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Pastor's
 Corner

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*"Years ago, Joseph Lewis,
 head of the Freethinkers of America,
 said over station WMIE in Miami,
 'If I had the power
 that the Bible says that Jesus had,
 I would not cure one person of blindness,
 I would make blindness impossible;
 I would not cure one person of leprosy,
 I would abolish leprosy.'*

*Why didn't Jesus abolish ills,
 like blindness and leprosy?
 How might Jesus' response to the woman
 in today's gospel suggest one answer?"*

Mark Link, s.j.

*"How often we look upon God
 as our last and feeblest resource
 We go to God because we have
 nowhere else to go. And then we learn
 that the storms of life have driven us
 not upon the rocks
 but into the desired haven"* George MacDonald

Obstacles, sickness, problems can lead you to a deeper prayer and a deeper trust in God! This is what is happening with my eyes problem.. At one point or another in our life, we have to enter into Jesus Christ's apparent powerlessness in the face of sickness and death. As Cardinal Balthasar wrote, "He did not overcome our death through omnipotence but by descending into death's powerlessness."

God Bless You. Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

PROJECT ADVANCE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone for your support and participation so far. To date we are at 62% of the parish goal and we are confident that with every parishioners' support we will reach our goal. During the summer please deposit all completed pledge cards into the Sunday collection baskets. Blank pledge forms for first time donors are available in the pews or at the registration desk. Thank you. Have a great summer *Project Advance Committee*

4TH ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

St. Mary's Parish Picnic will be on **Wednesday, July 1** at **Fraser Foreshore Park in Burnaby**. We begin with mass at 12:00 noon, followed by potluck lunch, entertainment and lots of fun and games! For the potluck, we request that you bring enough food to feed your family and 2 or 3 others, so we can really experience sharing and community. You may also bring your own Barbecue, lawn chairs, mats, coolers, and other necessities for your comfort. Some beverages and cakes will be provided. If you require transportation, please be in the church parking lot by 10:45am. So, come out and join your fellow parishioners for some fun and fellowship as we celebrate Canada Day!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS

Congratulations to the Garage & Food Fair **50/50** and **Raffle Winners**. The winning ticket number for the **50/50** draw is ***210282***. The Barbeque Raffle winner is ***Noreen Lok***. To collect your winnings/prize, contact St. Mary's CWL President, Ariadne Rocks, by e-mail baghr@shaw.ca. or call 604-730-0979. Please note, this notice will be published for two weeks.

THANK YOU FROM ST. MARYS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank you to everyone who supported the distribution of buttons on Father's Day. This was sponsored by St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council 13072 and the net proceeds of \$300 will be donated to Luke 15 House.

PARENTS CORNER

Do you want to raise faithful Catholic children? Do you know about St. Mary's Youth Ministry? Join the Parents' Corner to receive our monthly newsletter and don't be left in the dark. With many interesting tid-bits and pointers on how to help your youth grow in their faith, our monthly newsletter will be a valuable resource. To register, please call Arda at 604-435-9611 ext 6 or e-mail him at stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

PARISH NEWS

YEAR OF THE PRIEST - June 19, 2009 to June 19, 2010

Pope Benedict XVI has declared a **Year of the Priest** beginning on the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; June 19, 2009.

At St. Mary's we are very fortunate to be served by our Dominican priests. There are many parishes where there are no resident priests, or where a priest is assigned to a certain territory and may rotate between several parishes, coming to one parish only every few weeks, or even every few months.

Have you ever thought about what parish life would be like without a priest? I suspect very, very empty. This emptiness is what the Apostles must have felt when Jesus departed and they were left asking; Who will minister to us? Who will teach us? Who will lead us to eternal life?

Let's ask ourselves the same questions! Who would minister to us? Who would teach us? Who would lead us down the road to eternal life?

Catherine Doherty in her book "Beginning Again" says this about priests: "*Approach a priest with the understanding that he has God in him in a special manner through his ordination. Approach him as you would approach Christ. Because he is Christ.*"

Remember, it is not a priest ministering to you, it is Christ!

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, we your people pray to You for our priests. You have given them to us for OUR needs. We pray for them in THEIR needs.

We know that You have made them priests in the likeness of your own priesthood. You have consecrated them, set them aside, anointed them, filled them with the Holy Spirit, appointed them to teach, to preach, to minister, to console, to forgive, and to feed us with Your Body and Blood.

Yet we know, too, that they are one with us and share our human weaknesses. We know too that they are tempted to sin and discouragement as are we, needing to be ministered to, as do we, to be consoled and forgiven, as do we. Indeed, we thank You for choosing them from among us, so that they understand us as we understand them, suffer with us and rejoice with us, worry with us and trust with us, share our beings, our lives, our faith.

We ask that You give them this day the gift You gave Your chosen ones on the way to Emmaus: Your presence in their hearts, Your holiness in their souls, Your joy in their spirits. And let them see You face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread.

We pray to You, O Lord, through Mary the mother of all priests, for Your priests and for ours. Amen.

God Bless you Fr. Pierre, Fr. Marcel, Fr. Mark, Fr. Gabriel and Fr. Claude!

Submitted by Vesna Jankovic

MINISTRY IN FOCUS

Line Dancing invites you all: Come one, come all, learn a new way to exercise, fitness & fellowship with your fellow parishioners while dancing to oldies and goodies. For more info, please contact John Rudland at 604-433-0884 or oldsy69@shaw.ca

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

THANK YOU FROM ELIZABETH SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER

Father Don Wilson, from Elizabeth Seton House of Prayer in Kelowna thanks everyone who supported their fund raising raffle. The draw was on June 19 and the winners are:

1st Prize of \$1000 --Kathy Kerman of Port Coquitlam, BC
2nd Prize of \$500 -- Margo Boretto - St. Mary's, Vancouver, BC
3rd Prize of \$300 -- Elaine Gregory of Kelowna, BC
4th Prize of \$200 -- Coleen Zuk of Peachland, BC

VOCATIONS IN PROGRESS (VIP)

On the weekend of **July 3 - 5** there will be a Vocation Live-in for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life. This will take place at the Seminary of Christ the King, in Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715.

PRO-LIFE MASS AND VIGIL

A peaceful prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents will be held on **Saturday, July 4**. Mass begins at 9:00am at St. Mathew's Parish (16079 - 88 Avenue in Surrey) followed by a vigil at Surrey Memorial Hospital.

PRACTICE OF GRATITUDE

Six Day quiet retreat from July 15 to 20, focusing on the Practice of Gratitude and its link to the divine and all creation, at Rivendell on Bowen Island. For more information and reservations, call Sr. Monica at the Cenacle - 604-266-1611..

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program **beginning with a weekend on the 18th of September 2009**, e-mail 1009@retrouvaille.org OR call 604-530-6710 OR visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Jun 28: 10:15am Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange St)
2:00pm Couples For Christ- FFL (Church Bsmt)

Mon. Jun 29: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)

Tue. Jun 30: 6:00pm 2008 IEC Pilgrims Reunion-Adoration (C)
7:30pm Pilgrims Reunion Potluck (Church Bsmt)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

Wed. Jul 01: **CANADA DAY (Parish Office Closed)**



10:00am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex Avenue)
12:00pm Outdoor Mass (Fraser Foreshore Park)
followed by Parish Picnic
7:00pm Mass / Adoration / Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)

Thu. Jul 02: 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (**now cancelled Thursday**)
8:00pm Lay Missionaries of Charity (Rect Bsmt)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)



Fri. Jul 03: 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
7:00pm Catholic Christian Outreach (Church Bsmt)
7:00pm Mass/ Adoration /Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/.Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)



Sat. Jul: 04: 9:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Church Bsmt)
9:00am 2000 Hail Marys Group (Rectory Dining)
12:40pm Bible Study & Sharing (Church Basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Dining Room)
3:15pm Baptisms (Church)
6:30pm Singles for Christ (Church Basement)

Sun. Jul 05: 2:00pm Youth For Christ (Church Basement)

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES:

Monday - Friday: 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 is **Anticipation Mass**
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Sunday: Before all Masses (except 8:00am) & After all Masses
Saturday: 11:15am to 11:55am, 4:15pm to 4:55pm, 6:10pm to 7:00pm
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

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YOUTH MINISTRY (YM)

E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu

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ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ms Brenda Krivuzoff (Principal)

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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..

Youth Ministry/Volunteer Coordinator:

Arda Akoglu

Parish Secretary:

Margherita Bordignon