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Pastor's Corner

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"HE IS SO GOOD, AND NOT EVEN CATHOLIC"

"Pious persons can often say something like 'That person is so good, and not even Catholic!' When we say something like this we restrict God's grace, we restrict God's presence, and we put ourselves on a special pedestal." (J Donders in With Hearts On Fire.) It is as if we and those of our company were the best in the world!

The apostle John had this kind of arrogance before Jesus' death. He wanted the fire of heaven to strike down the Samaritans who did not welcome Jesus. He wanted to be at the right side of Jesus on the day of his enthronement. In today's Gospel, he says to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw a man who is not one of us driving out demons in your name, and because he is not one of us, we tried to stop him."

Cardinal Hans Urs von Balthasar reminds us that the Holy Spirit can act through anyone He chooses, Catholic or not Catholic. He writes:

> *"The limits one would like to burden the Spirit with do not matter to him, who "blows where he will" (Jn 3:8). His order does not always coincide with the Church's order, even though he himself prescribes the ecclesial order that the Church has to follow. Nor dare the Church turn the spirit's freedoms into rules for her own privileges and tolerances. God's thoughts are high above man's thoughts, which must follow God's instructions."* (from Light of the World)

It is for the Church to obey the Spirit, not for the Spirit to obey the Church.

God Bless You, *Fr. Pierre*

PARISH NEWS

JR. YOUTH MINISTRY – DON'T TALK WITH YOUR MOUTH FULL

Jesus says: "from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks". What's your heart full of? Do your words build up or tear down others? Join the Jr. Youth Ministry as we look at the way we communicate with one another and how that fits our Christian life. When: **Monday, Sep. 28 at 6:30pm** Where: **Church Bsmt.**

JR. YOUTH MINISTRY - SPARK

Are you in grades 5 to 8? Do you want to spend an amazing weekend with all sorts of cool things to learn, like skateboarding, arts, basketball spinning, drama, hip-hop, scrapbooking or many other things? Then SPARK is the place to be. St Mary's Jr. Youth Ministry is going to SPARK in Langley on **October 16th & 17th**. Join hundreds of teens for an awesome weekend of faith, fellowship and fun. The cost is $100. Register now with Arda by calling 604-435-9611 ext.6 or emailing him at stmarys_ym@yahoo.com. Act fast and don't miss this amazing weekend!

CONFERENCE: EXPLAINING AND DEFENDING THE FAITH

Have you ever been asked questions about the Faith by your children or friends but didn't know how to answer? Maybe you know what the church teaches, but not why. This conference is designed to do just that -- explain clearly and convincingly what the Church teaches and WHY, focusing especially on where we find these teachings in the Bible and the Early Church. Topics will include Papal Infallibility, the Eucharist, the Blessed Mother, How are We Saved?, and much more. Graham Osborne will give a presentation here at St. Mary's on **Saturday, October 3 from 9am - 4pm**. Holy Mass at Noon. Suggested donation: $10. See the bulletin board for a more detailed poster

LIFE CHAIN

On **Sunday, October 4, stand with us in peaceful protest of Abortion** from 1:30pm - 3:00pm at Oak Street & 25th Avenue. This is a simple and effective way to put the words "I am against abortion" into **ACTION**. **Visit www.Lifechain.net**

PARISH LIBRARY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

We're looking for volunteers to help in the Parish Library. Volunteers would have to stay for 30 minutes after the Saturday anticipated mass or one of the Sunday masses. For more info, please fill in a Volunteer Form at the Registraion Desk or contact Wendy at stmarysbooks@yahoo.ca

PARISH NEWS

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

Today's second collection, held in parish communities across the country, supports the pastoral work of Bishops nationally and internationally. This collections helps dioceses pay their annual contribution to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB). Founded more than 65 years ago, the CCCB is the assembly of all Bishops of Canada, including Eastern Catholic Churches. CCDB assists in consultation with the Holy Father and the various departments of the Holy See. They also work in close partnership with other Episcopal Conferences around the world -- particularly with those in the Americas. Through the work of its commissions and committees, it is involved in the issues that affect the life of the Church today and shape society.

******CHANGE IN MASS TIME******

On **Saturday, October 10** the noon Mass as been rescheduled for 10:00am. Please take note of this one-time-only change.

MESSAGE FROM MILDRED

Dearest Friends in Christ,
Thank you very much for your prayers, gifts and the wonderful farewell party last Saturday! I feel I am being immersed in love. I am truly blessed. I see God's love in all of you. What a joyful and loving community here at St. Mary's! In the last 5.5 years, I have grown spiritually and it is your support and encouragement that has helped me grow. I wish you all the best. I will be praying for you as I know you will be for me. With love and deepest gratitude, ***Mildred May***

THANK YOU FROM ST. MARY'S STREET MINISTRY

St. Mary's Street Ministry wishes to heartily thank all parishioners who: signed up to pray for Mildred, supported with donations for the special gift (which is already waiting for her in Nebraska), attended the Mass and/or joined the gathering for Mildred's sending off on Saturday, September 19. Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped out with the event. Please continue to pray for Mildred and for the Street Ministry

CONDOLENCES

Please pray for repose of the soul of our dearly departed :

B. Joseph Cernota: Funeral Arrangements: To be announced

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him O Lord,
Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him
May His Soul Rest in Peace, Amen

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

PRAYER WITH PRIESTS FOR PRIESTS

The Vatican has named this year as the **Year for Priests**. With that in mind, the Archdiocese is holding a Prayer Service on the 1st Thursday of each month in various parishes. Priests and the lay faithful are invited to come and pray together for our priests. The first Prayer Service will take place at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**, 2025 Napier in Vancouver on **October 1 at 7:30pm.** Please come and pray with our priests in support of our priests.

CENACLE RETREAT CENTRE

Exploring the spirituality of Dorothy Day, foundress of Catholic Worker House: *Saint or sinner*? **Saturday, October 3** from **9:30am - 3:30pm.** The cost of $50 includes lunch and DVD viewing. Reservations: 604-266-1611

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

The kids are back in school. How about a weekend getaway for both of you? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be on **October 2 - 4** at Pacific Inn in White Rock. For more info: call/e-mail Steve or Mary at 604-876-7298 / sbohnen@interchang.ubc.ca.

PRO-LIFE MASS & VIGIL

Join in a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents on **Saturday, October 3.** Mass begins at 9:00am at Our Lady of Hungary (1810 East 7th Avenue, Vancouver) The Vigil will follow in the church. Vigils are held each first Saturday of the month under the chaplaincy of Rev. Hien Nguyen.

EXHIBIT OF THE TRAVELLING POPE

The Pope John Paul II Exhibit may be seen at: All Saints (Coquitlam) September 26/27, Our Lady of Mercy (Burnaby) October 3/4, Simon Fraser University (Burnaby) October 5 - 7, St. Patrick (Vancouver) October 10/11, Sts. Peter & Paul (New Westminster) October 23/24, St. Stephen's (North Vancouver) Oct 31/Nov 1, Canadian Martyrs (Richmond) November 7/8.

MINISTRY IN FOCUS

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at St. Mary's aims to bear witness to the faith in the exercise of true charity, development of charitable projects and of social justice. This is an excellent opportunity for parishioners to fulfill Christ's Catholic call to works of mercy. We are accepting volunteers who are willing to commit a bit of time - about one to two days a month. More info: contact Richard Lange at richard_lange@hotmail.com; 604-432-1890 or Cecilia Carbonneau at 604-436-3259.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun. Sep. 27: 9:45am Willingdon Liturgy (4435 Grange Street)
2:00pm Couples for Christ - FFL (Church Bsmt)

Mon. Sep.28: 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr. Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
7:00pm SMYAC Leaders Meeting (Rectory Dining)
7:30pm Marian Prayer Group (Rectory Library)

Tue. Sep. 29: 6:30pm PREP & Teen PREP (School)
6:45pm Bible Sharing (Rectory Dining Room)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)

Wed. Sep. 30: 8:30am Respect Life Meeting (Rectory Dining)
6:30pm PREP (School)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass / Adoration / Confession (Church)
7:30pm St. Vincent de Paul (Rectory Dining)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room/Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)

Thu. Oct. 01: 6:30pm YM Leaders (Rectory Library)
7:00pm Mass followed by Adoration (Church)
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer (Church Basement)
8:00pm Lay Missionaries of Charity(Rectory Bsmt)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)

Fri. Oct. 02: FIRST FRIDAY
8:00am Mass followed by Adoration all day
3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:00pm CFC - SFL (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Mass/ Adoration /Confession (Church)
7:30pm Catholic Christian Outreach (Church Bsmt)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room / Sacristy)
9:15pm Benediction (Church)

Sat. Oct. 03: 9:00am 2000 Hail Marys (Rectory Dining)
9:00am - 4:00pm Conference (Church Basement)
Explaining and Defending the Faith with Graham Osborne
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
3:15pm Baptisms (Church)
6:30pm Couples for Christ-CLP (Church Bsmt)

Sun. Oct. 04: 9:45am Willingdon Liturgy (4435 Grange Street)
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: Jason Costa and Jonquil Francis
Email: smyac_team@yahoo.ca Website: www.smyac.com

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

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Ms Brenda Krivuzoff (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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Parish Secretary: Margherita Bordignon