



The Lord's Day

One of the talks given to us this week by Father Raymond de Souza at the Clergy Study Week was about The Lord's Day and how we perceive the idea of The Lord's Day and how we observe it. He mentioned that many of us will refer to our Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday as 'weekend Masses'. Upon reflection I'm sure I'm guilty of sometimes saying 'weekend Masses' when I mean, 'The Lord's Day Masses'. What's the big deal? What difference does it make if we say weekend Masses or Sunday Masses. Well, a little background is in order.

Although the Lord's Day is rooted in the very work of creation and even more in the mystery of God resting on the seventh day, it is nonetheless to the Resurrection of Christ that we must look to understand fully the Lord's Day. This is what the Christian Sunday does: **it leads the faithful each week to ponder and live the event of Easter, true source of the world's salvation.**

" ***'I am with you always, to the end of the age.'*** (Mt 28:20). This promise of Christ never ceases to resound in the Church... As the day of Resurrection, Sunday is not only the remembrance of a past event: **it is a celebration of the living presence of the Risen Lord** in the midst of his own people."

Dies Domini, JPII, Apostolic Letter para 31, 1998

As I mentioned, it started at the creation. But early in the founding of the Jewish Faith and Culture, Moses was ordered by God to organize the people in a liturgical way. And of the many rules, laws, and regulations that were implemented, two things emerged over time as essential

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading:

Proverbs 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28- 31++

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.1- 6

Gospel: Matthew 25.14-30 (longer or Matthew 25.14-15, 19-21 (shorter)

to the survival and the preservation of the faith: the Sabbath and the Temple. History has shown us that the Sabbath is enduring. The Temple served its purpose until it was replaced in the New Covenant of Jesus Christ who has become the New Temple, but the Sabbath lives on.

When we live according to the rhythm of the Sabbath, we are in much closer contact with our spiritual connection with the divine. How we observe the Sabbath is important. The day of rest is meant to give us a differentiation from other days. It is to allow us to rest, and to delight in our family and close friends, to share God's gifts, to stop engaging in commerce for a day. To praise God on HIS Day, the Lord's Day.

We live in a culture that has a great resistance, if not an outright denial, of the transcendent. When Catholics live by our liturgical calendar, we stay much more connected to the **authentic rhythm of life**. Doing so helps us to live our faith in a world that has disdain for our faith and helps us thrive as the counterculture we are. When we give Sunday over to commerce or the secular way of thinking, **we stay locked in the horizons that prevent us from seeing the heavens.**

The weekend is NOT a Christian concept. It is a commercial concept.

The ancient wisdom of the Sabbath is liberation, not burden. The weekend belongs to the secular world; **the Lord's Day is Christian.** So let us speak of our Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday as "The Lord's Day Masses", not the weekend masses. And let us devote the Lord's Day to God and our families.

Peace,

Father Larry

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BULLETIN



OUR LADY OF LOURDES
COQUITLAM

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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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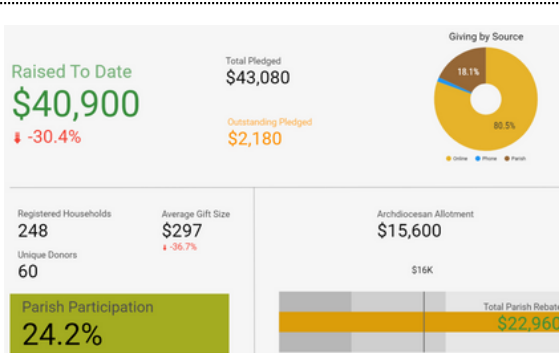
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**Project Advance Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Progress Report 2023**

We are progressing with our Project Advance fundraising and to date, with thanks for your generous support, \$43,080 has been pledged by 24% of our parish. The money we are raising this year will empower our parish to become a vibrant place for our community to grow in faith and size. 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. If funds permit we hope to also 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 be most gratefully appreciated. Wishing everyone the peace and joy of Christ.

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**

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35 ALPHA attendees seeking more of the HOLY SPIRIT

"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?" -Luke 11:13. Thirty five of Alpha guests and hosts went to Carmel Hill Retreat Centre at Deroche, BC on Alpha's Spirit Day on Nov. 11th to learn more of the Holy Spirit and to be prayed over for infilling and outpouring of the Holy Spirit.



Life Compass Workshop Retreat for Men

This retreat workshop for men is facilitated by Brett Powell and his son, Jacob. On Saturday, **Nov. 25, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** at Holy Grounds Coffee House on the campus of St. Patrick's Parish in Maple Ridge. Register at buildmylifecompass.com.

Chantons Noël 2023 !



LES ÉCHOS
DU PACIFIQUE

Les Echos du Pacifique will celebrate their 50th anniversary with a Christmas concert at **7 p.m. at our Church on December 9, 2023.**

More info to come, for now please save the date!

lesechosdupacifique.info/en/concerts/

Enriching Parish Life RCAV Annual Report 2022/2023

Is now available, link is posted in our website:
ourladyoflourdes.coquitlam.ca

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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19-Nov	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISHIONERS
19-Nov	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Dr E. Stockenstrom
20-Nov	Monday	8:30 AM	INT	John + Nette
21-Nov	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Teresa Kwok
22-Nov	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Kon Chui Tang
23-Nov	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Rosina Bertani
24-Nov	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	Michael Brasset
25-Nov	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Felix Tankiamco

Walking in the Way of the Lord: Attuning to God – An Advent Retreat for Divorced and Separated

Join us as Jody Garneau, through her life experience and formal education, leads participants through a process of self-awareness, healing, and growing in trust. The day will start with Mass and participants will have the opportunity to have small group discussions, time for Adoration and Confession, and a shared meal. This retreat will take place on **December 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Parish in Surrey**. Registration is \$15. Learn more and register online at beholdvancouver.org/events

CWL Diocesan Advent Retreat You Shall Name Him Jesus – Reflecting on the birth of Jesus scripture.

An Advent retreat led by Fr. Augustine Obiwumma reflecting on the birth of Jesus scripture on **Dec 2, 2023** at The Good Shepherd Parish (Star of the Sea) from **8:45AM - 2:30PM**. Fee \$25 (lunch included). Church Address: 2250 150 Street Surrey, BC. Payment by e-transfer at email laurawilson@shaw.ca

Religious Articles from the Holy Land to fulfill all your spiritual needs!



Hand-craved religious **olive wood carvings** from Holy Land will be available for purchase at the Upper St. Anne's Hall on **November 25 and 26** after all The Lord's Day Masses. Please note that that only cash, e-transfer, or cheque are accepted as payment at this time.

Community Dinner (Archdiocese of Vancouver and Temple Sholom)

Join us for an interfaith dinner with the communities of the Archdiocese of Vancouver and Temple Sholom, which serves as a venue for engaging in dialogue and building friendships. Rabbi Dan Moskovitz and Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB, will engage in conversation about their journey to spiritual leadership, followed by a table discussion about your own "origin" story. On Thursday, **November 30, at 6:00 p.m. at Temple Sholom in Vancouver**. Cost is \$36. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

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 and Father Lucien Larré.

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 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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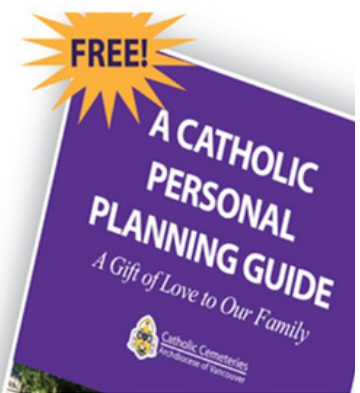
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