



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading: Gen. 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18
2nd Reading: Rom. 8.31b-35, 37++
Gospel: Mark 9.2-10

FEB 25, 2024

BULLETIN



OUR LADY OF LOURDES
COQUITLAM

That Vision Thing

Back in 1909, the year my mother was born, thirty-five French Canadian families from Quebec and Eastern Ontario arrived here on the West Coast to work for the Fraser Mills sawmill. They agreed to come if they were given lumber to build a church and houses near the church. By June 10 of 1910 between 200 and 400 families had pulled up their roots, headed west, and changed their lives and that of their progeny forever. Maybe they dreamed of a better life Way Out West but for sure, once they got here, they formed a vision of what they expected their collective lives to be. And the church was the first order of business.

They had a vision. And they realized that vision. It was a vision of a community and a neighborhood that would thrive with the Church at the center of their lives. The church they built, Notre Dame de Lourdes, was quite literally at the center of their lives spiritually, socially, and geographically. The parish was their identity. Those pioneers envisioned a life of thriving community, general well-being,

successful, flourishing family life. They grew so much they needed to build another church in 1946, Our Lady of Fatima.

Now Dear Parishioner, perhaps you don't have as strong a connection to your parish as the original pioneers did. That is only natural.

Nevertheless, this is your parish, and **a parish thrives and functions through the participation and the generosity of the parishioners;** it is they who must assume ownership of the parish. The pastor is the shepherd who leads and guides the flock according to the will and vibrancy of the parishioners. And like those early pioneers, **we need to have a clear vision of the future of the parish.** It is necessary for our survival as a parish.

Here's my vision: I see a parish that, in say five years, is alive and well: thriving! A place where families get together with other families. A bustling place of activity; that is growing; that is centered on Christ, of course;

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- HUMBLED & EXALTED LENTEN RETREAT

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.

Pro-abortion claim: Abortion is justifiable since a 'fetus' is not a person

Pro-Life response: At the moment a sperm unites with an egg, a new, unique, and totally unrepeatable human life begins. At the moment of fertilization, this tiny life is endowed with everything that makes this small living being a full member of the human family, including a genetic male or female blueprint, unique DNA, and, most importantly, a rational nature that separates humans from every other living thing. This new human being, if she is a female, needs only support from her mother and time as she grows and develops in anticipation of her birthday. This new being, as she grows in the womb, is not part of the woman's body but has her own matter that constitutes her own body, including, eventually, her own brain, heart, liver, and reproductive system. In the final analysis, this new being is a unique individual with a human nature, which is what is meant philosophically by the word "person." Therefore, at the moment of fertilization, a new human person emerges who is endowed with human rights, among these is the inalienable right to life. The word "fetus" comes from Latin meaning "little one." As Dr. Seuss correctly observed: "A person is a person, no matter how small." It is evil to kill this newly created human person, no matter what her stage of development.

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Pro-Life Apologetics

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Thank you!

Thank you to the 18 prayer warriors, who braved the elements at the vigil site, last Tuesday.

Come to the Pro Life Mass at 9AM on Saturday, March 2nd at Guardian Angel Parish at 1161 Broughton St., in the West End of Vancouver. Hoping to see more people signing up for the vigil after mass until 7pm.



"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven!"

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that is welcoming and focused on reaching out to help others; a place that is a source of blessing for the neighborhood; that our neighbors and the surrounding community look to our church as a hub of the community, a safe and happy haven.

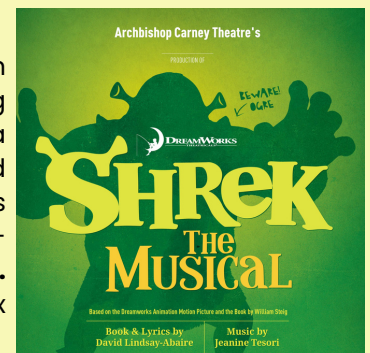
I see our parishioners practicing the faith and practicing it well, participating in parish activities, and committed to the flowering of parish life, living the faith as Jesus taught us.

That's what I see. What about you? What do you see? Please let me know and perhaps we can build a future together.

Peace, Father Larry

Shrek the Musical

Once upon a time, there was a little ogre named Shrek..." And thus begins the tale of an unlikely hero who finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking Donkey and a feisty princess who resists her rescue. Throw in a short-tempered bad guy, a cookie with an attitude and over a dozen other fairy tale misfits you know from the film, and you've got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, there's one on hand... and his name is Shrek. Based on the Oscar-winning film, Shrek The Musical is a Tony Award-winning fairy tale adventure presented by **Archbishop Carney Theatre March 6-9, 2024.** **7pm** curtain. Tickets are \$18, available online at acrss.org. Presented at the Terry Fox Theatre in Port Coquitlam.



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.

**40 Days for Life:
Nightly Rosary from
Feb 14-Mar 24, 2024 @8pm**

Zoom link:
beholdvancouver.org/events/40-days-for-life-nightly-rosary



SCAN ME

24-Feb	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Alice Nicholson
25-Feb	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
25-Feb	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Alice Nicholson
26-Feb	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Alice Nicholson
27-Feb	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Alice Nicholson
28-Feb	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Alice Nicholson
29-Feb	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Alice Nicholson
1-Mar	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	Alice Nicholson
1-Mar	Friday	7:00 PM	✝	Alice Nicholson
2-Mar	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Alice Nicholson

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

CATHOLICISM

THE JOURNEY continues....

Matthew, James, Mark, John, Luke, Mary Magdalene...those are just some of the names of men and woman in the early Church who played essential roles in establishing, proclaiming and handing on the Catholic Faith. But there are two who stand out from the illustrious crowd, who were indispensable in countless ways. Who are they? Come and find out as our journey to the heart of our Catholic Faith, with Bishop Barron, continues this coming **Thursday, Feb. 29th at 7pm in Upper St. Ann's hall.** Come and learn with us and be amazed by the richness of our Catholic Faith.

No Youth Table Tennis during Lent

Humbled & Exalted Lenten Retreat

Take a break from the demands of ministry and life, and dive into the heart of Lent. Father James Hughes will give a reflection based on the Gospel of the day (Luke 18:9-14), offered through the lens of the Pharisee and tax collector, titled Virtue Stands in the Middle. With both personal reflection and small-group sharing, Father James will assist us to strengthen our work in the vineyard of the Lord - His ministry as leaders. On **Saturday, March 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Precious Blood Parish in Surrey.** Cost is \$25. Registration deadline: Wednesday, March 6. All who lead and serve in ministry are welcome! Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 6:00PM AND HOLY MASS: 7:00PM

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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 Choir** 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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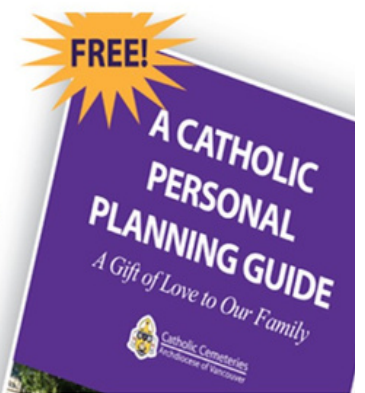
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