



Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading:

Acts 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48

2nd Reading: 1 John 4.7-10

Gospel: John 15.9-17

MAY 5, 2024

BULLETIN



OUR LADY OF LOURDES
COQUITLAM

Why Care About Life? - Part 2

"I have set before you life and death.

Blessings and curses.

Choose life!

so that you and your
descendants may live."

Deuteronomy 30: 19

That's clear: **choose life over death.** Death has ample opportunity to come after us. If it doesn't get us in the womb, it might get us as a young child, or as an adolescent or young adult. Perhaps death comes knockin in the prime of life and sometimes, we live to a ripe old age.

People choose to live through thick and thin, through trials and tribulations. We fight to stay alive. We have a basic instinct for life.

We are body and soul, and our **soul** is our **life force. It is our meeting place with God.**

God is Perfect Love, Perfect Truth, Perfect Goodness, Perfect Beauty, and Perfect Being. **Our soul,** through its spiritual relationship with God, **allows us to see Love, Truth, Goodness, Beauty, and Being in the world.** While we are alive, we can't see God face to face, but we see traces of him everywhere.

But God is not a being among other beings in creation; he is not OF this world; he is transcendent to the world. And at the same time, we say, "Where is God?" And of course, the answer is everywhere. That's because God holds all of existence in being, he is the ground of all being but is not a being himself: **he is the essence of being, he is being itself.**

We don't understand these things (Love, Truth, Beauty, Goodness) perfectly as

God does but he gives us the ability, to understand something about each of these things, so that we're always trying to create more perfect goodness in our lives. We seek to live and to better ourselves and our communities and our society because we are seeking to be more like God.

But life is not a bowl of cherries. Trouble, disappointment, betrayal, and tragedy may enter our lives, not to mention mental illness and depression. At times, things can look bleak and our zeal for life can waver. I agree with the Buddha, who states in the first tenet of Buddhism "*Life is suffering.*"

And so it is. Who among us is not suffering in some way? Christ has come to give meaning to our suffering. He suffered greatly. And the **meaning of his suffering is the salvation of your soul.**

Suffering is part of human existence. **We are called to help relieve each other's suffering,** to have compassion for (to suffer with) others.

But **our government says we can stamp out suffering.** All we have to do is to convince vulnerable, suffering people to allow themselves to die by the injection of drugs.

Today Canada has the fastest growing euthanasia, assisted suicide rate in the world. The government has discovered that it is far less expensive to kill a patient (euthanasia) or give the patient drugs that they take on their own (assisted suicide) than to properly give care and comfort to dying patients. This is what they call Maid. Palliative care is chronically underfunded, and euthanasia is normalized.

In 2022, there were 13,241 euthanasia/assisted suicide deaths

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reported in Canada, accounting for 4.1% of all deaths in Canada.

This represents a growth rate of 31.2% over 2021. The numbers are growing rapidly because the government is pushing this very hard.

We need to care about this because we care about life. We care about life because we are children of God.


Peace, Father Larry

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

Healing in the Family

- **Saturday, May 11, 2024**
- **Upper St. Anne at 10 AM**



In our imperfect world, suffering and sin are realities of family life. Families must embrace forgiveness, healing, and God's grace to live as witnesses of authentic Catholic family life.

Creating a Legacy of Faith

- **Saturday, May 18, 2024**
- **Upper St. Anne at 10 AM**

Parents must make a serious commitment to prioritize living the faith to raise their children as faithful Catholics. Catholic families are not alone in this endeavor and can find support in God and other faithful families.



Thank You

Thank you for your support. We raised \$899.
Enjoy your food!

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.

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.

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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DU PACIFIQUE**

*Salut le Printemps!
A Choral Concert*

Samedi 11 mai 2024 7:30 pm

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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 Schedule:

All Masses at 9:00 am unless otherwise stated:

- June 1 **St. Bernadette's Parish**
6543 132 St, Surrey
- July 6 **St. Clare of Assisi Parish**
2888 Delahaye Drive,
Coquitlam
- August 3 **St. Joseph's Parish**
(Mission)
32550 7th Avenue,
Mission

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

4-May	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Corneli Padua
5-May	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
5-May	Sunday	11:00 AM	INT	Susan Wynne
6-May	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Lin Chay Ong
7-May	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Babz Chula
8-May	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Pedro O. Liray
9-May	Thursday	8:30 AM	INT	Thanksgiving for Nette
10-May	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	Jose Cruz
11-May	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Maurilio Moura da Silva

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

Pro-Life Apologetics

Source: Campaign Life Coalition Monthly Newsletter

Pro-abortion claim:

Abortion is 'safe'

Pro-Life response: There is no such thing as a safe abortion. The sole purpose of abortion is to kill a human being prior to birth. The procedure has failed if it does not result in a dead baby. Abortion is thus never safe for the preborn child. Abortion is not safe for the mother either. Both surgical and chemical abortions harm women on many levels, including physically, emotionally, psychologically, and spiritually. Abortion is not safe for anyone, especially the preborn child and the child's mother.

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.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

"O thou mighty God above all, hear the voice of the forlorn...and deliver me out of my fear." -Esther 14:19

Has your heart been torn by regret since the day of your abortion? Sometimes it can feel like every step towards reaching out for help floods you with the fear of being known, and the shame of what happened. Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat from **May 24-26** and find that you are not alone. You don't have to continue living this way, we can help. For confidential information, call 604-525-0999. Email: info@pacscanada.org.

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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 **Knights of Columbus** 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

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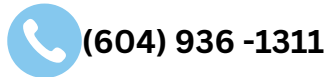
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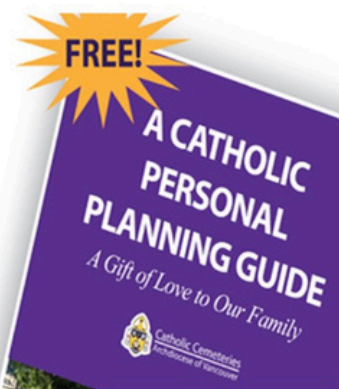
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