



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The Bells of Life

In my previous life as a cinematographer, I had the privilege of shooting a film in Québec with my friend Michel Jetté, called Histoire de Pen. The word Pen was a play on words in French with a double meaning of peine, or pain, and pen, short for penitentiary. In the film, we were introduced to a lot of pain: physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual. The film takes place in a prison in Laval, Québec, in the parish of St. François de Laval. Yes, the very same St. François de Laval, who was the first bishop in Canada, after whom our beloved Laval Square is named.

The prison was an old style facility dating from the late 19th century and was now closed. Old style means sixty-foot-high stone walls that were ten feet thick. Narrow doorways and corridors. There were four levels of iron bar cells in each wing, four stories high, filled with men with nothing to do but hurt each other.

Six months before shooting the film, Michel and a few key personnel spent a day touring the facility, deciding on strategy and logistics. Two of the fellows with us were



Church bells bear great meaning. When I was a kid, they told me it was time to get home for dinner.

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12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20.10-13

2nd Reading: Romans 5.12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10.26-33

men who spent twenty-five years there doing twenty-five to life sentences and were giving us special insights into the place. One of those men, I remember his name – Jack Diamond – a great name for a criminal. He was on the straight now and was reminiscing about how it was in those terrible days of his incarceration. He spoke of the high level of noise and smoke – everybody smoked back then; the screaming, shouting, the suicides, the chaos from which there was no respite. As we were speaking, the church bells from St. François de Laval church started ringing the Angelus at noon. You can see the double bell towers of the church just over the prison walls. Jack stopped when he heard the bells. He said, “Those bells saved my life. They kept me sane because they always told me what was happening on the outside. I knew when there was a wedding or a funeral. I knew when they rang the Angelus that people were going about their business just outside these walls. I knew when people were going to Mass. There was a life outside. The bells gave me hope and I am very grateful for that.”

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BULLETIN



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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, Fr. Larry.

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TOGETHER WE CAN LIGHT UP THE DARKNESS

"It was intense," said St. Patrick's Parish Maple Ridge pastor Father Matthew To. "It was a miracle that the fire stopped in its tracks. We are very fortunate the fire didn't damage the church grounds." The fire destroyed Hanley's apartment after it jumped the back lane from a neighbouring construction site, and at least 20 St. Pat's parishioners directly affected by the fire.

Please visit St. Patrick's parish website or their Facebook page for more information and on how we can help them out.

Website: <https://www.stpatricksmapleridge.ca/>

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To donate: [stpatricksmapleridge.ca/donations/financial-support-for-victims-of-the-fire/](https://www.stpatricksmapleridge.ca/donations/financial-support-for-victims-of-the-fire/)

Every contribution, no matter the size, will go a long way in helping those who have lost their homes.



Here is the link to BC Catholic's article about the fire: bccatholic.ca/news/catholic-van/maple-ridge-parish-opens-doors-to-neighbours-left-homeless-by-fire

We've started the Project Advance Campaign off gently this year. We have quite a few steps to climb, though. The slogan this year is "Empowering our Parish Vision". Our goal of \$70,000 will help us to install a new lift and renovate 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. 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.

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Parish Religious Education Program

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- 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.

To register or to volunteer, please connect with Ana at the parish office.



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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THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

24-Jun	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Tom Geronimo
25-Jun	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISHIONERS
25-Jun	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Dick Chroback
26-Jun	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Wendy Hampe
27-Jun	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Wendy Hampe
28-Jun	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	Angela Leung
29-Jun	Thursday	8:30 AM	INT	Eleanor Mak
20-Jun	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	Julie Deduque
1-Jul	Saturday	8:30 AM	INT	Alex Lim

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The Bells of Life

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The bells ring out the joy of a wedding or the solemnity of a funeral. They call us to Mass. They are tied to our lives if we are lucky enough to live close to church bells that still ring. They ring the rhythm of our faith. They ring the rhythm of our lives.

At Our Lady of Lourdes, we are blessed to have a simple bell on a simple pulley system that we operate manually. Listen for it at 6:00 PM most evenings. It's calling you to stop what you are doing and pray and give thanks to God.

Peace,

Father Larry

Reverently Laying to Rest Service – July 29th

The Gardens of Gethsemani is offering families a no-cost service to inter cremated remains in a communal crypt. The service is meant for **families with cremated remains that have been kept at home for more than three years** and who may have financial difficulties. This pastoral service is meant to **help bring healing and closure for families**. It provides a final resting place in a Catholic cemetery – a witness to the Catholic faith and an environment where souls are prayed over by the community. The prayer service and inurnment will begin at **11:00 am on July 29th**. Donations to the Works of Mercy fund would be welcomed and appreciated. Arrangements, including paperwork, for interring remains in the crypt must be completed by July 14th. Space is limited and conditions apply. To register please email Anne-Marie White at awhite@rccav.org.

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 Choirs** 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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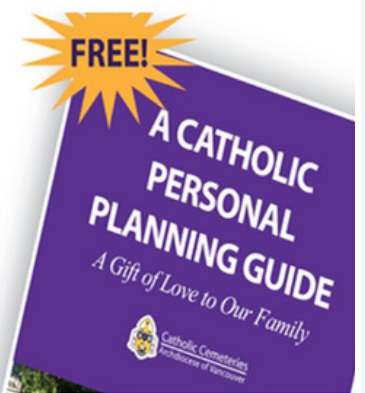
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