



"Who Are You?"

Did you ever notice that when people in the Gospel ask Jesus a question, he answers them with a question, a teaching technique he started when he was very young?

Mary: "Son, why have you done this to us?"

Jesus: "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2: 49)

Pharisees: "Who but God alone can forgive sins?" (Luke 5: 21)

Jesus: "Which is easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven' or to say, 'rise and walk'?" (Luke 5: 23)

Pilate: "Are you king of the Jews?" (John 18:33)

Jesus: "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" (John 18:34)

And the list goes on. Jesus did this constantly throughout the Gospels. He turned the situation around by questioning the questioner thereby challenging and testing him. I suppose it is a biblical technique. I believe it was and still is, a rabbinical methodology of debate.

Come to think of it, it is the method that St. Thomas Aquinas uses in his defining work, the Summa Theologica. In this most compelling of theological books ever written, St. Thomas poses a question like, "Does God Exist?" and then he proceeds to give five **convincing** arguments why God does not exist. He then will give another response, the

Solemnity of Christ the King

1st Reading: Daniel 7.13-14

2nd Reading: Revelation 1.5-8

Gospel: John 18.33b-37

correct response, that always begins with, "But I say..." and gives the true answer and the reasons for it before he goes on to refute the original five arguments against the existence of God.

God does this with Job. Job was prepared to ask God why he would allow so much evil in the world, evil that fell on good people. Job asks, "Who is God anyway? Isn't he Just? And Merciful?" Well, when God shows up, he doesn't answer Job's questions. Speaking to him from out of the storm, he asks Job some amazing, daunting questions,

"Who is this that obscures divine plans with words of ignorance?" (Job 38:2)

Who do you think you are? Did you design the universe and human life?"

"Where were you when I founded the earth?" (Job 39:4)

Have you ever in your lifetime commanded the morning and shown the dawn its place?" (Job 39:12)

He goes on with many similar questions, teaching Job his proper place in the order of things.

Whenever we ask God, "Who are you?" God replies, "No! Who are **you**?"

And that's a question we have to answer every time we make a choice between good and evil, between truth and falsehood, between the true God and false gods. In order to **know who you are** you must be able to make the right choices and **know where you stand before God**.

As Job found out, there is no proportionality between us and God; there is no comparison. **He is the King of Kings**, not just a king among kings or even a leader of kings. He is the King of all kings, God, the King of all creation.

Who are you?

Peace,
Father Larry

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

BULLETIN



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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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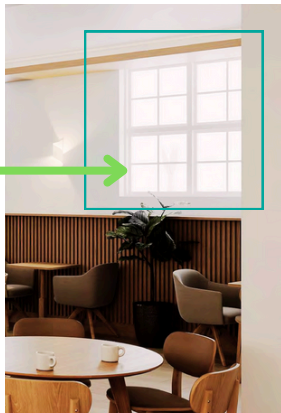


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PROJECT ADVANCE 2024 Building our Parish Community

Together we are making steady progress towards our Project Advance goal of \$70,000. Donations so far are **\$49,835** or **71%** of our goal. Thank you!!! Can we reach 100% this year? All monies donated now go towards new windows for the church basement, bringing natural light in after 50 years of being boarded up. You can donate online to Project Advance through our website at ourladyoflourdescoquitlam.ca/donate, drop your well-marked envelope in the collection basket or at the parish office, mail your donation directly to the archdiocesan Project Advance Office or call the archdiocese at 604-683-0281.

Proposed Restored Window



Rendition from inside

Christmas in the Square

You are warmly invited to a community gathering to reflect on the miracle of the First Christmas. There will be live music, cookies and hot chocolate, a craft, and a movie in the Upper Hall, followed by the lighting of the Church and sing-along Christmas carols. St. Nicholas will also be making a special visit, bringing gifts for the children. **Sunday, December 1 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** All are welcome! Bring your family! Bring your friends! Bring your neighbours! See you there!



Spirit Day 2024

Our thanks and gratitude to the Chaperon of Spirit Day this year; **Irenaeus Lim** and the 4 young parishioners; **Krystyn, Zachary, Mark and Charisse** who volunteered for the event and accompanied three of our Grade 7 attendees: **Anna, Jessie and Sebastien**. Please check out some photos sent to you via Flocknote on Nov. 19. Mark's name was not mentioned in Flocknote, when we sent out Flocknote we did not know that Mark was also a volunteer.

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. **Please keep them coming!**

Birthright Volunteers Needed

Birthright Vancouver is currently looking for volunteers, for more information please contact:

Contact: 604-687-7223 or birthrightvancouver@gmail.com.

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 **Choir** for sponsoring.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

23-Nov	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Camilla Zamora & family
24-Nov	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
24-Nov	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Morris & Fernandez families
25-Nov	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Rollande Leclerc
26-Nov	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Runzal family
27-Nov	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Morris & Fernandez families
28-Nov	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	James Hanlon
29-Nov	Friday	8:30 AM	INT	Michelle McMaster
30-Nov	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	All Souls in Purgatory

To book Mass Intentions please connect with the parish office to request an intention.

Mail Disruption: The B.C. Catholic Print Edition

Stay informed and inspired with The B.C. Catholic digital edition, now available for free at digital.bccatholic.ca. Due to a mail service disruption, our print edition is temporarily paused. We will resume printing as soon as the postal service returns to normal.

Pray for Holy Souls This November

As we near the end of November, let us not neglect our prayers for the souls in purgatory. Our prayers help alleviate their suffering as they are purified and on their way to heaven. A powerful prayer of St. Gertrude is, "Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

Blessing of New Church Doors

We are excited with the news that our new church doors will be installed this week. Beautiful solid red oak doors. Doors that look like church doors. The doors are a precious gift, a bequest from **Mrs. Margaret Finnegan**, a long-time parishioner. Everyone is invited to a special blessing of the doors **before the 9 am Mass on Sunday, December 1.**

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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