



Happy New Year

It's that time of year again. The liturgical cycle keeps on turning. A new liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent. The wisdom of the Church has us go through the scriptures, the Gospels especially, in a three-year cycle.

Each liturgical year consists of a cycle of six seasons:

- [Advent](#) - four weeks of preparation before the celebration of Jesus' birth
- [Christmas](#) - recalling the Nativity of Jesus Christ and his manifestation to the peoples of the world
- [Lent](#) - a six-week period of penance before Easter
- [Sacred Paschal Triduum](#) - the holiest "Three Days" of the Church's year, where the Christian people recall the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus
- [Easter](#) - 50 days of joyful celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead and his sending forth of the Holy Spirit
- [Ordinary Time](#) - Wherein the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and works among his people. (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Second Vatican Council*).

The Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ—his suffering, death, and resurrection—is continuously proclaimed and renewed through celebrating the events of his life and in the feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints.

This mystery of Christ, unfolding through the cycle of the year, **calls us to live his mystery in our own lives**. This call is best illustrated in the lives of Mary and the saints, celebrated by the Church throughout the year.

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st Reading: Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Gospel: Mark 13.33-37

We are entering the Year 'B', which is considered the year of Mark, having just gone through the year 'A', the year of Matthew. Next year is, you guessed it, Year 'C', the year of Luke. And then we start all over again. Well, what about John, you might ask. The Church chooses to bring in the Gospel of John sprinkled throughout every year because it is more deeply theological and less of a running account of his travels. It is a Gospel that offers us more intimate access to the person of Jesus so that, "... you may come to believe that Jesus is... the Son of God and that through believing you may have life in his name."

So, here we are in Advent, a season that has a two-fold nature: it prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us. But you will also note, through the scriptural readings, it is a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages.

Either way, Advent is a season of joyful expectation. It's a time to prepare ourselves spiritually to welcome the Lord. It's a time to contemplate and prepare for a grand celebration. That celebration is Christmas, and it begins on December 25 and goes through to the Epiphany of the Lord on January 6.

Our secular world would have it backwards. Long before Advent we are inundated with CHRISTMAS or XMAS or THE HOLIDAYS, PARTIES and SLEIGH BELLS, SANTA and SALES, SALES, SALES. "Resistance is futile!", they would have you believe.

It's not true. Please DO resist the temptation to enter the frenzy of consumerism. Spend time in quiet contemplation and prayer.

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BULLETIN



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.

Consider spending some time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament; the church is open. Find peace there. Pray for your family. Pray with your family. Pray for peace. Reconnect with our Lord. Say a prayer for me.

Peace,
Father Larry

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Empowering Our Parish Vision

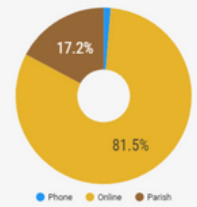
Our vision is to repair the basement area of the church which would make it a wonderful place to socialize, hold special functions, and it could also become a source of revenue for the church. We will install a lift from the church to ground level so everyone can easily access the basement. We are now 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.

Raised To Date
\$43,025
↓ -27.1%

Total Pledged
\$44,805

Outstanding Pledged
\$1,780

Giving by Source



Registered Households
248

Unique Donors
66

Average Gift Size
\$293
↓ -37.6%

Parish Participation
26.6%

Archdiocesan Allotment
\$15,600

\$16K

Total Parish Rebate
\$25,085

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.

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(604) 936-1311**



COME MEET ST. NICK

St Nicholas, that generous and loving bishop has again scheduled a visit to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on December 10, 2023 - after the 11 a.m. Mass at the Upper St Anne's Hall.



He loves to bring gifts to children as a reminder that Baby Jesus was born out of love for us all. Once again, he will spread cheer to ALL THE CHILDREN who will come to meet him as we prepare to celebrate the birth of the BABY JESUS. Be sure to bring your family, friends, and neighbours.

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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3-Dec	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISHIONERS
3-Dec	Sunday	11:00 AM	INT	Father Larry Lynn
4-Dec	Monday	8:30 AM	INT	Marco Venida
5-Dec	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Jansen Sarte
6-Dec	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	Katie Weng Chong Low
7-Dec	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Clayton Al Weeks
8-Dec	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	Yolanda Panganiban
9-Dec	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Shiao Lin Wu

Chantons Noël 2023 !

Les Échos du Pacifique are back in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.



What a wonderful opportunity to welcome them back to where they started 50 years ago! They have a beautiful, carefully selected repertoire that is sure to pick up your spirits and help you to really get into the Advent mode - a great preparation to welcoming the Lord at Christmas.

We are encouraging you to buy your tickets at the door. It is less complicated and will save you money. If you come in a group of 4 or more, the tickets are only \$15, otherwise it's \$20.

Children under 12 are FREE! And we encourage you to bring the children.

lesechosdupacifique.info/en/concerts/

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.

Blessed 8th Ordination Anniversary Fr. Larry!

Blessings of peace and the joy of Christ to you, Fr. Larry, on the 8th year anniversary of your ordination! We give thanks to the Lord for having sent you as our shepherd here in this 'country church' named Our Lady of Lourdes! Your pastoral care has brought many changes in the parish but many more activities that bring people to come together in fellowship and friendship.

As we begin a new liturgical year, we pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire and guide you to keep the fire burning in this, our parish family. 'May the Lord bless you and keep you. May His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, all the days of your life!'



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 **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
- 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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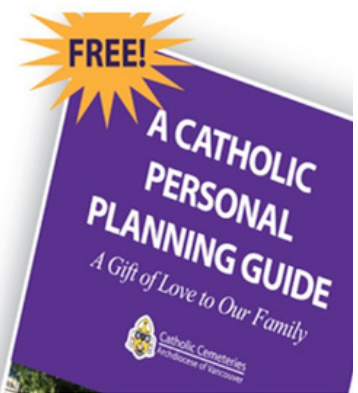
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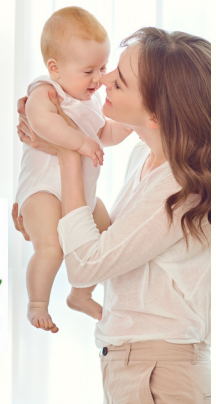
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