



5th Sunday of Easter

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BULLETIN



Why Care About Life? - Part 1

Creation is sacred, life is sacred and especially human life is sacred. We know that. Any four-year old child knows that. Ancient peoples knew that. Societies throughout time have been aware that life is sacred and precious. It is true that, over millennia, people have devised creative and dastardly ways of hurting and killing other people. But that said, most people knew that it is wrong to take a human life – even in societies that offered human sacrifice knew that it was wrong, but they were willing to do that wrong in order to satisfy the gods or the king or the chief, and so were willing to participate in the killing for the “greater good” of the society.

Since the dawn of Christianity, Western Civilization has condemned the indiscriminate killing of innocent human life. In the present era, Christianity has lost much of its influence over morality and social mores in our world. Christian values are no longer upheld as the absolute truth. Truth itself is said to be relative and not absolute. Everyone can declare their own truth. Our modern world is reverting to pre-Christian times and allowing that human life is negotiable, even disposable.

Recently, the very progressive comedian Bill Maher let the cat out of the bag about what pro-choice is about. He says, “I scold the Left when they say [pro-lifers] hate women... they don't hate women... they think [abortion] is murder, and it kind of is. **I'm just okay with that.** I am. I mean, there's 8 billion people in the world. **I'm sorry, we won't miss you...** Is that not your position if you're pro-choice?”

Stunningly honest and completely callous, he admits that abortion is murder and he's ok with that, and any self-respecting pro-choice person should admit it. The child in the womb is negotiable. It all depends on who is advocating for the child. The child has no voice, no say, no rights.

The Catholic Church teaches that the taking of innocent human life is intrinsically wrong. The Catechism states: *“Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law”* (CCC 2271).

The Catholic Church is the staunchest defender of innocent human life in the world. **We, the members of the Body of Christ, are the advocates for the unborn child.**

The line has been drawn in our society: Life or Death.

“I have set before you life and death. Blessings and curses. Choose life! so that you and your descendants may live.”

Deuteronomy 30: 19

This is why it is so important to be in solidarity with the pro-life movement: **if we are not standing for life, we are allowing the choice of death to destroy our children.**

Come and join us at the March for Life.

Peace, Father Larry

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March for Life Victoria

Join us on **May 9, 2024 for March for Life in Victoria**, details is posted in our website: ourladyoflourdescoquitlam.ca

Register by **May 4, 2024** (new deadline), scan the QR code below to register:



WELCOME

We welcome all visitors. If you are new to the Parish, please fill out the registration form available at the entrance to the Church. And please introduce yourself to our pastor, Father Larry.

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INTO THE BREACH: Marriage: The Foundation of the Family

It is a dynamic new video series that proclaims the truth and beauty of the Catholic vision of marriage and family life in the modern world. It explores the unique roles of men and women in marriage and their responsibility for raising children.

We are showing a series of 6 videos on Saturdays at 10:00 AM. Come and join us!



The remaining videos:

- Marriage: The Foundation of the Family (May 4, 2024)
- The Gift of Children (May 11, 2024)
- Healing in the Family (May 18, 2024)
- Creating a Legacy of Faith (May 25, 2024)

To register please email : ourladyoflourdesparish@gmail.com or phone 604-936-1311.

Venue: Upper St. Anne's Hall at 10:00 AM

Pro-Life Apologetics

Source: Campaign Life Coalition Monthly Newsletter

Pro-abortion claim: : Chemical abortion is "medicine"

Pro-Life response: Medicine, understood as a substance to ingest, refers to a drug, remedy, or therapeutic preparation for the treatment of disease, illness, or injury. Pregnancy is not a disease, illness, nor injury, but a normal and natural process in which a new human being begins, develops, and matures inside a mother's womb prior to birth. Since chemical abortion is not a treatment for a disease, illness, or injury, but directly targets and kills a human being living and growing inside his or her mother's womb, in no sense can it be called "medicine." Abortion activists falsely call chemical abortion "medicine" as a ploy to convince women that killing their child is somehow a moral medical act when it is not.

Momentum Single Mothers' Retreat

All Catholic single mothers are invited to attend a two-night retreat, with or without their children. There will be talks for mothers (childcare provided), family time, children's activities, and time for Mass, Adoration, and Confession. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver in collaboration with Momentum, the retreat will be held from **May 24-26 at Charis Camp in Chilliwack**. Cost is \$150/family (with or without children). Registration deadline: Monday, May 6. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

CWL Fundraiser 2024 NEUFELD Frozen Foods

Have you placed your order yet?

This year all proceeds will go towards our programs and charities: Pregnancy Concerns and Domestic Abuse Services.

Orders are due by Wednesday, **May 1st, 2024**, end of day. Pick up on **May 11th, 2024 at 10:00 AM** at church parking lot.



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WEEKDAY MASS

Mon. to Sat.: Rosary at 7:55am and Mass at 8:30am
Thursday Mass will be followed by Adoration.

SUNDAY MASS

English: Sat.: 5:00pm and Sun.: 9:00am
English/French: Sun.: 11:00AM

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Masses: 8:30am and 7:00pm
Adoration: 9:00am – 10:00am and 5:45pm – 6:45pm

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

No morning Confession or Mass

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tues. to Fri. at 8:00am until 8:25am
Sat.: 4:00 – 4:45 pm. Or by appointment.

HOLY COMMUNION

Anyone who is not able to attend Mass and wishes to receive the Eucharist, please contact the parish office.

BAPTISM

By appointment only.

MARRIAGE

All couples planning to be married in this Parish should contact the pastor at least 6 months in advance. Non-parishioners must obtain written permission from your parish.

FUNERAL

Contact Parish Priest before making arrangements.

SACRAMENTALS

For blessing of cars, religious articles and house blessings, please contact Parish Office.

Pro-Life Mass & Prayer Vigil

One of the fundamental answers to abortion is prayer. Join your voice with ours as we pray on the first Saturday of each month for a new culture of life. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver, we will begin with Mass, followed by the rosary and other prayers either at a church with Adoration or at a local hospital. The next Mass and vigil takes place on **May 4 at 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver.** Our Pastor Father Larry will be the Celebrant of the Mass. All are welcome!

27-Apr	Saturday	5:00 PM	INT	Jose Alonco
28-Apr	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
28-Apr	Sunday	11:00 AM	INT	Julietta Maclining
29-Apr	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Macarane Solidum Family
30-Apr	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Jose Cruz
1-May	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Adele Baeani
2-May	Thursday	8:30 AM	INT	Ray Javier
3-May	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	Cely Javier
3-May	Friday	7:00 PM	✝	Souls of Solidum Family
4-May	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Pedro O. Liray

BOOKING MASS INTENTIONS. Please connect with the parish office to request an intention.

Les Echos du Pacifique's "Salut le printemps" choral concert

Les Echos du Pacifique, Greater Vancouver's francophone, choir welcomes Spring with a concert on **Saturday, May 11 at 7:30 pm** at **Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes Catholic Church** in Coquitlam's historic Maillardville. Artistic Director Marla Mayson and the choir are excited to present a richly varied selection of pieces, including lovely works in celebration of Spring and love by French composers Gabriel Fauré, Francis Poulenc and Camille St Saens; songs from the American songbooks of Jerome Kern and Irving Berlin, two Japanese folk songs and a new, entrancing arrangement of Eden Ahbez's "Nature Boy" sung in French.

Tickets for "Salut le Printemps" are on sale at BrownPaperTickets.com at various prices including group discounts and free admission for children under 13.



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PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are ill, especially:

Lina Aussant, Dr. Erb, Kathleen Lauzon, Ralph Roberts, René & Gilberte Collette, the Quek Family, Father Lucien Larré and Teresita Cunningham.

Through the intercession of St. John Paul II we ask that you heal them O Lord. Give them love and strength we pray, through Christ our Lord.

COFFEE & DONUTS AFTER MASS

Come and join us for coffee after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses on Sundays. Celebrate with each other and get to know your fellow parishioners.

This weekend we thank **the Choir** for sponsoring.



PARISH MINISTRIES

- Alpha** Anthony Marroquin & Alex Lim
- Altar Servers** Alex Lim
- ACRSS Rep** Irenaeus Lim
- CWL** Josephine (Dollie) Basa
- Choir (Sun 9am)** Josephine (Dollie) Basa
- Choir (Sun 11am)** Roger De Villa
- Couples for Christ** Alejandro & Stella Delos Santos
- K of C** Danny Kusnardi
- Lector** Suzanne Tkach
- Prayer Group** Alex & Nancy Lim
- PREP** Marilyn Sarte
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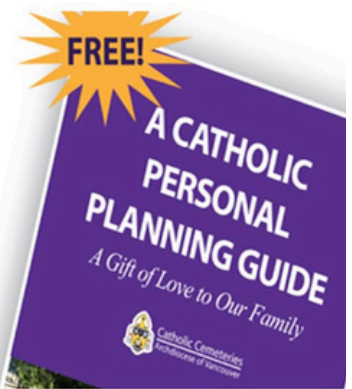
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