for you if you are a Filipino Temporary Foreign worker and would like to know your rights as a Temporary Foreign worker. Location: **ISS** Welcome House, 530 Drake St (and Seymour) in Vancouver. To register: Chit at 604-684-7498 extension 1666.

LENTEN MISSION: PRAYER/SUFFERING AND HEALING

Lent is a season that draws us closer in unity with Christ as human and yet, divine. Jacqueline Loh will discuss what prayer is, how to pray for others, what happens when we accept prayer, and of course, the topic of suffering. She is a trained planner/architect lay person who has been gifted with the grace of healing and deep insight into the vocation of the priesthood. She is currently under the direction of Archbishop Emeritus Raymond Roussin and has been ministering to priests since 2002. A minimum donation of \$10 is anticipated for the Lenten mission. Please see <http://www.GracethatReigns.com>. **Don't fall asleep at the bench!** The Mission will be at **St. Francis de Sales Church on March 2 and 3** beginning at 7:30pm in the hall and the second day in the church. Healing prayers, Exposition of the Holy Eucharist and confessions will be available.

RAISING CHILDREN TODAY

Dr. Ray Guarendi, noted clinical psychologist, author, public speaker, and radio host, will be speaking on the challenges of raising children today. Date and venue: **March 14 at 8:30am - 12:15pm** at Pacific Academy, 10238 - 168 Street, Surrey. For more info and to register visit www.pife.ca.

SEARCHING IN THE SPIRIT LEADERSHIP TEAM- www.youthmin.com

Youth Ministry Office needs older teens and young adults to apply for our Searching in the Spirit Leadership Team. This dynamic team of youth and young adults will lead recently confirmed youth at our 5-day post-confirmation event in August 2009. This is an amazing leadership training opportunity!

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES : Monday 7:00pm
Tuesday: 8:00am
Wednesday, Thursday., Friday: 8:00am and 7:00pm**
** followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:15pm
Saturday: 12:00noon; 5:00pm (**Anticipation**)
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Sunday: Before all Masses (except 8:00am & 5:00pm) & After all Masses
Saturday: 11:15am to 11:55am, 4:15pm to 4:55pm, 6:10pm to 6:40pm
Weekdays: After ALL Masses (except Thursday Evening Masses)
--- An appointment for confession may be made by phone

HOLY COMMUNION Available to shut-ins. Contact Parish Office.

FIRST FRIDAYS: 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

BAPTISMS: To register your child, contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGES:

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

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Thursdays: 8:00am Saturdays: 12:00noon

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

Coordinator: Eli Bautista Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30 to 8:00pm
E-mail: stmarys.prep@yahoo.ca

ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (SMYAC)

Leader: Joseph D'silva
Email: smyac_team@yahoo.ca Website: www.smyac.ca

YOUTH MINISTRY (YM) E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com
Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: www.saintmarysyouth.com

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Kevin Smith (Principal) Website: www.stmary.bc.ca
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mondays to Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm
Saturdays: 11:00am to 2:00pm

Pastor: Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P.
Assistant Pastor: (currently on leave) Fr. Mark Hoo, O.P.
Youth Ministry/Volunteer Coordinator: Arda Akoglu
Parish Secretary: Margherita Bordignon