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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.

Advent

In the last week of ordinary time, the Church presents us with readings from the Prophet Daniel and his various visions of events that will take place in the future. Friday's reading (*Daniel 7: 1-14*) provides us with a prophetic vision that reveals God's sovereignty over history, the defeat of worldly power and the identity of the Messiah. It is one of the clearest images in the Old Testament scriptures that points to Jesus.

The passage is full of nightmarish images of tremendous beasts rising up out of the sea as the *"four winds of heaven"* stir up the oceans. The beasts are horrible and destructive. And as all this mayhem is happening, Daniel sees thrones being set up and *"An Ancient One took his throne, his clothing white as snow...his throne in fiery flames...thousands of thousands ministering to him...myriads upon myriads were attending to him. The court sat in judgement and the books were opened."*

Ahh, yes, the beasts were tried and destroyed and their dominion over the earth was taken away. And then Daniel saw, *"...one like a Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven..."* When he was presented to the Ancient One, this "Son of Man" received dominion, glory and kingship and his *"dominion is an everlasting dominion...his kingship shall not be destroyed."*

What an amazing vision Daniel had some 600 years before the birth of Jesus Christ. **He saw the world as it was and as it is:** full of chaos, destruction, anarchy, nihilism, selfishness, greed, mayhem and, yes, murder, lots of it. That seems to be the way of the world.

But the second part of this vision is that he sees the Word become flesh, he sees the **Son of Man walk among us and show us the way, the truth and the life.** The Jewish people were waiting for him for millennia.

And then he came, *"...a shoot came out from the stump of Jesse"*, on a winter night in a little town called Bethlehem. The great King comes to dwell among us in strict poverty and dire straits. It seems like an odd choice by any standard. Except Jesus' standard. With him, the thinking is always counter to the way the world thinks. Blessed are the poor. Love your enemy. The first shall be last. Take the lowest place at the banquet. Turn the other cheek. Go the extra mile.




And so, he came. The long wait was over. He established a New Covenant with his people; the new and **everlasting covenant in which his blood is poured out for us and for the forgiveness of sins.** He left us his Church so that people could be with him on earth until the end of time eating his Body and drinking his Blood so that we may become like him as he lives in us.




The season of Advent is upon us once again. It's the season when we allow ourselves to wait along with Abraham and Moses, David, Isaiah, Daniel, the Maccabees in solidarity with all of Jewish history. We wait for his coming. Advent – to come – advenire – to come, to wait for something or someone who is coming. We spend four weeks full of anticipation, preparing to receive this Christ Child with great joy. Let us, once again, prepare our hearts to welcome him and spread his Good News: Emmanuel, God is with us.

Peace, *Father Larry*

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Christmas in the Square



You are warmly invited to our second Christmas in the Square gathering to celebrate the miracle of the First Christmas. There will be live music, refreshments, a visit from St. Nicholas, lighting of the church and sing-along Christmas carols. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the local food bank. **Sunday, December 7 from 2:30 to 5:00 pm.** See you there!

Sacred Arts Guild

The Epiphany Sacred Arts Guild (ESAG), an association of local Catholic artists, will be here on **Dec 6 and 7**. Their mission is to create, teach, and promote Catholic sacred art. They will bring items for sale and look forward to talking with you about their work. They accept cash, cheques and e-transfers.

Simbang Gabi



All are invited to celebrate Simbang Gabi in preparation for Christmas. Simbang Gabi is a novena of Masses and will be celebrated both here and at All Saints Parish from December 15 to 23.

All Masses are at 7 pm **except** Saturday, Dec 20 which is at 5 pm. The nine Masses will be followed by nightly receptions. **December 15 – 19 at All Saints Parish, December 20 – 23 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.** Everyone is welcome!

Les Echos du Pacifique Choir Presents



Les Echos du Pacifique, sings in French, English, Latin and Spanish, while they enthusiastically support the Francophone culture and community, as they have done for decades. All are welcome to this Christmas concert on **Saturday, Dec 6 at 7:30 pm** in the church. For more information, see the poster in the vestibule. The best place to buy tickets is at the door.

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.

Advent Penitential Service

It's the First Sunday of Advent and we are beginning our preparations for Christmas. Part of that preparation is preparing our hearts. Jesus is waiting for us in the confessional (under the guise of the priest). He is willing to forgive, eager to reconcile and abundant in his love for us. Let us take advantage of this opportunity to attend the Advent Penitential Services. It will be held at our parish on **Thursday, Dec 11 at 7 pm**. For a full schedule, see the poster at the church entrances.

29-Nov	Saturday	5:00 PM	INT	Jane Sarmiento
30-Nov	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
30-Nov	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Liliana Fuenzalida
1-Dec	Monday	8:30 AM	INT	Giuseppe & Teresa Aloisio
2-Dec	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Rosendo Ariola
3-Dec	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	Father Larry Lynn
4-Dec	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	All Souls in Purgatory
5-Dec	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	Cyril Hanlon
5-Dec	Friday	7:00 PM	INT	Les Kurzyna
6-Dec	Saturday	8:30 AM	INT	Pro-Life movement

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

There will be a special Mass and celebration here on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12. Everyone is invited to come and honour Our Lady with a Spanish/ English Mass, including a procession. A reception will follow with food and music. All are welcome! **Friday, December 12 at 7:00 pm**

Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

La parroquia Nuestra Señora de Lourdes celebrará la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el **12 de diciembre** con una misa especial en inglés y español a las **7 p.m.**, seguida de una procesión. Todos están invitados a honrar a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Después habrá una recepción con comida y música. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

**Offering Envelopes for 2026**

The 2026 Offering Envelopes are available near the front entrance. Please find the box with your name and take it home; they are arranged alphabetically. **Please do not use them until January**. Thank you so much to everyone who financially supports the parish through the year! We literally would not be here without you. If you would like a box of envelopes but do not see one there for you, please contact the parish office.

Archbishop's Mass for Life

The Archbishop's Annual Mass for Life is a once-a-year pro-life event for all Catholics to pray for respect for human life. The Mass will be celebrated by **Archbishop Richard Smith** and concelebrated by our pastor and the pro-life chaplain for the archdiocese, **Father Larry Lynn**. Mass will be followed by a light reception in the hall with live music. Holy Rosary Cathedral on **Saturday, December 13 at 11:30 am**. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

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 **PREP** for sponsoring.

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