



1st SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading: Genesis 9.8-15
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22
Gospel: Mark 1.12-15

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BULLETIN



OUR LADY OF LOURDES
COQUITLAM

You Are the Hope of the World

The world is losing hope. We can tell it's losing hope by the way we devise ingenious means of killing innocent human life. Abortion and euthanasia are dire signs of hope ebbing out of the human community. That's the truth.

The world is losing hope. We can see it in the wild world of the entertainment industry, in the vacant eyes top models, in a culture that glorifies death and fantasizes about super antiheros who simultaneously want to destroy the world and save it. Death abounds in the hundreds of crime programs on TV. Death sells. Body counts mount in mass shootings. And people are losing hope.

Forty years ago, China, fearing the possibility of a "population explosion", decided to engineer their own population by implementing a "one child" policy, a policy that would use abortion as the primary tool to achieve their tragically misguided goals. Girl children were not wanted which led to a completely disproportionate number of girls killed by abortion. They number in the millions.

Today, there are not near enough women

around to bear children and a huge number of men have no chance of finding a mate. They are lonely and angry. Women have lost interest in having families, there are no siblings. There has been a precipitous drop in fertility. The Chinese government has engineered themselves into a deep hole. It's a monumental tragedy.

We have two ways of bringing hope into the world: prayer and witness. Prayer is the answer to this tragedy and the strongest tool we have in our tool kit to create the scale of change of hearts and minds that is needed. St. Padre Pio said that "Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart."

My dear parishioners, **you are the hope that this world needs.** Are you not willing to pray and to witness to the world that life is precious and sacred? I was down at the vigil site at 32nd and Willow this Thursday. St. Anthony of Padua parish was praying there. **They told me that so far, they have 186 people signed up to pray at the vigil site over eight days.** That's an average of 24 people per day.

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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.

Pro-abortion claim: Abortion empowers women


Pro-Life response: To empower someone means to help them become stronger and more confident to achieve something, usually a goal connected to the person flourishing and becoming all that they were meant to become. Inscribed into a woman's being is her ability to nurture new human life, to become a mother. For example, her womb is the most perfectly designed environment for a baby's growth and development. Again, a woman's breasts are designed to provide the perfect nourishment for the newly born baby. In fact, everything about the woman's design is a testimony to how she was created to bring new life into the world, to nurture it, and help that life become all that it was meant to become. To truly empower women would mean, therefore, to help them become stronger and more confident to see their fertility and the children that come to them as priceless gifts that are worth sacrificing everything for. Abortion robs women of their children. It strangles their motherhood. It desecrates their design. Killing children empowers no one.

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Pro-Life Apologetics


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What does God want from me in Lent? Have you ever asked yourself this question? Sean O'Brien; author, husband, and father to 4 young children, writes; "Instead of looking to deny myself something I desire out of some kind of obligation, I am learning to make a space. To remember that the sacrifice I make is in order that something beautiful fills it back up. Creating space to have an encounter with God and experience His love in a deeper way."

The 40 Days for Life campaign, through the Lenten season, gives us the opportunity to practice PRAYER, FASTING and ALMSGIVING. We pray, fast, and love individually, as a family, parish, community, nation throughout the world to follow Christ, thereby, choosing Life itself.

We encourage YOU to actively participate in this campaign to bring about the End of Abortion and Euthanasia.

Sign-up sheets are located on the table at both entrances to the church for our parish committed dates:

- **Tuesday, February 20th from 7AM to 7PM**
- **Saturday, March 2nd from 12PM to 7PM**

The address: 4800 Willow Street at 32nd Avenue, Vancouver

The first Saturday of the month it's a **Pro Life Mass at 9:AM on March 2nd will be at Guardian Angels Parish at 1161 Broughton St. , in the West End of Vancouver.** Father Larry, our pastor and the Pro Life chaplain for the archdiocese will celebrate the mass. Reception follows after Mass and then proceed to the Vigil site.

Thank you

With great gratitude and heart felt appreciation, our family would want to say **"Thank You Father Larry Lynn, the entire community of Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish and The Knight Of Columbus of Our Lady Of Fatima Council. "**

On January 25th., 2024, our residence was caught on fire caused by the Dryer machine. The city authority did not want us to move anything from the old unit into the new unit due to a heavy smoke in the house.

Your donation of house hold items, gift cards and cash made it easier for us to transition into regular life. And May God continue to bless your lives.

From:

Charles, Choj, Angelo, Manuela and Emmanuel

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.

40 Days for Life: Nightly Rosary from

Feb 14-Mar 24, 2024 @8pm

Zoom link:

[beholdvancouver.org
/events/40-days-
for-life-nightly-
rosary](https://beholdvancouver.org/events/40-days-for-life-nightly-rosary)



SCAN ME

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.

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Brothers and sisters, do you think we could manage to gather **24 people** next Tuesday, February 20, to pray and to stand up in solidarity with the vulnerable? I encourage you to bless the 40 Days for Life efforts with your presence, and with your witness for life. **Please participate in the 40 Days for Life activities** with Our Lady of Lourdes Parish as your way of showing **there is Hope in this world. You are that Hope.**

Peace,
Father Larry

17-Feb	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Alice Nicholson
18-Feb	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
18-Feb	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Alice Nicholson
19-Feb	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Alice Nicholson
20-Feb	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Alice Nicholson
21-Feb	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Alice Nicholson
22-Feb	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Alice Nicholson
23-Feb	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	Rosina Bertani
24-Feb	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Alice Nicholson

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.

Catholicism journey continues...

This coming **Thursday (Feb.22nd)**, lesson 4 of the CATHOLICISM series will be shown in **Upper St. Ann's Hall at 7pm**. Topic? OUR TAINTED NATURE'S SOLITARY BOAST.

Christian poets have over the centuries sung the praises of Mary, the Mother of God and our mother. The English Romantic poet, William Wordsworth described her as "our tainted human nature's solitary boast," for Mary was sinless from the first moment of her conception. Come and learn from Bishop Robert Barron, Mary's role in the salvation of humanity.

Grief: A Complicated Journey

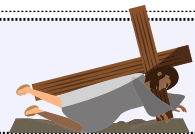
Grief can be unpredictable. It comes and goes, sometimes in waves. It affects our sense of well-being and changes us forever. In this talk, popular speaker and registered psychologist Denis Boyd will discuss healthy and unhealthy grief, the reactions to grief, and the factors that influence grief. He will also provide some coping strategies and tools to help handle important anniversaries and post-holiday times.

On **Saturday, February 24, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes in Coquitlam**. Learn more and register for free via beholdvancouver.org/events.

No Youth Table Tennis during Lent

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 Couples for Christ** 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
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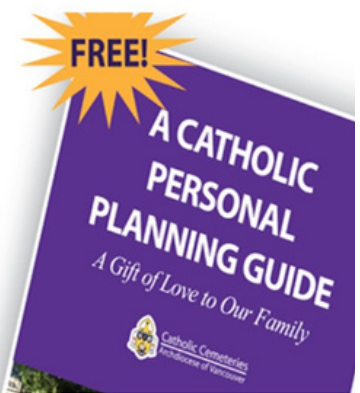
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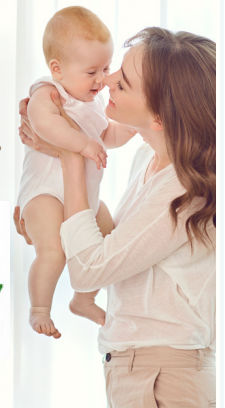
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