



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Isaiah 22.15, 19-23 2nd
Reading: Romans 11.33-36 Gospel:
Matthew 16.13-20

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

learning the truth about our faith because it is good and beautiful and true.

There is absolute truth. God exists!

And he is a God that knows each of us individually and he loves us. I know that, not because I was brainwashed as a child, but through the gift of faith and the gift of my rational mind. I know these teachings of the faith are true and yet there is great mystery surrounding them and in fact, whether we know it or not or like it or not, we are all living in a great mystery. But we know through the scriptures, what Jesus, said and did. The Gospels recount factual history and through Jesus' teachings and his life, death and resurrection, we know how to enter deeper into the mystery.

Our faith is rich, so rich, and the more we know about it, the more it becomes fascinating. We need to know our faith better. We need better catechesis. We can all learn more because there is no end to it; we can only go deeper into the mystery, towards the Center to be with God.

In the coming year, we at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, will be offering many different ways to learn more about the Catholic faith, programs and gatherings and teaching that will help us to know Jesus better and to love him more. I study the faith every day and the deeper I go the more exciting it becomes. Join us this Fall as we journey to the Center.

Peace,
Father Larry

How Well Do You Know Your Catholic Faith?

Did you ever wonder why there are so few people in the pews compared to say, 30 or forty years ago? In the past, Catholics would go to Mass on Sunday out of obligation, or out of tradition, cultural traditions, family traditions. It was nice to get together on Sundays and enjoy the family Sunday dinner. The people themselves were not that well catechized, meaning they didn't necessarily know the depths and the significance of what they were doing. But it was 'good' to go to Mass.

But as modernism crept into our world, into our families, into our schools, the notion of absolute truth was knocked off its pedestal and 'truth' became relative to each person. And so our children learn that we don't really need God, that we don't need some fanciful authority figure to tell us what is right and wrong. So naturally the children strayed from the Church and their children, therefore, don't know anything about the faith. Maybe they are baptized, maybe not. Maybe they baptize their children because the grandparents would like it but there is no faith lived in the household.

So there are fewer people in the church and they are not getting any younger. And there is a shortage of priests. The Church is the Body of Christ and he is grieving the loss of so many people. So what should we do? Shut'er down? Last one out shut the door and turn off the lights? NO! We need to fight back by

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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, Fr. Larry.

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ALPHA at OLOL

ALPHA is here at OLOL from **Sept. 21 – Nov. 30th**. Every Thursday evening. More details in the near future!

You're invited to try Alpha

Alpha

Archbishop Carney Garage Sale 2023– Donations Needed

Please support one of Archbishop Carney Secondary School's vital fundraising community events with your donations while clearing clutter at home. We welcome gently used Household items, Tools, Books, Toys, Clothing, Sports and Recreational Items, Entertainment, Decorations, and only small Furniture. Unfortunately we are no longer able to do pick ups.

DROP OFF DATES: Four Saturdays Starting Sept.16 & 23 to Oct. 7 & 14, from 9:30am until 1:30pm.

DROP OFF LOCATION: 1335 Dominion Ave. Port Coquitlam at Archbishop Secondary School.

More info is posted in our website

ourladyoflourdescoquitlam.ca, especially for items that are NOT acceptable.

Thank you for your generosity!



Congratulations

We welcome **Celestine Muñoz** into the One Holy Catholic Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, July 8th, 2023. Congratulations Reine and Franz!



The Chosen

The Chosen TV Series is returning to our parish – after Summer break – on **Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023 at 10:00 AM**. Save the date on your calendar so you won't miss out!

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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tues. to Sat. 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.

BOOKING MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are offered to God as prayers of intercession and thanksgiving. Please connect with the parish office to request an intention.

**PROJECT
ADVANCE**
2023
Empowering
our Parish Vision

We have sailed by the Archdiocesan goal of **\$15, 600**. Thank you to all who have contributed so far. Time for the rest of us to show up.

The Men's Retreat

The Men's Retreat: **YESHUA** delves deep into the heart of Christ. Join Jake Khym and Peter White for transformative talks, the Holy Mass, and space of adventure in the outdoors of RockRidge Canyon. Rediscover. Reconnect. Recommit. From Friday, Sept. 29, to Sunday, Oct. 1, at RockRidge Canyon in Princeton, BC. Cost is \$275+, which includes the retreat experience, accommodations, activities and food. Bursaries available. Learn more and register at liferestoration.ca/mensretreat.

Parish Religious Education Program

Wanted! Catholic children who attend public schools.

- Are you a parent of children who attend public school from Grade 1 to Grade 7?
- Do you know someone, or a family, who is in those circumstances?

Let's help those children to learn their faith. Speak to those families and let them know how important it is for the children to be well formed in the teachings of Jesus Christ.

**To register or to
volunteer, please
connect with Ana at the
parish office.**



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

26-Aug	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Corleto and Amy Manuel
27-Aug	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISHIONERS
27-Aug	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Real Bilodeau
28-Aug	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Armand Bilodeau
29-Aug	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Simone Bilodeau
30-Aug	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	James Lynn
31-Aug	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Anna Wei-ling Chu
1-Sept	Friday	8:30 AM	INT	Shane Babuik
1-Sept	Friday	7:00 PM	✝	Souls in Purgatory
2-Sept	Saturday	8:30 AM	INT	For People of Hong Kong

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Monthly Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil

Join the Catholic faithful for the monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life, from conception to its natural end. The next Mass will be on **Saturday, September 2, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Andrew Kim Parish in Surrey.** Our Pastor Father Larry is the Pro-Life Chaplain for the Archdiocese and celebrate this Pro-life mass every first Saturday of the month. To learn more, please visit beholdvancouver.org/events.

The Way of Beauty: Encountering Jesus in Scripture and the Arts

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) invites leaders of catechesis and evangelization to The Way of Beauty, a webinar series that reflects on beauty and its powerful witness in the life of the Church.

The three sessions/series are:

- Beauty and Catechesis | Thursday, September 7, 10 a.m. | Speaker: Dr. Jem Sullivan
- Beauty and Evangelization | Thursday, September 14, 10 a.m. | Speaker: Mr. David Dayler
- Beauty and Liturgy | Thursday, September 21, 10 a.m. | Speaker: Fr. Paul Massel



Hike, Bike or Run for LIFE

Please mark the date, **Saturday September 9th**, The Life Compass Society's biggest fundraiser of the year. We will meet at Lions Park, Port Coquitlam and PoCo Trail. Event starts at **9:30 am** with distribution of prizes, take group photo and begin at about **10:00 am**. Hot dogs, cookies and drinks for participants. Let us support the unborn, handicapped and elderly.

Together let us make a difference. Sponsor sheets available at church vestibule or parish office. Cheques payable to Life Compass Society. Thank you for your support!

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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

Lina Aussant, Jamie Awa, Dr. Erb, Kathleen Lauzon, Ralph Roberts, Gilberte Collette and the Quek Family.

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 AND 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 Choirs** for sponsoring.



PARISH MINISTRIES

- 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
- Grief Support** Peter O'Reilly
- Lector** Suzanne Tkach
- Prayer Group** Alex & Nancy Lim
- PREP** Marilyn Sarte
- Project Advance** Kathy Gorkoff & Francis Gutierrez
- RCIA** David & Angela Kan
- Sacristan** Alex Lim
- Ushers** Robert Tang & Terry Charbonneau

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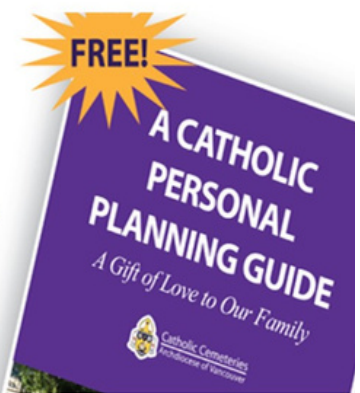
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