



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3.8-14

Gospel: Mark 1.1-8

Archbishop Miller's Message for Advent

A fellow priest with whom I lived and taught for many years always used to remind us at the beginning of Advent that Christmas “comes at the worst time of year.” We have shopping, writing Christmas greetings, putting up decorations, and endless social gatherings. Although it is supposed to be the season of “waiting” and “preparation,” we are mostly spinning our wheels frantically just trying to keep afloat.

We usually slide by the season and make it into a mini-Christmas. Indeed, Christmas carols have already been serenading us for weeks. The time before Christmas that the Church so carefully puts aside as a special liturgical season is absorbed into the feast that follows.

Even if we lament the so-called “over-commercialization” of Christmas, a point fairly taken, we can still look at Advent as a great blessing for us and even for a seemingly indifferent world. Despite its being ignored or absorbed by Christmas, Advent is still a time when forces of kindness and generosity are mobilized, and we should rejoice at that.

The very fact that people feel something different or special at this time of year is a cause for rejoicing. In the words of then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, “Advent’s intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional hope within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors to hope.”

But how should we celebrate Advent? We do so as a four-week preparation for the coming of the Lord. First, at his Second Coming, which is emphasized in the early weeks. Originally, in fact, Advent was held to be primarily a period of getting ready to greet the Lord when he comes in glory at the end of the ages. Second, of course, and what is more to the forefront, is Advent as a preparation for our celebration of the Lord’s Birth at Christmas.

In the fifth century, St. Cyril of Alexandria distinguished the two “comings” of Jesus in this way:

In his first coming he was wrapped in swaddling clothes in the manger. In his second coming he is clothed with light as with a garment. In his first coming he bore the cross, despising its shame; he will come a second time in glory accompanied by the hosts of angels. It is not enough for us, then, to be content with his first coming; we must wait in hope of his Second Coming.

Dear friends: May this Advent draw you ever closer to the Lord Jesus Christ, anticipating with hope his coming at the close of the ages, and celebrating with joy the staggering and wondrous mystery that the Word was made flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem.

+ J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver

DEC 10, 2023

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES
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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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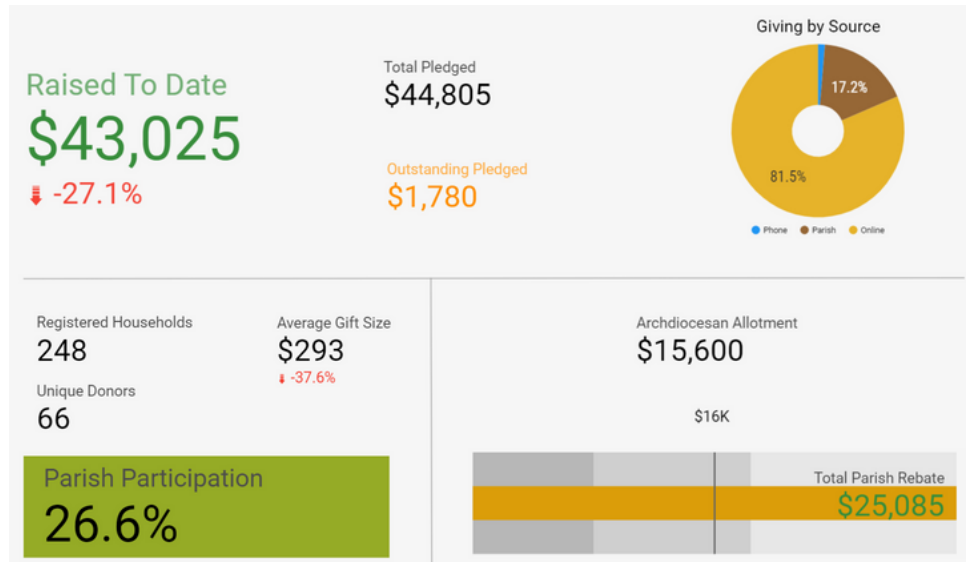
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Empowering Our Parish Vision

Our vision is to repair the basement area of the church which would make it a wonderful place to socialize, hold special functions, and it could also become a source of revenue for the church. We will install a lift from the church to ground level so everyone can easily access the basement. We are now coming to the last month of fundraising to reach our goal of \$70,000. Even the smallest donation will be most gratefully appreciated. Wishing everyone the peace and joy of Christ.



Project Advance Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Progress Report 2023

ADORATION



**SERVE THE LORD
IN SIMPLE PRAYER
AND
CHANGE THE WORLD**

**WILL YOU COMMIT TO
ONE HOUR A WEEK
TO PRAY FOR PEACE?**

**Sign Up Sheet is available
at Church**

BECOME A TEAM LEADER.

**SPEAK TO ANA IN THE OFFICE
(604) 936-1311**

Archbishop's Annual Mass for Life

Join Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB as Celebrant and our Father Larry as Concelebrant for Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral on **Saturday, December 16 at 12:10 p.m.** We begin with the Rosary at 11:30 a.m. and then Mass, with a reception to follow. We recognize and celebrate all life from conception to its natural end and the people who witness and volunteer in this field. Donation of finger food would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off before Mass at the Holy Rosary Hall.

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*"May we defend it and promote it from
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December 16, 2023

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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

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.

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10-Dec	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISHIONERS
10-Dec	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Fernand and Ozina Finnigan
11-Dec	Monday	8:30 AM	INT	Susan Wynne
12-Dec	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Francesco Bertani
13-Dec	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	Thanksgiving
14-Dec	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Alberta B. Sanchez
15-Dec	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	Danuta Dyczko Family
16-Dec	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Annie Buthello

2023 ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

EACH SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 7:00PM

Wed, Dec 13: Our Lady of the Assumption, PoCo

Thurs, Dec 14: Our Lady of Lourdes, Coquitlam

Fri, Dec 15: All Saints, Coquitlam

Mon, Dec 18: Our Lady of Fatima, Coquitlam

Tues, Dec 19: St. Luke's, Maple Ridge

Wed, Dec 20: St. Joseph's, Port Moody

Thurs, Dec 21: St. Clare's of Assisi, Coquitlam

Fri, Dec 22: St. Patrick's Maple Ridge

"Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offense." - Psalm 51

CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 23:

- 5:00 PM Mass (anticipatory for Sunday)

Sunday, December 24:

- 9:00 AM Mass
- 11:00 AM Mass

Monday, December 25:

- Christmas Mass at Midnight The Nativity of the Lord
- 9:00 AM Mass
- 11:00 AM Mass

Saturday, December 30:

- 5:00 Mass (anticipatory for Sunday)

Sunday, December 31:

- 9:00 AM Mass
- 11:00 AM Mass

Monday, January 1, 2024

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

- 9:00 AM Mass
- 11:00 AM Mass



Please note:

December 25, Christmas Day, and January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, are the only 2 Holy Days of obligation in the year in Canada. We are obliged to attend both the Sunday Mass and the Mass of the Holy Day of obligation.

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, Marielle Wunderlich, 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 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 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
- PREP** Marilyn Sarte
- Project Advance** Kathy Gorkoff & Francis Gutierrez
- Sacristan** Alex Lim
- Ushers** Robert Tang & Terry Charbonneau

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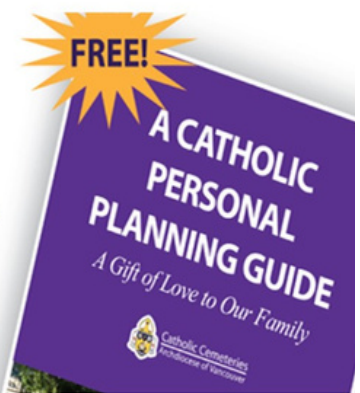
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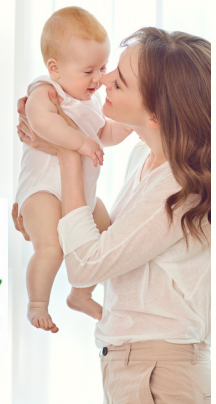
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