



31th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6.2-6
2nd Reading: Hebrews 7.23-28
Gospel: Mark 12.28-34

NOVEMBER 3, 2024 BULLETIN



November

The leaves are almost gone from the trees, all the flowers are dying, the garden is being wrapped up tight for the short, dark days to come. Nature is hunkering down, conserving energy, dressing itself for winter, so to speak. It won't be long before the rains come down relentlessly, interspersed with the occasional snowfall, covering the ground, and the sleeping, inactive life underground.

November! A time for regrouping, for remembering, for memorializing, for reminiscing, especially about loved ones who have taken their leave and gone with the Lord.

All of this may sound a bit gloomy, but it need not be so. The Book of Ecclesiastes tells us,

"There is a time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens...a time to be born and a time to die."

Ecll. 3:1

Purgatory is Hope

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of November to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. It's a time when we reflect on our own mortality, and it fits the mood set by November. There is a time to die, and we need to recognize the truth of that. And that is good news. We weren't born to live on this earth forever, but **we were created to live forever.**

Purgatory is a time of suffering only insofar as it is like gold or silver being refined seven times over to remove the impurities. God's love transforms us and purifies us from the consequences of our sins. It's like a detoxification that frees us from all our wrong attachments, allowing us to love fully and enabling us to receive God's love in glory.

Souls in purgatory also experience the immense love of God, a joy, and know that they are on their way to heaven. As great mystics like Saint Catherine of Genoa pointed out, it's both an immense joy and an immense suffering, the likes of which we can never experience here on earth.



That is good news. We all strive to go to heaven but hardly anyone is saintly enough to go straight to heaven upon death so most of us go to Purgatory. We need to be purified so that we will be able to stand in the presence of God and gaze on the Beatific Vision, the face of God. Most of us are not ready for that; we wouldn't be able to withstand his gaze. All those souls in purgatory need our prayers. That's why the Church sets the month of November aside as the month of the Holy Souls: to remember, to pray, to give alms, to sacrifice for the souls of our loved ones, so that at the end of time we will all be one in the full stature of Jesus Christ.

Peace, *Father Larry*

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Church Profile Picture in This Week Bulletin

Photo credit: **Ludwig**

The photo was taken on Oct. 27, 2024 after 11:00 am Mass. Thanks Ludwig for the candid shot!

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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PROJECT ADVANCE 2024

Building our Parish Community

We only have 2 months to go for Project Advance 2024! Thank you to all who have donated so far. The percentage of parishioners donating is steadily climbing and that is wonderful to see! Donations are accepted until the end of the year and are tax receiptable. To donate, go online to our parish website at ourladyoflourdescoquitlam.ca/donate, drop your well-marked donations in the collection basket or call the Project Advance Office at 604-683-0281.



Proposed Restored Windows
Similar on the building North side

Enjoy the delicious taste of a warm pancake, sausage and egg breakfast.

November 3rd

(after 9:00 and 11:00 masses)
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

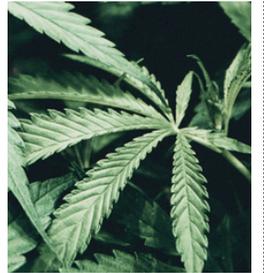


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5 to 12 years old: \$4
Over 12 years old: \$6
Altar servers: Free

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The Downside of High

All are invited to a CBC Nature of Things documentary narrated by David Suzuki called "The Downside of High". It is the story of three BC teens and their doctors who agree that the mental health challenges they now face is the result of their smoking marijuana in their teens. The movie will be shown in the **Upper St. Anne's Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 7 pm**. The event is sponsored by CHARM (Christian Addictions Recovery Ministries) Society. Bring a friend and come to this thought-provoking presentation. Following the film, Catie Moric, a parish Youth Coordinator, will give a short talk on why she chooses not to experiment with substance use.



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
Adoration: 9:00am – 10:00am and 5:45pm – 6:45pm

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 6:00pm.

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.



BOTTLE DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus are holding a recycling bottle drive to fund our church basement improvements. Please drop off your recyclables in clear plastic bags before each Sunday mass on mark bins "**K of C Bottle Drive**" at the church basement. Here are the list of recyclables that are **accepted** for the bottle drive:

- **Aluminum cans**
- **Plastic and Paper Drink containers**
- **Glass bottles**
- **Dairy and Non Dairy Milk Containers and Wine Bottles.**

Please LEAVE LABELS ON, RINSE RECYCLABLES and **do not include garbage** in the bags. For more info please check out www.return-it.ca or scan the QR code.



Thank you for support of our bottle drive. We have raised over \$1000.

Please keep them coming!



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

2-Nov	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Solidum family
3-Nov	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
3-Nov	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Leonardo family
4-Nov	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	CWL Members
5-Nov	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	James Hanlon
6-Nov	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	D'Souza & Hewage family
7-Nov	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Devon Citrano
8-Nov	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	Noreen Dyck
9-Nov	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Emelyn Lacambra

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

Pray for Holy Souls This November

Praying for the faithful departed pleases God, who makes use of our prayers to help purify these souls in purgatory that he Loves. You can sign up to receive daily prayers right in your inbox throughout the month of November from Gardens of Gethsemani. Sign up now: rcav.org/month-of-holy-souls

Living the Life of Christ in a Post-Christian World

With the world being so different from even just a few decades ago, can Christians discern how to live in an environment increasingly hostile to faith? Fr. Paul Scalia, a priest of the Archdiocese of Arlington, VA – and son of the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia – will explore this question during a free, in-person talk at St. Mark's College at UBC. **Tuesday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m.** Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Young Adult Evening: "Deliver Us from Evil"

Have you ever had questions about the demonic? The Catholic Young Adults of Surrey, together with Assumption Young Adults, invite you to "Deliver Us from Evil": a talk, Q&A, and BBQ on **Friday, November 8th, 6:30pm at Our Lady of the Assumption's parish centre.**

You'll also have the opportunity for a Q&A session with Fr. Pierre and other experts in the occult and witchcraft. **There will be a delicious BBQ with burgers, chips, and drinks prior to the talks.** Early bird pricing for \$15 tickets ends on October 31st. Please see the QR code included for more details and to register!



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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

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 **Knights of Columbus** for sponsoring.

PARISH MINISTRIES

- Alpha** Anthony Marroquin & Alex Lim
- Altar Servers** Alex Lim
- ACRSS Rep** Irenaeus Lim
- CWL** Josephine (Dollie) Basa
- Choir** Roger De Villa & Agnes Wan
- Couples for Christ** Alejandro & Stella Delos Santos
- K of C** Anthony Marroquin
- Lector** Suzanne Tkach
- Prayer Group** Alex & Nancy Lim
- PREP** Marilyn Sarte
- Project Advance** Kathy Gorkoff & Francis Gutierrez
- Sacristan** Alex Lim
- Ushers** Robert Tang & Terry Charbonneau

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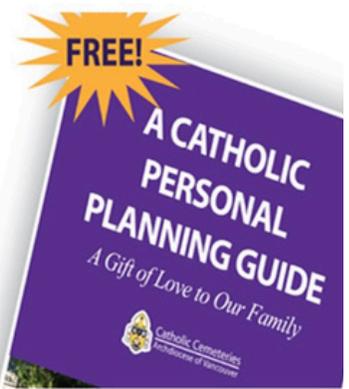
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