



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*“Man is born broken. He lives by mending.
The grace of God is the glue.”*

Eugene O’Neil, American Playwright

On Thursday, we celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. When you think about it, it seems odd that we would exalt the cross. After all, the cross is a vicious form of torture and execution, perfected by the Romans to make sure people didn’t get out of line.

But Jesus willingly went onto the cross because he had big plans for you and I: **our salvation**. And as difficult as it is to imagine, there is an excellent reason for him to do this: it was the only way!

St. Andrew of Crete wrote, *“Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, life itself could not have been nailed to a tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, no streams of immortality pouring from Christ’s side, blood and water for the world’s cleansing...Had there been no cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled.”*

That is all true and yet we might wonder what this really means for you and I. Because we’re talking about things that we can’t see and are hard to know; things that depend on faith and not our intellect.

Go back to Eugene O’Neil, **“Man is born broken. He lives by mending. The grace of God is the glue.”** Think about this: Where do we find grace? I’m not speaking of sacramental grace; I’m thinking about the grace that come through an encounter with another. Moments of grace come when find

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Sirach 27.30–28.7

2nd Reading: Romans 14.7–9

Gospel: Matthew 18.21–35

ourselves in uncomfortable situations, usually concerning another person. The situation may be difficult and yet there is an offer of grace and it is refused. We usually run away from grace because to receive grace is painful and it’s painful because it involves change and we don’t like change. Grace, freely given in moments that are forged in trial and difficulties, will knock us off our feet if we allow it. And we are so much better off for it.

The slave that was forgiven his debt by the master was offered a great moment of grace. And what did he do with it? He blew it. He ran away from it because it would have required that he open up his heart, that he go through a transformation. He had no idea of the gift he was given and so he can’t bring himself to forgive the small debt that was owed to him.

We often miss opportunities for grace because we are so blind sometimes. **Amazing Grace** how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I’m found, **was blind but now I see.**

Let’s face it, we are broken. We’ve been broken since the Adam and Eve. Each of us suffers our own brokenness, no matter who we are or how much money we have. We all suffer. We all have brokenness. Being the natural state of affairs, then, brokenness is simply an opportunity to mend. **We live by mending.** We need to lean into our brokenness, accept it, embrace it. And offer it to Christ. And then we can **accept the glue that mends our lives: the grace of God.**

Peace,

Father Larry

SEPT 17, 2023

BULLETIN



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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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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ALPHA where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about Faith, Life and God

There are 3 C's in each ALPHA session:

CONNECTION: There's a time for connection over a good dinner with other guests who are also curious.

CONTENT: View a short video on a subject central to the Christian faith which explores the big issues of life and faith and unpack the basics of Christian belief, addressing questions like "Who is Jesus?", "Why and how do I pray?" and "How does God guide us?"...etc..

CONVERSATION: Provides participants with opportunity to discuss what they have seen in an environment where each person is free to ask or say whatever they wish if they so choose, in a friendly, open and informal environment. You are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish.

ALPHA in OLOL starts on Thursday (Sept. 21st) at 6:30pm in upper St Ann's Hall. Register today. Bring a friend. Try Alpha. Take a step of faith. There's no cost, no pressure, and no follow-up if you decide after the first session not to come back. You have nothing to lose but much to gain! To register:

ourladyoflourdescoquitlam.ca/alpha

Alpha

PROJECT
ADVANCE
2023

Empowering
our Parish Vision

We're half way through our Project Advance campaign and we're almost half way to our goal of \$70,000. Thank you to the parishioners who have already contributed. The slogan this year is "Empowering our Parish Vision". I find that saying particularly apt this year because our parish is in a time when we are beginning to seriously develop that vision for the future of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is my intention in my second year as pastor to fully develop with you, the parishioners, a parish vision.

It starts with the fact that we need to make the washrooms in the basement accessible to all, especially those who have mobility issues. Mounting the stairs of our poster to our goal of \$70,000 will help us to install a new lift.

The money will go towards finishing our basement that is ready to be transformed from a big dark empty place into a welcoming space that will attract people and help build community, as well as being a source of revenue. Please help out as best you can – even if you can only give a small donation, it's the act of participation that is paramount. God bless you.

IF YOU ARE A PARISHIONER, WE
NEED YOUR PHONE #
AND EMAIL ADDRESS



Our parish is embarking on a new communications program called **Flocknote** to help serve you better.

We would like to take this opportunity to update our database. We need each parishioner to contact us with: address, email address and one phone number. This can be done over the phone, stopping by the office or, the easiest way is to go to our website and fill in the form ourladyoflourdescoquitlam.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.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND

Sign up for **FREE:**
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Enter our parish name or postal code **V3K 2E6** and you're in.

Enjoy the content you want.

16-Sept	Saturday	5:00 PM	INT	Jennifer L. Gray
17-Sept	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISHIONERS
17-Sept	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	John and Marianna Dyczko
18-Sept	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Rodello Arellano
19-Sept	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Anna Dyczko
20-Sept	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Henri Knapp
21-Sept	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Rafael Aragon
22-Sept	Friday	8:30 AM	INT	Ana Moura
23-Sept	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Rosina Bertani

Parish Religious Education Program

PREP has started and we give thanks to the Lord for His great love for us and all of creation! Fr. Larry has mentioned a few times about 'divine renovation'. This year for PREP, we will strengthen the foundation of the domestic church, meaning 'us', the parish families. So we are asking all the PREP parents to stay and spend an hour with their children instead of just dropping them off. Take time to relax after a busy day at work and talk with other parents. Say 'Yes' to some 'down' time to listen to the Holy Spirit.

Congratulations to Marc & Eula Revita!



Carney Garage Sale 2023

They still need your donations. **DROP OFF DATES:** Sept.23 to Oct. 7 & 14, from 9:30am until 1:30pm. **DROP OFF LOCATION:** 1335 Dominion Ave., PoCo at Archbishop Secondary School.

Prayer Box

We now have a prayer box by Our Lady's Grotto. Feel free to write your prayer intentions on the paper provided. We'll collect all the prayer requests at the end of the month and offer them up during masses.



The Chosen | Season 3 | Episode 2 | **Two By Two**

Jesus is a problem for the Romans. With pilgrims from everywhere setting up a tent city at the gates of Capernaum to see Jesus, tensions rise. Jesus officially sends the twelve apostles on an exciting but dangerous mission, causing Little James to ask why he hasn't been healed. **Tuesday, Sept 19 | 10:00 am - 11:30 am |**

Lower St. Anne's Hall

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.



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
 - RCIA** David & Angela Kan
 - Sacristan** Alex Lim
 - Ushers** Robert Tang & Terry Charbonneau
- Contact parish office for info.**

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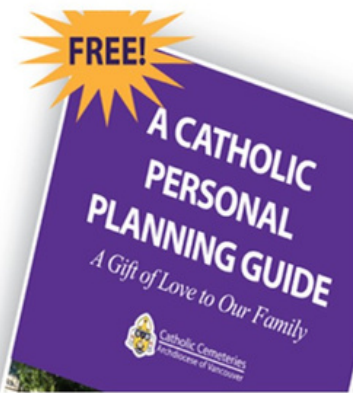
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