



To Make New Again

St. Francis of Assisi, while praying at the church of San Damiano, heard Jesus speak to him from the crucifix, "Francis, go rebuild my church which is falling down." So Francis started renovating the church which was in pretty bad shape. It seemed a reasonable request but along the way it gradually became clear to him that it wasn't the church building that Jesus meant was in need of repair, it was the Church proper that needed renovation. There was no small amount of wandering away from Gospel principles in the early thirteenth century and St. Francis and his little band of men grew into the Franciscan movement that played a role in bringing the Church back to holiness. You could say it was a Divine Renovation.

Renovation is an interesting word. From the Latin re -again and novare - to make new. **To make new again.** I used the example of St Francis because I'm trying to describe the twofold process that is necessary for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish to become new again.

When it was a new parish, it was full of zeal and an unwavering commitment of the people, the French Canadians newly arrived from Québec, with a single mind to make the church the center of their lives. This is physically represented by Laval Square. The Church is the center and the homes were built all around it.

But that was then. We do not want to return to the past but we do want to build on it. In last week's reflection, I spoke about vision.

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18.25-28
2nd Reading: Philippians 2.1-11
Gospel: Matthew 21.28-32

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

I asked you to think about what is your vision of Our Lady of Lourdes' future. I can tell you something about my vision for this parish and it includes both types of renovation. In a nutshell, **I want to make the parish new again.** I want it to be vibrant and holy and reaching out with open arms. My vision of the future of the parish includes a welcoming congregation that has the goal of bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to others, and to be a beacon of compassion and mercy in the neighborhood named after our first pastor, Curé Edmond Maillard. I'd like to see a parish that is clearly led by the Holy Spirit.

I'd like to see the physical renovation of the church basement play a major role in the Divine Renovation that is going on at the other level I just mentioned. Having an operating, multi-functional space that will feed our parishioners needs and attract others to come and use our facilities will go a long way to renewing the legacy of Our Lady of Lourdes. It will become central to the lives of everyone in the neighborhood - if that is our shared vision.

Our Project Advance Campaign is central to making this a reality in the near future. I would ask you, if you have not already contributed, to seriously consider giving something, even if it's a small amount. Consider the question: What is your vision for Our Lady of Lourdes? And act on it.

Peace,

Father Larry

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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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Our Parish Vision: Let's develop it together.

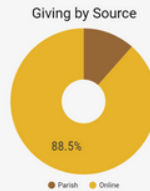
One thing is sure: we cannot allow the parish basement to languish as an unusable space any longer. It is a waste and a liability. Let's turn it into a welcoming, joyful venue for the benefit of all parishioners and a hub of neighborhood activity. Please consider a donation to Project Advance to help revive the parish. Your participation is important, no matter the size of the donation. To the 14% of the parishioners who have already donated: my heartfelt thanks.

Raised To Date
\$31,750

↓ -41.1%

Total Pledged
\$34,790

Outstanding Pledged
\$3,040



Registered Households
248

Average Gift Size
\$313

↓ -33.2%

Archdiocesan Allotment
\$15,600

Unique Donors
36

\$16K

Parish Participation
14.5%

Total Parish Rebate
\$13,810



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.

The Chosen Season 3 | Episode 4 | **Clean, part 1**

Two by two, the disciples carry out Jesus' mission to heal, cast out demons, and preach his words. But upon returning, they struggle with understanding what happened while Simon and Edén struggle to reconnect. **Tues., Oct 3 | 10:00 am – 11:30 am | Lower St. Anne's Hall**

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Mass

Join us in person as we honour our little ones. A special Mass will be celebrated and candles lit in honour of the little ones we have lost. Members of Elizabeth Ministry, who encourage faith, hope and healing, will be present to share their testimony and offer support. There will be light refreshments following the Mass. Our pastor **Father Larry** is the celebrant. On **Sunday, October 15**, from **2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** at Evangelist Chapel, Gardens of Gethsemani in South Surrey. Learn more and register at rccav.org/event/pregnancy-and-infant-loss-mass/

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, November 9, 6:00 p.m.** at Hyatt Regency in Vancouver. If you are interested in attending, please see Father Larry.

Are you interested in saving our planet?

Come, join us and listen about Climate Change, Climate Action and Intensive Farming organized by The **Laudato Si' Circle** on **Thurs., Oct. 5 at 7:30pm** at St. Joseph's portable, Port Moody. For more info email: laudatosiportmoody@gmail.com

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30-Sept	Saturday	5:00 PM	INT	Marilyn Sarte
1-Oct	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISHIONERS
1-Oct	Sunday	11:00 AM	+	Lody and Tony del Mundo
2-Oct	Monday	8:30 AM	INT	For people of Hong Kong
3-Oct	Tuesday	8:30 AM	+	Marguerite Murray
4-Oct	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	Ana Moura
5-Oct	Thursday	8:30 AM	+	Bette Bilodeau
6-Oct	Friday	8:30 AM	+	Bette Bilodeau
6-Oct	Friday	7:00PM	INT	Gilberte Colette
7-Oct	Saturday	8:30 AM	+	Dr. Estela Anza

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 Saturday, October 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

Miles Christi Silent Retreat for Young Adults

The priests of Miles Christi will be in Canada to offer the Spiritual Exercises at Westminster Abbey in Mission, BC. Young adults age 19-30 are invited to the silent retreat on the weekend of October 13-15. The retreat involves conferences and meditations necessary to make the Spiritual Exercises. There will be daily Mass, Rosary, Adoration, as well as times for one-on-one spiritual direction and Confession. The retreat will be silent, and it is important to come prepared to fully engage in the entire experience. Cost is \$230, which includes a single room, private bathroom, and all meals (Friday dinner to Sunday lunch). Financial assistance is available for those who need it. Register at beholdvancouver.org/events/miles-christi-silent-retreat



Addiction: From Pornography to Sexual Trafficking

Pornography continues to spread worse than a pandemic, infecting more consumers—men and women of all ages, and increasingly adolescents at a younger age. To meet consumer demands, pornography moves into extreme forms, which in turn, leads to sexual trafficking. This talk by Father David Bellusci, OP, addresses not only changing bad habits but also how pornographic consumers contribute to the sexual trafficking industry. On **Thurs., Oct. 12, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver (Church basement). No registration required.

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 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
 - 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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 - Sacristan** Alex Lim
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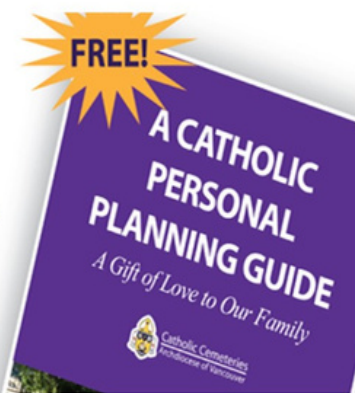
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