



## 4th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 4.7-12  
2nd Reading: 1 John 3.1-2  
Gospel: John 10.11-18

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# BULLETIN



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## Relics and the Sacramentality of the Catholic Faith Part 2

I ended last week's reflection with the statement that everything is sacred. When God said, "Let there be light!" everything came into being and God said it was good, very good. God didn't make anything that is not good or not sacred. It's with this thought that we are invited to navigate in this world. All is sacred, all is gift.

Human beings are especially sacred because we are made in the image of God and that is manifested in the fact that humans have an immortal soul. Aquinas establishes, "three levels to soul activity." Those three levels of soul activity are vegetative powers, sense powers and intellectual powers, each corresponding with the distinctiveness of the soul based on its ability. Plants have vegetative powers; animals have sense powers; humans have all three. We share with God the Good, the Beautiful and the True. We have the freedom to choose to be more fully whom we are meant to be, which is Godlike, or we can choose to refuse. This sets humans apart from all other beings. Being in the image of God, the **human individual possesses the dignity of a person, who is not just something, but someone.** He is capable of **self-knowledge**, of **self-possession** and of **freely giving himself** and **entering into communion with other persons.** Plants are not like that; animals do not have these capabilities. They do not know about tomorrow. They do not make art.

**And relics? What's this got to do with relics?**

Well, this sense of the importance of the body and soul, the sacredness of the human person, the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit and the **sacramental worldview of our faith lead us to honor our dead in a way that non-Catholics do not.**

Catholics revere the saints, and we reserve a special place in our hearts for the bodies of the saints. It goes back to the Exodus when Moses carried the bones of Joseph out of Egypt 400 years after he died. It goes back to 2 Kings 13:21 *"And as a man was being buried, lo, a marauding band was seen and the man was cast into the grave of Eli'sha; and as soon as the man touched the bones of Eli'sha, he revived, and stood on his feet."*

In the early persecutions of the Church, Mass was often offered, hidden in the catacombs with the altar being the tomb of a martyr. That tradition has carried on through time so that every main altar in a church was consecrated and relics of saints, especially martyrs, have been secured somewhere in the altar. This is why the priest kisses the altar at the beginning and the end of the Mass. (Unfortunately, so far, I have not been able to establish whose relics are under our altar. I'm told, probably some Canadian martyrs.)

Although at first glance, the idea of keeping and revering relics may seem like a macabre practice, it is, in reality, **a way of acknowledging and honoring the unity of body and soul.**

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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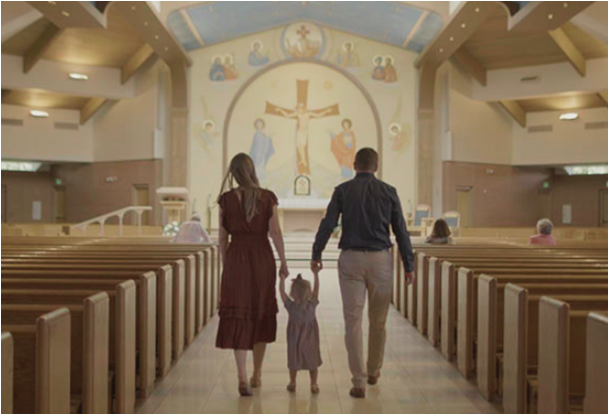
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## INTO THE BREACH: THE MISSION OF THE FAMILY

It is a dynamic new video series that proclaims the truth and beauty of the Catholic vision of marriage and family life in the modern world. It explores the unique roles of men and women in marriage and their responsibility for raising children.

We will be showing the 5 videos over 5 Saturdays; the first video was shown this Saturday (April 20th) at 10 am.



The remaining 5 videos over 5 Saturdays;

- The Catholic Family in a Post-Christian World (Apr 27, 2024)
- Marriage: The Foundation of the Family (May 4, 2024)
- The Gift of Children (May 11, 2024)
- Healing in the Family (May 18, 2024)
- Creating a Legacy of Faith (May 25, 2024)

To register please email : [ourladyoflourdesparish@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyoflourdesparish@gmail.com) or phone 604-936-1311.

**Venue: Upper St. Anne's Hall at 10:00 AM**

## Pro-abortion claim: :Abortion is medically necessary in some cases to save the mother's life

**Pro-Life response:** Abortion is never medically necessary, even in cases where there is danger to the mother's life by continuing with the pregnancy. In the situation of a pregnant mother who has a serious medical condition, such as, for example, heart disease, life-threatening diabetes, or cancer, there are always two patients in need of healthcare: the mother and her unborn baby. If care for the mother requires that pregnancy end before the baby's natural birthdate, a preterm delivery, for example, by Caesarean section, can be performed on the mother with the goal of saving and preserving the baby's life. Over one thousand doctors have signed the Dublin Declaration on Maternal Healthcare stating that "As experienced practitioners and researchers in obstetrics and gynaecology, we affirm that direct abortion—the purposeful destruction of the unborn child—is not medically necessary to save the life of a woman." They add: "We confirm that the prohibition of abortion does not affect, in anyway, the availability of optimal care to pregnant women." Thus, in cases where the pregnant mother's life is truly in jeopardy, her pregnancy must come to an end, not by abortion, but by the baby's early birth.

*Thank you!*

Thank you to the Halo-Halo Group for providing delicious meals for Easter (Nerissa, Bing, Julie, Cora & helpers)



### 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

### FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

No morning Confession or Mass

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tues. to Fri. 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.

## Pro-Life Mass & Prayer Vigil

One of the fundamental answers to abortion is prayer. Join your voice with ours as we pray on the first Saturday of each month for a new culture of life. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver, we will begin with Mass, followed by the rosary and other prayers either at a church with Adoration or at a local hospital. The next Mass and vigil takes place on **May 4 at 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver**. Our Pastor Father Larry will be the Celebrant of the Mass. All are welcome!

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

20-Apr	Saturday	5:00 PM	INT	Jose Alonco
21-Apr	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
21-Apr	Sunday	11:00 AM	INT	Barragan Family
22-Apr	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Jose Cruz
23-Apr	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Rosina Bertani
24-Apr	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	Marie-Claire Lynn
25-Apr	Thursday	8:30 AM	INT	Madelaine James Lynn
26-Apr	Friday	8:30 AM	INT	CWL Members
27-Apr	Saturday	5:00 PM	INT	Cacilda Tang

**BOOKING MASS INTENTIONS.** Please connect with the parish office to request an intention.

## Patient Advocate to patient:

### (86-year-old woman with severe burns)

*"The first person to enter the room will not be there to bring you aspirin or any other treatment. The first person to enter your room will be there to offer you euthanasia. You have the right to refuse."* **And so it was. The first person entering the old woman's room was someone selling suicide. This is a true story.**

Delta Hospice Society is actively engaging community members to become 'Guardian Angels,' patient advocates offering support and resources to empower individuals to choose life until its natural conclusion. Learn how to protect the vulnerable in our care systems.

Hosted by the St. Nicholas Catholic Women's League, our guest speakers are Angelina Ireland, Executive Director of the Delta Hospice Society, and Father Mark Miller, bioethicist

For more info., please email Adrienne Castellon at [acastellon55@gmail.com](mailto:acastellon55@gmail.com). **St. Nicholas Parish**, 20675 87 Ave., Langley, BC V1M 3X4 | **Friday, May 3, 2024, from 7:00 – 8:30PM.**

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### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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

**Lina Aussant, Dr. Erb, Kathleen Lauzon, Ralph Roberts, René & Gilberte Collette, the Quek Family, Father Lucien Larré and Teresita Cunningham.**

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 Choir** for sponsoring.



### PARISH MINISTRIES

**Alpha** Anthony Marroquin & Alex Lim

**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

**Lector** Suzanne Tkach

**Prayer Group** Alex & Nancy Lim

**PREP** Marilyn Sarte

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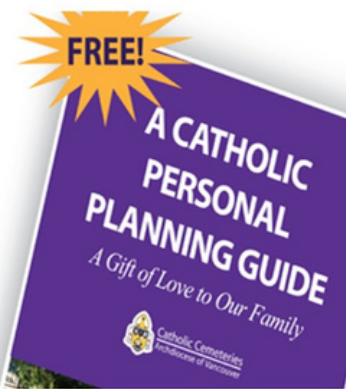
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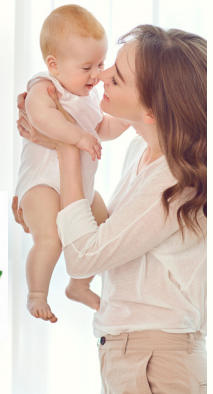
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