



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Is God Dead?

I think one of the hardest things, as Catholics, is to engage in conversation with a person who has little regard for our faith and yet is not afraid to debunk the Church and Christianity at every opportunity.

Have you ever met that person? I sure have. I'll bet you have also. That person is usually someone in our family, sons or daughters who went to university and learned that God is dead.

That is, after all, the prevailing view in the secular world and, in a sense, they are correct. God has died; we have killed him. Friedrich Nietzsche declared God dead back in the 1880's and his writings have been a deep influence on the way modern people think about God and religion ever since.

I say he is correct because it is the people who, even back in his day, were Christian on the outside, yet have no relationship with the Man who suffered and died for us on the cross, and allowed the world to push God out of their daily lived experience. God was a shell; the Church a façade.

A great example of this is in Québec. In the 1960's ninety-five percent of Quebecers went to Mass on Sunday. By the year 2000, that percentage is about three or four percent.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reading: Acts 8.5-8, 14-17

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3.15-18

Gospel: John 14.15-21

Quebec society today has embedded secularism in the law and has made it the official religion of Québec. They believe that God is dead and has to be replaced by their own gods: the gods of equity, diversity, the French language, etc. True story.

Of course we know that God is not really dead but is fully alive in each and every person. But we can truly say that Christendom is dead. By Christendom, I mean the empty shell kind of religion that exists at least since the Enlightenment. That is dead. We're in a new era now. We can no longer expect people to automatically be on board with our Christian values, sometimes not even our own children.

So we always need to be ready, as St. Peter suggests in our second reading today, (1 Peter 3:15-18) *"Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence."*

You have hope. Be ready to make an account – know your faith. Go to the many Catholic resources available on the internet. Know why you believe what you believe. No, God is not dead. He's very much alive and he loves you and he loves that person that you are going to tell how much God loves him or her.

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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DON'T FORGET

A CWL Fundraiser for our church basement.

SCAN ME



TO ORDER

Neufeld Farms Market is now accepting online orders for their frozen foods. Please refer to an insert from last week's church bulletin (now also pinned at the church's board).

Last chance to put your order by Wed., May 17th, 2023, end of day.

Visit our website for more information:

ourladyoflourdescoquitlam.ca/current-events

THE CHOSEN

Season 2 | Episode 6 | Unlawful

Matthew and Simon try to get along as they search for Mary in dark places. The group fears for Mary as they struggle with lack of food and bad news about John the Baptist. Meanwhile, Jesus continues to upset Pharisees across multiple regions.

Lower St. Anne's hall | 10:00 am - 11:30am | MAY 16

COME
and SEE

welcome Ana Carolina Mauro

After an intensive search for the right person to fill the job of Parish Administrative Assistant, our search committee feels confident that we have found an excellent, dynamic, accomplished woman who will help Father Larry rise to his full potential as pastor. We are very happy to introduce to our parishioners, Ana Carolina Mauro. Ana is a good Catholic whose children attend St. Patrick's Elementary School in Maple Ridge. She is very experienced in administration tasks as she has run her own small business with great success. She is excited to bring her expertise and contribute to the overall well-being of the parish. Father Larry is really looking forward to begin working with her on Tuesday, May 16. Please come by the office and introduce yourself and say hello to the new face of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

HAPPY Mother's Day

A blessed Mother's Day to all the Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Sisters and other women in our lives that care for us and love us unconditionally.

"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue." - Proverbs 31:26



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Join us on the next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat on Friday, June 9, to Sunday, June 11. For confidential information, please call **604-525-0999** or email info@pacscanada.org.

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

13-May	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Florence & Naman Langlois
14-May	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
14-May	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Thelma Arano
15-May	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Mary Morton
16-May	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Adriano Dias
17-May	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Richard Lee
18-May	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Deceased family & friends of A. Solidum
19-May	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	Mr. Terence McHugh
20-May	Saturday	8:30 AM	INT	Joyce - Thanksgiving

Annual Birthright Mass



Please join us for this year's Birthright Mass at **Holy Rosary Cathedral** on **Saturday, May 20, at 12:10 p.m.** The Mass is offered for pregnant women and birthright mothers, their babies and their volunteers. It will be preceded by the praying of the Rosary. Birthright Vancouver is a downtown crisis pregnancy service that provides free, non-judgmental, confidential, loving support to women, helping them make a realistic plan for their future and their unborn children. Contact Birthright Vancouver for more information: birthrightvancouver@gmail.com or phone: 604-687-7223

MOMents of Grace: Moms Retreat

This retreat is tailored to give moms some quiet time to pray, reflect and connect. Gather with other moms as Catherine M. Kelly, M.Div. offers inspiring insights on how to find and celebrate unique moments of grace in the busyness of motherhood. The morning retreat engages scripture, poetry, art, music, plus quiet time for personal prayer, and spiritual small group conversation. Moms of all ages and stages are welcome! Childcare available with advance registration. Sliding scale registration fees apply. **On Saturday, May 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Parish in Vancouver.** To register: beholdvancouver.org/events/moments-of-grace-moms-retreat

MARY'S SONGS FOR MARY'S MEALS

A benefit concert in honour of Mary's Meals

- Do you love Mary, your Heavenly Mother?
- Will you share for a good cause?

If so, please come to our benefit concert featuring songs in Mary's honour performed by students, parishioners and friends Our Lady of The Assumption School and Parish. All proceeds will go to Mary's Meals, an organization with the vision that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education, in areas of most need, all over the world, and that all those who have more than they need share with those who lack even the most basic things.

Tues., May 30th, 2023 at 7:00pm at Our Lady of the Assumption Church

Admission by donation with no donation being too small!

If you want to sing in the concert, email Sr. Mary Bethany, OP smbethany@olapoco.ca

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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
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Sacristan	Alex Lim
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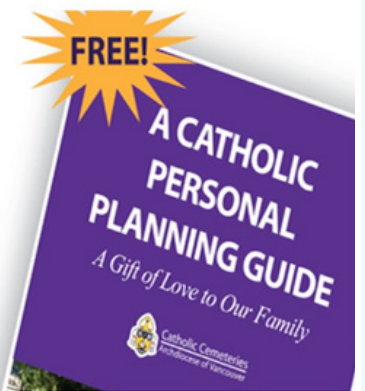
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