



Parish Life

Funny thing about being Catholic, although there is 2,000 years of the greatest thinking ever thought, the greatest philosophy, art, music, ideas, and concepts ever imagined, and arguments for the existence of God, our knowledge of God really depends on none of that. Our knowledge of God comes from our immersion in the Holy Spirit. That *“knowledge is a function of an entire form of life, involving prayer, self-denial, the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and the forgiveness of one’s enemies. We don’t think our way to an understanding of God so much as we live our way to it.”* Bishop Robert Barron

That is the sacramental worldview. We live our faith in and through our bodies and souls. We are carnal creatures, **flesh and blood that has meaning and is sacred**. We are animated by our soul, that is **life comes from the Spirit**, our soul is the nexus, our point of connection with God and where we receive his abundant grace.

We live our way to an understanding of God, says the good bishop. Our faith is a lived experience; it is not an adjunct to our lives. Our faith is meant to be lived through and through. Like the body and soul are one, our faith should be who we are as well, not what we are. “I’m catholic” describes who I am, not what I am such as a priest, a police officer or a hockey player.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

1st Reading: Ac 1.1-11; 2nd Reading: Eph 1.17-23 or 2nd Reading: Eph 4.1-13 (longer) or Eph 4.1-7, 11-13 (shorter); Gospel: Mk 16.15-20

Wouldn't you agree that the parish in which you are a parishioner should achieve the **goal of saving souls** by being a **joyful, happy place**? Don't you think it should be a place that is open to strangers, a community that reaches out to folks who don't know Jesus? I certainly do and I hope you see the possibilities there.

After the family, the most important part of living our faith is living the parish life. The parish exists to sustain the lives of parishioners both spiritually and socially and those two aspects are also intertwined.

We've been keeping the church open, exposing the Holy Eucharist, as much as we can, ever since Hamas invaded Israel. Perhaps you don't realize and don't really see the benefit of doing this but those of us that are here every day, especially those who sit and kneel in adoration, know there is something good happening. Having the church open from morning till evening allows people who are passing by to drop in. People who are hurting or depressed come in to find sanctuary from the world.

This is just one example of a parish community contributing to the common good, to bring some peace in this world.

This is one important aspect of the vision I have for this parish, and I hope to develop it further with your help. I see the parish as a community that provides for the needs, especially spiritual needs, of everyone we encounter. It is in reaching out and touching the other that we find our joy. It is in the encounter with the other that we receive grace. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. And, Happy Mother's Day to all.

Peace, *Father Larry*

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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



Due to the upcoming long weekend (Victoria Day), the last session of INTO THE BREACH, was on the morning of May 11 when 2 episodes HEALING IN THE FAMILY & CREATING A LEGACY OF FAITH were viewed. Participants enjoyed it and got a lot out of it. Therefore, no session on May 18th.

Thank you all for joining us and helping out. See you at the next Our Lady of Lourdes Adult Lay Formation project coming to you soon.



Our Garden needs help!

Join us and help cultivate beauty in our church garden. It's not just hard work but a healthy meditative practice. Terry, Bernice and Sheila have been doing a great job, but definitely need more people helping! Together, we will sow community and reap the blessings of a well-cared for home.

Join our Green Team today!



From and around the March for Life in Victoria



Our pastor and Pro-Life Chaplain for the Archdiocese of Vancouver was one of the Speakers during the rally of March for Live in Victoria on May 9, 2024. More photos will be sent out via Flocknote and also under Gallery in our website.

Countdown to the Kingdom Conference

Join Mark Mallet, Christine Watkins, and Fr. Daniel-Maria Klimek, TOR as they speak on prophecy - a gift from the Holy Spirit, private revelation, the Miraculous Medal, the Warning, Rediscovering the Supernatural, **Saturday, May 25, 2024** at **Holy Cross Parish**, 1450 Delta Ave., Burnaby from 10:00am-4:00pm and 6:30-8:30pm. Tickets \$70 advance purchase \$80 at the door. Info: Ethelyn David (mediatrixconferences@gmail.com) (604) 889-3842)

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 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

11-May	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Florence and Norman Langlois
12-May	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
12-May	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Francesco Bertani
13-May	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Gregoria Boongaling
14-May	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Sophia
15-May	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	Thanksgiving for Ana Moura
16-May	Thursday	8:30 AM	INT	Michael McNamara
17-May	Friday	8:30 AM	INT	Thanksgiving for Gordon Then
18-May	Saturday	8:30 AM	INT	Maura McNamara

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:

'It's my body, my choice'

Pro-Life response: In pregnancy, there are two bodies: the body of the mother and the body of the baby. The pre-born child has his own DNA, brain waves, and a heartbeat separate from the mother. If the child is male, he also has male testicles. His male organ cannot be part of the "woman's body." A new unique human life begins at conception, when sperm meets egg. The newly conceived human being needs only time and space for the miracle of his or her life to unfold. If a woman aborted her own body, she would be dead.

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 **CWL**

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

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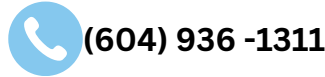
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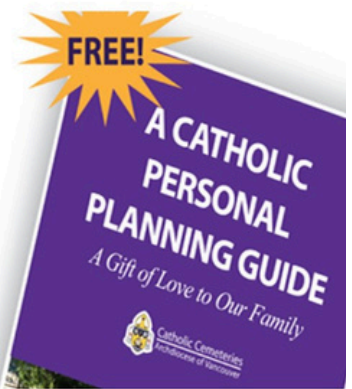
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