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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 IV and The Nativity of Our Lord

This is a time of joyful anticipation. A sense of expectancy is especially felt on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The scriptures are directly pointing to the birth of Jesus. Isaiah proclaims the Lord will give us a sign and that sign will be "...the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Emmanuel" (God with us). And in the Gospel of Matthew, we get a direct accounting of how the birth is to take place. The birth of Jesus, linked with his conception, his life, death and resurrection, is the most important event in human existence. It's the day our Savior and Redeemer came to rescue us from ourselves. He came to show us the way because **without him we are lost**. And, as he said, **"I am the way."** (John 14:6)

On Christmas, we celebrate the mystery of humanity and divinity becoming one. We often think of it as God descending to man but, perhaps more properly, **we should think of the incarnation as God lifting up humanity to divine life**. St. Athanasius tells us, **"Christ is both divine and human, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking of that manhood into God."**

**Imagine that: he is taking us into himself!**

**Christ, in becoming man, has sanctified all of creation and time itself.** Thomas Merton wrote, "...eternity enters into time, and time, sanctified, is caught up into eternity." **All is now made holy.**

If all people could only grasp this beautiful reality that the Word truly was made flesh and dwells among us, surely we would have peace on earth. We know that. Let us act on it and sing together as the angels sang on that first Christmas night:

**Glory to God in the highest  
And on earth peace to those  
On whom his favor rests.**

Have a blessed Christmas and may the Peace of Christ remain with you,

*Father Larry*



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PROJECT ADVANCE 2025

## Last Chance for Project Advance 2025

Tomorrow, **December 22**, is the last day you can donate to Project Advance 2025 in person. **December 31** is the last day to donate online to receive a tax receipt for 2025. Thank you to all donors! All proceeds go towards fixtures, furniture and equipment for our basement. To donate, please drop your contribution in today's collection or go to our website (olol.ca) to donate online. Now it needs furnishing. Thank you so much for your support!

## Christmas Mass Times

Let us celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Saviour, and his Holy Mother Mary! A reminder that both Christmas and New Year's are holy days of obligation. Here are the Mass times:

**Christmas Eve Midnight Mass** is at midnight; carolling starts at **11:20 pm**

**Christmas Day Mass** is at **9 am** in English and **11 am** in English and French

**New Year's Masses** are Wednesday, Dec 31 at **5 pm** (anticipated) and January 1 at **9 am** in English and **11 am** in English and French.

What a joy that our Heavenly Father gives us his Son, through Mary, for our redemption as a visible sign of his bottomless love for each one of us.

Join us also for the **Feast of the Holy Family** on December 27/28.

## Offering Envelopes for 2026

Some 2026 Offering Envelopes still remain and are available near the front entrance for pick up. Please take your box home but do **not** use the envelopes until January. If you would like a box of envelopes but do not see one there for you, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your ongoing support!



Basement photos with stage



New fence installed!



## Archbishop Smith's Christmas Message 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,  
Every heart longs for hope. At Christmas, that longing is fulfilled in the child of Bethlehem – God Himself, who enters our story to remind us that we are never alone. “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14).

In that little child we see the reality of our own lives. We are vulnerable to loneliness, longing for love, searching for meaning. Yet it is precisely in our weakness that the Lord draws near with tender love and warmth.

The wonder of Christmas reminds us that God's glory shines through what is small and simple. May that beauty open our hearts to welcome Christ anew.

As we enter the final weeks of the Jubilee of Hope, I invite you to reflect on where you need hope most in your life. Christmas is the season of hope – when God reminds us that everything will be all right, that all things work together for good, because He draws near and remains with us. No matter how dark things may seem, the hope born in Bethlehem assures us that Christ's light will always prevail.

My friends, as we celebrate this season together, may the peace of Christ dwell in your heart. May His gift of hope bring light to your days. And may His love move you to serve Him with gratitude.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed and joyful Christmas,

✠ *Richard W. Smith*  
Archbishop of Vancouver

## MASS INTENTIONS

20-Dec	Saturday	5:00 PM	✠	Walter Gutierrez
21-Dec	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
21-Dec	Sunday	11:00 AM	✠	Dycko & Weremko family
21-Dec	Sunday	7:00 PM	INT	Ramona Robledano
22-Dec	Monday	8:30 AM	✠	Liliana Fuenzalida
22-Dec	Monday	7:00 PM	✠	Francis Clare
23-Dec	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✠	Benjamin Ong
23-Dec	Tuesday	7:00 PM	✠	Lynn family
24-Dec	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	Guno family
24-Dec	Wednesday	12:00 AM	INT	OLOL Parishioners
25-Dec	Thursday	9:00 AM	INT	Marilyn Sarte
25-Dec	Thursday	11:00 AM	✠	Wilson family
26-Dec	Friday	8:30 AM	✠	All Souls in Purgatory
27-Dec	Saturday	8:30 AM	INT	Marianna Tchorzewska
27-Dec	Saturday	5:00 PM	INT	TLA Seismic Upgrade
28-Dec	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	OLOL Parishioners
28-Dec	Sunday	11:00 AM	✠	Beryl & Clement Fernandez
29-Dec	Monday	8:30 AM	INT	Shari Rivera
30-Dec	Tuesday	8:30 AM	INT	Geoff Kullman & family
31-Dec	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	Angie Solidum
31-Dec	Wednesday	5:00 PM	INT	Lynn family
1-Jan	Thursday	9:00 AM	INT	OLOL Parishioners
1-Jan	Thursday	11:00 AM	INT	Mila & Zoilo Guno
2-Jan	Friday	8:30 AM	INT	Roberto & Perlita Grey
2-Jan	Friday	7:00 PM	INT	Jorge H Odulio
3-Jan	Saturday	8:30 AM		No Mass

## Pregnancy and Infant Loss Mass

Join us for a special Mass in honour of the little ones we have lost and for all their loved ones who have been affected. The Mass will be followed by a reception and a short introduction by Donna Crombie from Elizabeth Ministry. At Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Port Coquitlam on **Saturday, December 27 at 9:00 am**. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://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, Sister Claire Marie and Anna.**

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.

## Office Closed

The parish office will be closed for the Christmas holidays, from **Dec 25 to Jan 2**, re-opening Monday, **Jan 5**.

SORRY  
WE'RE  
CLOSED



## 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 **Couples for Christ and the Choir** for sponsoring.

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