



## Enough to Make the Angels Cry

A war has broken out in Israel. It's been a long time coming. The cycle of violence has been ebbing and flowing since time immemorial, since Sarah and Hagar, and their sons, Isaac and Ishmael, since Esau and Jacob. We can go back to Cain and Able, for that matter. Vengeance rules the human heart. And the consequence is war.

War is a failure of humankind to see the humanity in the other. And not just a failure to not see the humanity but a failure to understand that humanity is precious to God; that each person is a child that God created out of love; that each soul is more valuable than all of the material in the world. When we can't see that, we have a Triumph of the Will, which is the name of the brilliant propaganda film made by Leni Riefenstahl for the Nazi Party in 1934. When the unbounded will is allowed to triumph, we get Adolph Hitler.

As bad as the Second World War was, there seemed to be some moral clarity in fighting against the Axis powers of Germany and Japan and others. The problem in today's world is that there is virtually no moral clarity about almost anything. The governments are Godless. Relativism is in full swing so there can be no greater authority than the one I nominate. And I, myself am up high, if not at the top, of the pile. I am the God of me. This is the thinking that has created a crisis of hope in the contemporary world. When there's no God, there's no hope and that leads to the inevitable expansion of war. We're seeing it everywhere now. The tyrants have been given permission to have their way, to establish their will.

### 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Isaiah 25.6-10a  
2nd Reading: Phil. 4.12-14, 19-20  
Gospel: Matthew 22.1-14

So who's responsible for all this war? Well, for starters, I am. I have sinned. I am a sinner. And almost everyone who walks on this earth is responsible because we are all sinners, with the exception of Jesus and his Mother Mary.

And how do we stop this crazy cycle of vengeance and revenge? The situation in Israel, for example, has been worked on by the greatest minds and the most skillful of diplomats and statesmen and it has only gotten worse over time. From a geo-political standpoint, it is an intractable situation and it appears there will never be a winner and everyone will lose. The fact is, there is no human way to end this conflict because it has descended to a place that is beyond the ability of men and women to stop it.

#### It can only change by the grace of God.

Peace starts in my own heart. And I have peace in my own heart when I repent for my sins and atone for them through acts of sacrifice and prayer.

And that is why **I have started opening the church up for Eucharistic Adoration all day**, as long as people will come and pray. I will keep the church open as long as there are two people committing to prayer.



The world is in a sorry state. It even has the angels crying. **Let us throw ourselves down before the Lord and beg for forgiveness** for our sins and for all the sins of mankind. As insignificant as our prayer and our repentance may seem, this is what will end the war. Peace, *Father Larry*

OCT 15, 2023

# 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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**PROJECT  
ADVANCE** Empowering  
our Parish Vision  
2023

As you can see by the chart, things are moving forward. A few more donations came in this week and that is encouraging. Don't forget, your donation is tax deductible and needs to be in before December 31. Be part of making the church a hub of activity by completing the basement. The sooner the better. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Raised To Date  
**\$33,670**  
↓ -39.0%

Total Pledged  
**\$36,690**

Outstanding Pledged  
**\$3,020**

Giving by Source



Registered Households

248

Average Gift Size

\$308

Unique Donors

43

↓ -34.3%

Archdiocesan Allotment

\$15,600

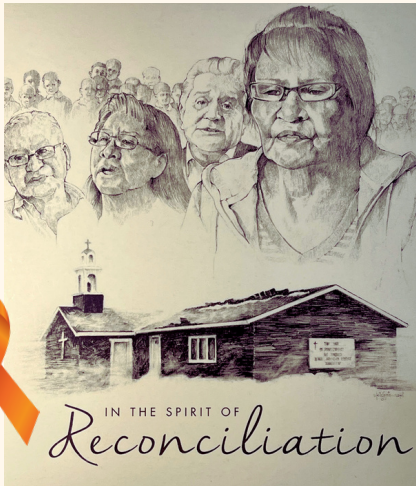
\$16K

Parish Participation

**17.3%**

Total Parish Rebate

**\$15,710**



**AFTER MUCH SORROW, IS IT POSSIBLE TO FIND HEALING?**

**How do we forgive? How do we find healing?**

**In the aftermath of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, how do residential school survivors and the Catholic Church move forward together?**

**There is only one way forward: In the Spirit of Reconciliation.**

Come and be touched and inspired by this timely documentary, In the Spirit of Reconciliation, written and directed by Fr. Larry Lynn on this delicate matter. This documentary confronts the history of the residential school system in the Northwest Territories, and bears witness to the courageous efforts of survivors who strive towards reconciliation and find healing.

Showing in **Upper St. Ann's Hall, Oct. 17 (Tuesday) at 7pm.** Jointly sponsored by The Knights of Columbus and The Catholic Women's League. Everyone is welcome...refreshments provided.



**Parishioner receives a blessing**



**Monique Sabourin,  
Dene Elder**



**Bishop Mark Hagemoen  
greet parishioners**

**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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14-Oct	Saturday	5:00 PM	INT	Rick Oey
15-Oct	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISHIONERS
15-Oct	Sunday	11:00 AM	INT	Jimmy Lynn
16-Oct	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Tan Tjwan An and Hok
17-Oct	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Lim Hoen Sing
18-Oct	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Julie Deduque
19-Oct	Thursday	8:30 AM	INT	Lucy and Harry
20-Oct	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	Paul Gilbert
21-Oct	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Benjamin Baura

**The Twelfth Annual Archbishop's Dinner**

The Archbishop's Dinner has become a way for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver to gather and to hear updates from our Archbishop on the activities of the past year and where we are headed in the next. Your support of the twelfth annual dinner will provide funding to the Caring for Our Clergy Fund, St. Joseph's Society, and for furnishing a new convent for the Sisters. On **Thursday, Nov. 9, 6:00 p.m.** at Hyatt Regency in Vancouver. If you are interested in attending, **contact** Father Larry.

**Healing the Wounds of Abuse: Grief to Grace**

**Retreat**

Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual and/or spiritual abuse to find healing and begin their journey to wholeness. Abuse can be experienced in one's family of origin, community, workplace, or from their partner or spouse. The event will take place on **Sat., Oct. 28, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** The location will be shared upon acceptance of applications. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events/healing-the-wounds-of-abuse-grief-of-grace-retreat](http://beholdvancouver.org/events/healing-the-wounds-of-abuse-grief-of-grace-retreat)

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are ill, especially:

**Lina Aussant, Jamie Awa, Dr. Erb, Kathleen Lauzon, Ralph Roberts, Gilberte Collette and the Quek Family.**

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.



**Talitha Koum's Autumn Celebration**

Our pastor, Father Larry will be attending Talitha Koum Society's Autumn Celebration. Talitha Koum is a life-affirming, addiction recovery house for women. The fun evening will feature a BBQ-style dinner, raffle and games, inspiring speeches, entertainment by young crooner Nicolas Roy, and lively fundraising opportunities. On **Saturday, November 4, at St. Clare's Parish in Coquitlam.** Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$365 for a table of eight. Register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events). If you'd like to support this event with him, please **contact** Father Larry.

**The Chosen** Season 3 | Ep. 6 | Intensity in Tent City

Andrew and Philip discover their previous mission resulted in devastation that will require a return. Simon Z is finally forced to confront his past, but then two disciples of John the Baptist come to Capernaum with an important question for Jesus. **Tues., Oct 17 | 10:00 am - 11:30 am | Lower St. Anne's Hall.**

**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
  - Grief Support** Peter O'Reilly
  - Lector** Suzanne Tkach
  - Prayer Group** Alex & Nancy Lim
  - PREP** Marilyn Sarte
  - Project Advance** Kathy Gorkoff & Francis Gutierrez
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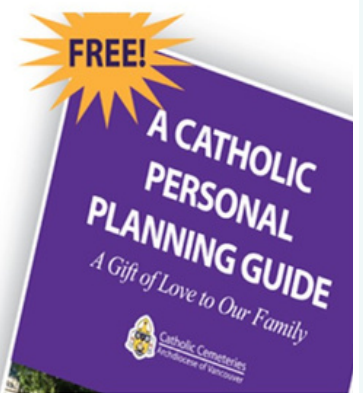
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