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JUN 11, 2023

BULLETIN



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1st Reading:
Deuteronomy 8.2-3, 14-16
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.16-17
Gospel: John 6.51-59

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“If it’s only a symbol, then I say, to hell with it.”

There was a poll taken a few years ago by the Pew Forum that asked Catholics what they believed about the Holy Eucharist. It turns out that fully 70% of practicing Catholics (in the US) declared that they do not believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They believe that Jesus is symbolically in the Eucharist. This was not a random sampling of people who may or may not believe in Christ, but a poll of Catholics who go to Mass, witness the consecration, and who presumably receive communion. But they believe it is only a symbol of Christ they are receiving.

Now that would be perfectly acceptable for our Separated Brethren – our Protestant brothers and sisters – but it’s not Catholic teaching. In fact, as Flannery O’Connor, the great catholic author of the 20th century, when told by Mary McCarthy, a lapsed catholic, that she thought the Eucharist is wonderful symbol of Christ, responded, “Well, if it’s only a symbol, then I say, to hell with it!”

And she is absolutely correct. Because, if it’s only a symbol, then Jesus did not mean what he said in chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. I encourage you to read that chapter and see how adamant and forceful he was to make the point that, in order to obtain eternal life, we must eat his flesh and drink his blood. He says that many times. He was not mincing his words.



Catholics can’t ignore that. The Eucharist has been declared at the Second Vatican Council, as the “source and the summit” of our catholic Faith. The source, because it is the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus and the summit, because Jesus is the highest point of our faith.

Without the real presence of Jesus, our faith is a sham because then Jesus would be a liar. And he is not a liar; he is Truth itself.

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, Fr. Larry.


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2 Pro-Life Sunday Second Collection

June 18, 2023

As Catholics we are called to protect all human life: unborn life in the womb, the lives of the elderly, and the lives of the vulnerable in our society. Pro-Life Sunday is an opportunity for us to support those on the front lines of this all-important work. Your generous gifts are a tangible means of advancing the Pro-Life cause through organizations in our community that fight for the dignity of each and every person at every stage of the precious gift of life. Crisis Pregnancy Centres welcome expectant mothers and fathers with resources and counselling, before and after the birth of their child. They also offer counselling and accompaniment for those who are living with the pain and regret of a past abortion. Other groups work tirelessly to help families care for sick or elderly loved ones when they are most in need. The growing spectre of euthanasia makes this outreach more crucial than ever. A significant number of those who request so-called medical assistance in dying do so because of loneliness or a fear of being a burden on their loved ones. Timely visits and small acts of kindness can go a very long way towards eliminating the desire for euthanasia. Groups which train and organize pastoral visitors and advocates for those in hospital or long-term care play a vital role in helping people navigate and survive a medical system that increasingly pushes assisted suicide rather than palliative care. This Pro-Life Sunday, please support these and other organizations through a generous gift, so they can continue to defend the dignity of human life and be a voice for those who unable to speak for themselves.

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.

ORDINANDI DINNER 2023

The Vocations and Seminarians Office of the Archdiocese of Vancouver cordially invites you to the Fifth Ordinandi Dinner featuring Deacon Patrick Le and Deacon Medard Kamanzi. The Ordinandi Dinner shines a spotlight on the men who are to be ordained as priests within the Archdiocese. This event brings the faithful together with their shepherds, and soon to be shepherds, in celebration of God's providential care for his flock. Join Archbishop Miller and members of the Catholic faithful on **Wednesday, June 21 at the Italian Cultural Centre in Vancouver.**



Doors open at 5:00 p.m. | Dinner at 6:00 p.m. To register: secure.rcav.org/ordinandi-dinner-2023/

Parish Religious Education Program

Wanted! Catholic children who attend public schools.

- Are you a parent of children who attend public school from Grade 1 to Grade 7?
- Do you know someone, or a family, who is in those circumstances?

Let's help those children to learn their faith. Speak to those families and let them know how important it is for the children to be well formed in the teachings of Jesus Christ.



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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10-Jun	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Margaret Dale
11-Jun	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISHIONERS
11-Jun	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Sebastian Fernandes
12-Jun	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Francesco Bertani
13-Jun	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Fernando L. Odulio
14-Jun	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Mr. Patrick McHugh
15-Jun	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Mara Alice Vitorino
16-Jun	Friday	8:30 AM	INT	Sharon Bauer
17-Jun	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Vincente Siddle

What Are FORMED Daily Reflections?

Each Daily Reflection is a short video that features Dr. Tim Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your life.

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Catholic Men's Conference 2023

Every man, father and son is invited and encouraged to attend Man's Destiny, an annual men's conference that provides an opportunity to step deeper into our faith, discerning the reality around us and affirming a faith-based approach to dealing with the chaos we witness daily in our world. With the theme Finding Light in the Darkness, the conference will feature Mass, keynote speakers, interactive group activities and time for Adoration and Confession. On **Saturday, June 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at St. Matthew's Parish Centre in Surrey.** Cost is \$25. Fee covers breakfast, hot lunch and refreshments throughout the day. To register [:beholdvancouver.org/events/man-s-destiny-catholic-men-s-conference-2023](https://beholdvancouver.org/events/man-s-destiny-catholic-men-s-conference-2023)

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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

Lina Aussant, Jamie Awa, Dr. Erb, Rob Gilmour, 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 CWL** for sponsoring.



PARISH MINISTRIES

- 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** Irenaeus Lim
- Project Advance** Kathy Gorkoff & Francis Gutierrez
- RCIA** David & Angela Kan
- Sacristan** Alex Lim
- Ushers** Robert Tang & Terry Charbonneau

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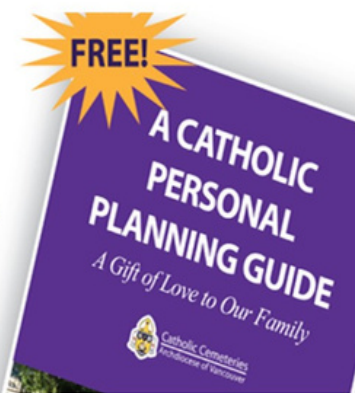
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