



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading: Exodus 20.1-17
2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 1.18, 22-25++
Gospel: John 2.13-25

(Genesis 12: 1)

“Leave your country and come into the land I will show you...”

This is God’s call to Abram, who of course becomes Abraham, considered the father of the faith. Following the Lord’s instructions, he left his home country of Ur about 4,000 years ago and as promised, his descendants are as numerous as the stars in the sky. We are those descendants, all of us who have been called by God to baptism in the Church.

When an adult is searching for the truth and desires to be baptized into the Church, that person is called a catechumen. He or she has been called to “Leave your own country and come into a land I will show you...” The catechumenate is a period in which the person is given pastoral formation and guidance to know the faith. The person “becomes familiar with the Christian way of life, and is supported by sponsors, godparents, and the entire Christian community. They learn to turn more readily to God in prayer, to bear witness to the faith, in all things keep their hopes set on Christ... and to practice love of neighbor...” *(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults p. 37)*

We have one such person, one catechumen who, God willing will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. We are

blessed to have Francis Fang with us, a young man who, over many years has gradually been pulled closer and closer to Jesus. You may have seen him as he has been singing in the 11:00 choir for the past several months.

We are also blessed to have Mark Fisher, a young man who was raised in the Anglican faith and therefor a baptized Christian. As we know, baptism cannot be duplicated and therefore Mark is not a catechumen but what we call a ‘candidate’. He will, God willing, be welcomed into full communion of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil where he will receive his First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

We are blessed indeed. These young men represent our hope for the future. And, if you think people are not drawn to the Church, you should have seen the Holy Rosary Cathedral, where we celebrated the Rite of Elections with Archbishop Miller last Sunday afternoon. The cathedral was packed with catechumens and candidates and their sponsors from all around the archdiocese. And they filled the Cathedral two weeks in a row. Packed!

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BULLETIN



OUR LADY OF LOURDES
COQUITLAM

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 - RETURN TO MARY

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:

Babies are better off aborted than being put in broken-down foster care systems where they suffer.

Pro-Life response: The answer to bad situations and abuse is not to kill the one who suffers, but to try to end the suffering. Most people would be horrified at the idea of going into a foster home and killing the children because they are suffering there. People recognize that they are human and deserving of rights and protection, including the right to life. Since it’s not morally acceptable to kill born children to end their suffering, the same goes for preborn children, since they too are full members of the human family and deserving of rights and protection, including the right to life. It is always wrong to kill an innocent human being, no matter their size, location, or stage of development. It’s suffering that needs to end, not a child’s life.

Source: Campaign Life Coalition Monthly Newsletter

Pro-Life Apologetics

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And now, Francis will undergo the three Scrutinies starting this weekend at the 5:00 Mass, at the 9:00 Mass on the Fourth Sunday of Lent and the 11:00 Mass on the Fifth Sunday. The Scrutinies are celebrated to inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ. From the first to the final scrutiny the elect should progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation. Please keep these two young men in your prayers as they journey "into a land I will show you..."



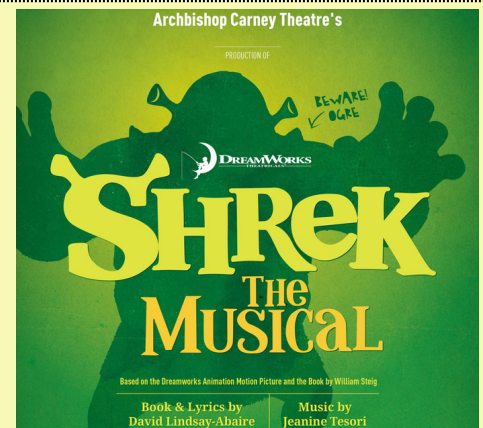
Francis Fang, (on the far right) with Mark Fisher, (fourth from the right) and their sponsors with Archbishop Miller at Holy Rosary Hall following the Rite of Elections Mass at the Cathedral.

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

2-Mar	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Alice Nicholson
3-Mar	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
3-Mar	Sunday	11:00 AM	INT	Susan Wynne
4-Mar	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Mary Lau
5-Mar	Tuesday	8:30 AM	INT	Jose H. Odilio
6-Mar	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	Reginald Valerio
7-Mar	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Mary and John Dyczko
8-Mar	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	Ninis Rinandari
8-Mar	Friday	7:00 PM	✝	Eva Castro
9-Mar	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Alice Nicholson

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

CATHOLICISM

Journey into the heart of our Faith

If someone asked you "can you define 'Church' in a single sentence?". Would you be able to?

Come, join us on **Thursday, March 7 at 7pm in Upper St. Ann's Hall** and learn from Bishop Robert Barron in The Catholicism Adult Formation Program created to enhance and support the Church's mission to evangelize and teach the content of our Faith. The Church is a Body, a living organism. This Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, is One, Holy and Catholic.

See you there to view : **THE MYSTICAL UNION OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH: A BODY BOTH SUFFERING & GLORIOUS.**



Food for Family - 40 Cans for Lent by Knights of Columbus

Will you help feed the poor? Knights of Columbus collect cans of food during the Lent. We are inviting you to help us. Starting Saturday, Mar 2, 5pm mass and every Sunday mass, you can drop off non-expiry food can(s) (at least 6 months before expiry date) on the box with the sign "40 CANS FOR LENT" by the church entrance.

These foods will be donated to the Share Food bank after Easter. Thank you for your help.



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 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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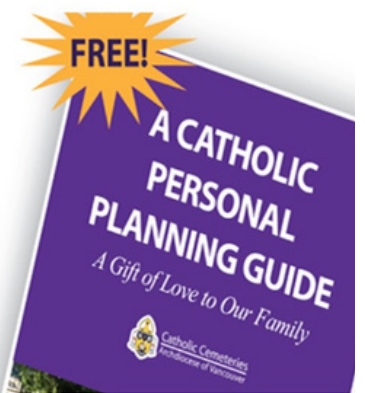
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