

NOVEMBER 9, 2025 BULLETIN

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

The Paradox of Christianity

"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me, cannot be my disciple...So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

(Luke 14: 26-27, 33)

Yikes! That doesn't sound like something I want to sign up for. How can Jesus seriously mean you must hate your family. I know a lot of people do hate their families, but this isn't the way Jesus means it. How can we seriously give up all our possessions? Follow him carrying our cross to our own death? And Jesus means every word of it.

Being Christian and following Jesus, "the Way, the Truth and the Life" is, at the same time extremely difficult and incredibly simple. It is so difficult because there are so many thoughts, ideas, actions and cultural norms that we need to eschew, to give up and to change. This is because these things are detrimental to our eternal life, which is the only thing that really matters.

It is incredibly simple because there is really only one rule:

"Love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

(Luke 10: 27)

There is a proper order to our existence. There is a proper order to the universe. You can see this by observing the physical and mathematical laws by which the universe is unfolding, and we are part of the unfolding of the universe. In fact, humanity is the crowning jewel of God's creation.

We are created by God in his image. This means we have many attributes that reflect who God is. We are made for relationship – like the Trinity – God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. For this reason, we are in solidarity with other human beings, all of them. If we recognize the proper order and work to maintain that order, all is well. **And the order is this: God is first. Everybody else is second. I am third.**

When Jesus uses the language of hate, *"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, even life itself, cannot be my disciple."* he is using first century, Jewish hyperbole. He simply means, keep things in the proper order, if you want to be his disciple.

We put God and others at the center of being in life. Here's something surprising but true: **Your life is not about you.**

This is the paradox of Christianity: The more God becomes the center of our life, the more joy we experience, the more peaceful we become, the more *poor in spirit* we become. To be *poor in spirit* means to acknowledge our deepest human need for God and to grow in that longing. It's only when we realize how badly we need God and understand we are nothing without him that we become worthy of him and his kingdom. See? It's simple. It's a paradox.

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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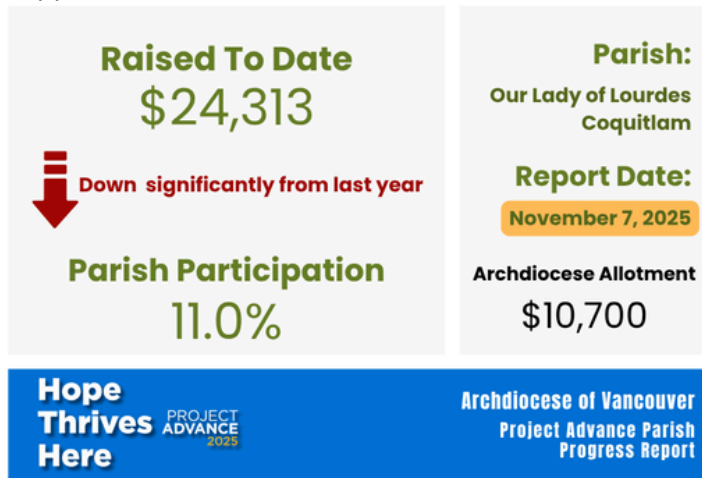
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Project Advance 2025 : Building Our Parish Community

Many thanks to those who have donated to Project Advance this year. We are happy to have seen a jump in the number of donations in the last week or two. If you have not made a contribution this year, please do so. We are still a long way from our goal. All proceeds will go toward the fixtures, furniture and equipment for our basement. The newly renovated space will not be usable without them. To donate, go to our website at olol.ca or drop an envelope (well marked as "Project Advance") in the collection basket. Thank you for your support!



All Souls Envelopes: Remembering Our Loved Ones in November

Special All Souls envelopes are available at the church entrances during the month of November. Parishioners are invited to include the names of their deceased loved ones on an envelope so that they may be remembered at Mass sometime in the next year. Kindly enclose **cash only, no cheques**. You may drop the All Souls envelopes in the collection basket or at the parish office until **November 30**.

Praying for the Dead



The little November Prayer books are in the pews. These books provide prayers for those who have passed, whether recently or long ago. Please offer prayers for the poor souls in Purgatory. We will pray from these little books after Father's homily during the month of November.

Special Pilgrimage to St. Jude's for a Plenary Indulgence

Father Larry will be accompanying the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on a special Jubilee Pilgrimage to St. Jude's Parish and Shrine (3078 Renfrew Street, Vancouver) on **Saturday, November 22, 2025**. St. Jude's is approved by the Archbishop of Vancouver as one of the holy sites to gain a plenary indulgence in this Jubilee year.

Pilgrimage Schedule:

- 8:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
- 9:15 am Depart from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
- 10:00 am Prayers at St. Jude's Parish and Shrine
- 11:00 am Depart from St. Jude's Parish and Shrine
- 11:30 am Arrive at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

To encourage parishioners to take advantage of this Jubilee Year as an outpouring of mercy and forgiveness, Father Larry will be hearing Confessions at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish after the pilgrimage. There will be sign-up sheets at the entrances of the church. Please register for the pilgrimage, and indicate if you will need a ride from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and back. More information is available in a pamphlet at the church entrance.

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon. to Sat.: Rosary at 7:55am and Mass at 8:30am
There is no morning Mass, Confession or Adoration on the First Saturday of the Month.

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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tues. to Fri. at 8:00am until 8:25am
Sat.: 4:00 – 4:45 pm. Or by appointment.

ADORATION

Tues. to Sat. starting at 9:00am (following Mass). The Church will remain open until 6:00 pm.

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 the Parish Office.

SAVE THE DATE

Simbang Gabi will be returning to All Saints and Our Lady of Lourdes! The evening Masses will be held at All Saints from **Dec 15 – 19** and at OLOL **Dec 20 – 23**. Details to come.

Rosaries for Christmas

This Christmas, give a bouquet of roses that grows in value with each offering: the gift of a Holy Rosary. They will be available for sale during Coffee & Donuts on the **Sundays in November**, after the 9 and 11am Masses. Proceeds will go toward the church basement.



Neufeld Farms Fundraiser Deadline

November 9 is the order deadline for the Neufeld Farms CWL Fundraiser. Be sure to place your order today for their delicious and convenient frozen food using the QR code or link: <https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2025-our-lady-of-lourdes-cwl-2fbdc6062f>

Pickup is on **Saturday, November 15 at 10 am**.

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THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

8-Nov	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Godofredo Macaranas
9-Nov	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
9-Nov	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Liw & Restituto Ayson
10-Nov	Monday	8:30 AM	INT	Fernand & Ozina Finnigan
11-Nov	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Wilson family
12-Nov	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Cornelia Padua
13-Nov	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Lin Chay Ong
14-Nov	Friday	8:30 AM	INT	Thanksgiving
15-Nov	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Denny Leung

CONSTRUCTION CORNER



It's a room now



PREP students praying for the dearly departed

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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

Kathleen Lauzon, Gilberte Collette, Father Lucien Larré, Fernand Finnigan, Ozina Finnigan, Father Alan Boisclair, Jose (JoJo) Alonco, Ralph & Marguerite Roberts and Sister Claire Marie.

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 & 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.

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