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Pastor's
Corner

Sunday October 26, 2008



*Two kids were screaming and yelling
 At each other in a room. It was torrid!
 Finally the mother went in and asked,
 "What in the world are you kids doing?"
 They said,
 "We're playing Mommy and Daddy."*
 quoted by Mark Link, s.j.

Dear Parishioners,

Here is another story by Fr. Link, sj.

Actor Hume Cronyn was being interviewed by a reporter. At one point he was asked about his relationship with his most important "neighbour," his wife. He said: "I can bring almost any problem I can think of -- and a damned stupid one -- to her, and lay it in her lap, and know I won't be laughed at, and I won't be judged. That's a line from a play: "To love somebody is to know that you can tell everything and not be laughed at, or judged." I think that says a lot."




How would I describe my relationship with the most important "neighbours" in my life: my own family?

Jesus said: The second most important commandment is ... Love your neighbour as you love yourself. (Matthew 22:39)

God Bless You.
 Fr. Pierre



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sun. Oct. 26:** 2:00pm Willingdon Park Liturgy (4435 Grange St)
 2:00pm CFC-FFL Meeting (Church Basement)
 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
 3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
 5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)
 7:00pm Learn and Pray (Rectory Library)
- Mon. Oct. 27:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
 7:00pm Eucharistic Apostolate (Rectory Dining)
 7:00pm Meditative Prayer (Rectory Basement)
 7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)
- Tue. Oct. 28:** 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)
 6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
- Wed. Oct. 29:** 8:30am Respect Life Meeting (Rectory Dining)
 6:30pm RCIA (Church Basement)
 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
-  **Thu. Oct. 30:** 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
-  **Fri. Oct. 31: NEW!!** 10:30am Bible Sharing for Moms (Rect. Bsmt.)
 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
 7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
 7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
 9:15pm Benediction (Church)
-  **Sat. Nov. 01: ALL SAINTS DAY**
 9:00am 2000 Hail Mary Group (Rectory Dining)
 12:30pm Bible Sharing (Church Basement)
 3:30pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
5:00pm All Souls Day Mass (Church)
Ministry Fair after Mass (School Gym)
 6:30pm CFC-Christian Life Program (Rect Bsmt)
 7:00pm CFC - FFL (Church Basement)
- Sun. Nov. 02: ALL SOULS DAY**
Ministry Fair after all Masses (School Gym)
 2:00pm Youth for Christ (Church Basement)
 2:30pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining)
 3:00pm Baptisms (Church)
 5:00pm Youth & Young Adults Mass (Church)

PARISH NEWS

A GUEST MUSICIAN IS WITH US TODAY

Our music guest today is singer-songwriter and recording artist 14-yr old Emma Magirescu. Emma follows in the footsteps of her composer/recording artist father Greg Magirescu and has been performing in venues around the world since the age of 6 including World Youth day 2002 in Toronto and at various Catholic schools, churches and projects in Australia, New Zealand and the Caribbean. She has just released her debut CD "Dreaming of Living", where she composed 9 of the 11 songs, most of which deal with social justice issues. The CDs will be on sale after every Mass with the intention of raising funds toward a mission trip to South Africa in January 2009. Check out www.myspace.com/emmamagirescu.

STREET MINISTRY: LEARN AND PRAY MEETING

On **Sunday, October 26 from 7 - 9 pm**, we will be listening to a talk on "Ministry to the sexually wounded" by Francis MacNutt. Brief discussion and prayers will follow. All are welcome to join us in the Rectory Library.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS

This year's all souls day mass will be celebrated at the **Saturday, Nov. 1 5:00pm Mass**. During this Mass the names of each person who has had a funeral here since last November 1, will be acknowledged. We have notified and invited family members of the deceased to join in this celebration. All are welcome.

UPCOMING PARISH MINISTRY FAIR

"The Harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few"....

It takes many workers to gather the harvest and many hands make light work! Come and find out how your talent and time can enrich your faith life and foster a spirit of church community. **Join us in the school gym after all the masses on November 1 & 2.** There will be food, prizes, a kid's craft corner and much more. This is a great opportunity to see all that St. Mary's has to offer and we look forward to seeing you there!

ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS CRAT FAIR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday November 23: 8:30am - 3:00pm.

Start your day with pancake breakfast in the school gym, shop for gifts, knick knacks and more. Relax and enjoy yourself as you mingle with fellow parishioners and neighbourhood friends. Lunch will also be served. Even if you are attending the 100th anniversary Archdiocesan Mass, make sure to attend this popular annual event.



PARISH / DIOCESAN NEWS

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: FALL ACTION CAMPAIGN

D & P is still collecting signed Fall Action Campaign Cards addressed to the Prime Minister and to your Member of Parliament. If you have not done so, please sign the cards and deposit in the D&P box in the church foyer. Thank you.

PRO-LIFE MASS AND VIGIL

Pro-life Mass will be held at **9:00am on Saturday November 1** at **St. Theresa's Parish, 5146 Laurel Street in Burnaby**. Following the Mass there will be a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents at Burnaby General Hospital.

BIRTHRIGHT URGENTLY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Birthright Vancouver is urgently seeking new volunteers willing to commit 3 to 4 hours each week to be present, to listen, and to assist women in finding a loving alternative to abortion. No experience is necessary; training will be provided. If you would like more information, kindly contact the Vancouver Birthright office at 604-687-7223 or visit www.birthright.org.

CHRISTMAS ART & CRAFT FAIR

St. Thomas Aquinas High School's 22nd annual art and craft fair takes place on **Sunday November 2** from **10am - 4pm** at 541 West Keith Road, North Vancouver. Over 100 artisans, prizes, free child minding, café and M&M meats. Admission is \$2, but seniors & children pay \$1. More info at 604-987-4431.

OPEN HOUSE - LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY

Little Flower Academy is an independent Catholic High School for girls. All prospective 2009-2010 Grade 8 candidates and their families are invited to an Open House on **Thursday November 6** from **6:00pm - 8:00pm** in the school auditorium located at 1625 Nanton Avenue in Vancouver. Registration packages for the Entrance Exam will be available.

VOCATION LIVE-IN

On the weekend of **November 14 - 16** there will be a Vocation Live-In at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life. For more information, call 604-826-8715.

DAMIEN

Sunday Nov. 16 at 3:00pm in St. Mary's Church. Damien is the story of a Catholic missionary who devoted his life to ministering to the lepers on the Hawaiian Island of Molokai. Fr. Edward Danylo Evanko will play the role of Damien. Cost : \$20 per adult, youth under 14 years are free. Proceeds support the Catholic Health Association of BC and St. Michael's Center Foundation. Tickets by phone: 604-524-3427 or 604-434-1323.

DIOCESAN/ COMMUNITY NEWS

CELEBRATE SOURCE AT I.C. DELTA

Calling all youth from the entire Archdiocese of Vancouver for a night of Eucharistic Adoration. Experience and discover the **SOURCE** of our faith through reflections, music, confession and fellowship on **Sat Nov 1, 2008, from 7:30pm - 9:00pm at Immaculate Conception Parish in Delta.**

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS—ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER

Friday, Oct 31 at 6:30pm: Gala Dinner/Dance at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Celebrate with Dal Richards and his orchestra.

Sun. Nov 23 at 1:00pm: Celebration with Mass at GM Place will feature music from Catholic High Schools, a Grand Procession highlighting each parish, Mass with Cardinal Marc Ouellette as the main celebrant and homilist. **Tickets are free** but needed to enter GM Place. Sign up in the foyer to reserve.

Saturday, Dec 13 at 8:00pm: Handel's Messiah at the Vancouver Orpheum Theatre, a special celebratory performance with the Vancouver Chamber Choir. Seating is limited! Costs are: \$45 for Lower Balcony seats and \$36 for Upper Balcony seats. (These prices are reduced from the regular public rate)

'Traditions of Faith and Service' -- the first ever popular history book (200 pages) published about the Archdiocese of Vancouver, written by historian Dr. Jacqueline Gresko. It covers the Archdiocese as a whole, as well as individual parishes. Cost is \$39.00 (tax included)

Note: Book order and ticket reservations are made through Margherita in the parish office or Nahtie at nvcaro@shaw.ca

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Sancta Maria House, a Catholic faith-based home of healing for women recovering from addictions has an opening for a paid house parent / house manager either part time or full time. Applicant must be a mature Catholic who is loving, compassionate, flexible, comfortable with hands on prayer and able to work in a variety of situation. Duties include journeying with women in recovery, and overseeing the daily activities of the house. Knowledge of 12 Step Recovery an asset. Computer experience necessary. Call Sharon @ 604-590-2460.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver is seeking a Director for the Gardens of Gethsemani Cemetery and Mausoleum. The Director, along with the Advisory Board, provides leadership and vision for the Catholic Cemetery in the Archdiocese of Vancouver and oversees the overall management, development and operations of the Gardens of Gethsemani. Full details on the above position are available on www.rcav.org.

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES

Monday & 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: 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.

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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)

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu
E-mail: stmarys_ym@yahoo.com
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

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Assistant Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoo, O.P.
Youth Ministry/Volunteer Coordinator: Arda Akoglu
Parish Secretary: Margherita Bordignon