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Many parishioners have lost their jobs during this period of economic recession. They had given the best of their time and energy to their work at the expense of their family life. Now they feel betrayed and rejected by their employers. Their family life is not great either. Marriage and child-raising are difficult, even more so with the anxieties and fears of not being able to pay the mortgage or the rent. On top of all this, comes the temptation to lie to friends and relatives about our unemployment, the necessity to withdraw from social life because we cannot offer to go out.

As a consequence of the hardships, there is a "secret rancor against God" in the depths of the hearts of many men and women. We know that God is not responsible for the socio-economic problems. But we wonder where he is and what he is doing about it. Priests will usually answer these questions by saying "God is doing something about it. He created you!" However true that may be, we still need a new spirit, an inner drive, that will transform us from victims into God's personal agents. It is not enough for us to know what we should do, we need the power and the drive to do it. We need the living and active presence of God from within! Without the Holy Spirit in us, we would be like the apostles before Pentecost. They knew everything they had to know from Jesus, and "yet, at the moment of the Passion, they were not strong enough to carry out anything of what Jesus had commanded" (Fr. Cantalamessa)

We need to shift from the "slave-heart full of fear" rejection and bitterness to the "filial heart brimming with love." We need to be equipped with the Holy Spirit's gifts, with his fortitude.

Fr. Cantalamessa, the preacher to papal household writes beautifully about this experience of the Pentecost:

"Every time someone has a genuine, strong experience of the Spirit, the most vivid memory of the moment that the person retains is of an intense perception of the Father's love. Witnessing to this, someone said: "All my life long, I had felt unloved. The next day, that feeling vanished entirely. I felt myself immersed in a new experience of the love of God, and from that day it has never left me. (con't next page)

Pastor's corner (con't)

This is the most beautiful moment of any creature's life: to know that one is loved, personally, by God, to feel oneself lifted to the bosom of the Trinity and to find oneself in the flood of love that flows between Father and Son, enfolded in their love, sharing their passionate love for the world. And all of this in one instant, without any need to think about it or for words to say it."

God Bless You Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

I would have loved to be with you on May 20th for my 25th anniversary of ordination, but the Archdiocese of Vancouver had scheduled the priests' retreat that week. Your "spiritual bouquet" of over 750 rosaries and 62 hours of adoration is a powerful testimony about your faith in prayer and your care for me! These last two years as a pastor, I have come to understand the synchronicity of the spiritual life of a pastor and the spiritual life of his flock. It seemed to me that God was giving me the grace He intended to give to you, at the right moment. So, I entrust you in the care of the One and Only Good Shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you all. Fr. Pierre

IMPORTANT NOTICE: MONDAY MASS CHANGE IN TIME

Beginning Monday, June 1, daily Mass will return to its regular time of 8:00am. There will no longer be a 7:00pm Mass.

SR. YOUTH MINISTRY -- (Grades 8 - 12)

Trust is the building block of a society but who can we trust and can you be trusted? What do you have to do to be worthy of another's trust? We will answer these questions and many others through games, fun and fellowship. Come and join us on **Monday, June 1 at 6:30pm in the Rectory Basement.**

WHAT IS A GREAT MARRIAGE?

It is never too late (or too early) to get practical suggestions on how to help enrich your relationship. **Denis Boyd, R. Psych** will present a workshop on **Monday, June 1, here at St. Mary's from 7:00-10:00pm.** The cost of \$20 per person, which includes handouts and refreshments, may be paid at the door. If you would like to attend, but have not yet registered please call Denis Boyd & Associates at 604-931-7211 so they will bring enough handouts. The poster in the foyer has more info about Denis Boyd and his topics.

PARISH NEWS

ORDINATION AT ST. MARY'S PARISH

Next week the number of Dominican priests in Canada will increase by one!! On **Saturday, June 6**, Brother David Bellusci, who was born in Vancouver and raised in Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, will be ordained here at St. Mary's by Most Reverend J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver. Please keep Brother David in your prayers as he journeys closer to his vocation. A finger food reception will follow. All are welcome. The 7:00pm ordination takes place within a Sunday Mass and will fulfill your Sunday obligation.

YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18+) MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

Sunday, June 7 at 3:00 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (1423 East 13th Avenue). For carpooling purposes, we will meet at St. Mary's church parking lot after the 1pm Mass. Circle that date on your calendar and make yourselves available for the Portuguese Cultural Festival! Bring a friend or two! We would love to see you for an enchanted day of faith, food & friendship! Please RSVP to smyac_team@yahoo.ca by **Thursday, June 4** and let us know if you need carpooling arrangements.

LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

Are you creative? Do you want to put your creativity to the test? St. Mary's Youth Ministry wants a logo design and we are having a contest to choose it. Please submit your design to stmarys_ym@yahoo.com **on or before June 15.** The winner will get the boasting rights and a music CD.

JEFF CAVINS IS COMING TO ST. MARY'S

Jeff is one of the Catholic Church's most well-known and effective Bible-teachers. He is an international speaker, author, and TV personality, and he is coming to our parish on **Tuesday, July 28 at 7:00pm.** His talk:, **The Power of Praise and Thanksgiving** is responding to the problems in our life and how the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith in the very place where we fight our battles. St. Mary's has a **limited number of \$10 tickets available** for this nearly sold out event.

2009/2010 PREP REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED

Registration for the 09/10 catechism year is now closed and registration will open again in late August when we know how many spots are still available. Please watch the bulletin and listen to the announcements at that time for more information.

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PICTORAL DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS ARE NOW OVER

We would like to thank all parishioners who participated and kindly volunteered in this project; with special thanks and recognition to Tami Siano, Stefan Oberg, the St. Mary's office staff, Rene Montilla, & Ottelie Favzie. Directories should be ready for pick up some time after the summer break. Please listen for future announcements

PROJECT ADVANCDE UPDATE

We are now at 27% of our parish goal and going strong. However, so far less than 5% of registered families of the parish have contributed and therefore we encourage every one of you to participate in this event. The "Key" factor in making this event a success is 100% participation. Please pick up a form and show your support! Your generosity is greatly appreciated regardless of the amount. So, maybe instead of buying a Starbucks specialty coffee, you can donate it to the campaign

MINISTRY IN FOCUS

Charismatic Prayer Group aims to promote a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit and His presence in the lives of all God's people. We meet every week on Thursday evenings at 7:40pm in the church basement to share prayers, Holy Scripture, testimonies, songs of praise & worship. We invite everyone to come with an open heart and mind.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA

You are invited to make the 9-day Mass/Novena at St. Anthony of Padua Parish (1345 West 73rd Avenue, Vancouver) from June 5 - 13. Weekdays at 7:30pm and weekends at 5:00pm. On the feastday, June 13, procession starts at 4:00pm, Mass/Novena at 5:00pm followed by fiesta refreshments.



PRO-LIFE MASS AND VIGIL

A peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents will be held on **Saturday, June 6**. Mass will be celebrated at St. Helen's Parish (3860 Triumph Street, Burnaby) at 9:00am. Vigil will be at Burnaby Hospital.

OPEN AIR MASS FOR DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

On **Saturday, June 13 at 1:00pm**, Archbishop J. Michael Miller will celebrate at Gardens of Gethsemani (15800 32nd Ave, Surrey). Refreshments to follow.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Mon. Jun 01:** 8:00am Mass (returning to this morning time slot)
6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
7:00pm CWL Executive (Rectory Dining)
7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)
7:30pm Lay Apostles (Church)
- Tue. Jun 02:** 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Bingo Committee Meeting (Rectory Library)
7:30pm K of C Executive (Church Basement)
- Wed. Jun 03:** 10:45am Fairhaven Mass (7557 Sussex Avenue)
7:00pm Exodus Ministry (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Mass / Adoration / Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
-  **Thu. Jun 04:** 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (now cancelled Thursday)
8:00pm Lay Missionaries (Rectory Basement)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Fri. Jun 05: FIRST FRIDAY**
-  8:00am Mass (followed by Adoration all day)
9:00am Bible Sharing for Women (Rectory Bsmt)
3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
7:00pm Cornerstone (School Gym)
7:00pm Mass/ Adoration / Confession (Church)
7:40pm Miracle Hour (Church)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)
- Sat. Jun: 06:** 9:00am Handmaids of the Lord (School Gym)
9:00am 2000 Hail Marys (Rectory Dining Room)
12:40pm Bible Study & Sharing (Rectory Basement)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
3:15pm Baptisms (Church)
6:30pm Singles for Christ (School Seminar Room)
7:00pm Couples for Christ - CLP (School Gym)
7:00pm Ordination of Br. David Bellusci, OP
8:00pm SMYAC (Rectory Basement)
- Sun. Jun 07:** 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

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YOUTH MINISTRY (YM) E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com

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ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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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