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# BULLETIN

## Stewardship Reflection - Third Sunday of Easter Tears for Lapu-Lapu

Datu Lapu-Lapu is considered the first national hero of the Philippines. He was an indigenous king on the island of Mactan who, in 1521, repelled the attack by the Portuguese forces led by Ferdinand Magellan, he, who was the first to circumnavigate the world. Magellan was killed in this battle at Mactan, and Lapu-Lapu successfully staved off the Portuguese attempt at colonization. About forty years later, the Spanish were more successful and changed the destiny of Filipinos forever.

So, Lapu-Lapu is a great celebration of Filipino pride in their national heritage. It's a celebration of culture, food, family, the celebration of a large community across the diaspora of the Philippine nation, a celebration of the spirit of Datu Lapu-Lapu and his strength and steadfastness in the face of invaders.

This community is very special to us non-Filipinos here in the Lower Mainland and all around the world. Without our brother and sister Filipinos where would we be? Our health care system is totally dependent on the Filipino community because it is so much in their nature to care for people. They care, they love, and they give of themselves. If I may generalize about an entire community, I would say they are the most gentle of people.

I don't really know the numbers, but I would guess that Filipinos make up perhaps fifty per cent of our Catholic population in the archdiocese, and their representation in parish ministries far

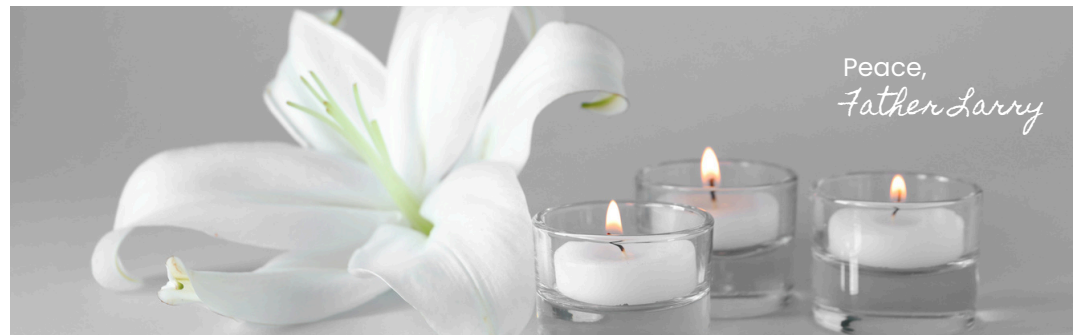
exceeds that number. They are family oriented and love to bring people together for food, conversation and music.

The tragedy that occurred at the Lapu - Lapu Festival would be hard to fathom under any circumstances but the indiscriminate senselessness of it makes it harder to bear. There are no words except to say, "I'm sorry!" The random, senseless nature of this evil is palpable. We are all so very sorry.

Our Filipino community is grieving. Our entire Catholic Church is grieving. The mayor of the City of Vancouver said this moment is "...our city's darkest hour." Indeed, it is. No one in this city can be untouched by this horrendous event. Our hearts are heavy with grief for those who have been lost, and for those who are left behind to sort out their lives.

Through all of this we have something, I should say "someone", who helps us to maintain our peace and our joy. We have Jesus Christ, he who abhors death so much he rose from the dead and defeated death forever, for us, for you and me. Yes, we need to grieve properly and mourn our loved ones. Although St. Paul tells us, "...we need not mourn as others do who have no hope." We have hope.

We shall grieve, we shall mourn, that is the process we need to go through. But we shall never lose hope. We shall never lose the peace that Jesus wants us to maintain through the difficult times in our lives, especially the difficult times.



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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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### Prayer for the Election of a New Pope

As we mourn the death of Pope Francis, we also look ahead to the election of a new pope. It is important to pray earnestly for the guidance and protection of the cardinals who will be voting at the upcoming conclave. One prayer is:

O God, Eternal Shepherd,  
Who govern Your flock with unfailing care,  
Grant in Your boundless fatherly love  
a pastor for Your Church  
who will please You by His holiness  
and to us show watchful care.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.  
St. Peter, pray for us.

### Mother's Day Bouquets

Honour your mother with a special floral bouquet on Mother's Day! This is a special offering and initiative of a parishioner, not a sale by some flower shop. Thank you to our award-winning florist, Apple Pilorin, and her team who are generously donating their time and talent to provide beautiful bouquets for our mothers/wives. All proceeds go toward the renovation of the church basement.



### Les Échos du Pacifique Choral Concert | May 10 at 7:30 pm

Les Échos du Pacifique choir, one of the groups that sang at our recent fundraiser, is excited to present their Spring concert that celebrates the earth, the heavens, and many things in between! There will be a lovely and diverse selection of pieces. For tickets and more info, visit <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/6641335>.



The annual March for Life in Victoria, BC takes place on **Thursday, May 8**. The March is a public witness to the sanctity of human life and a message to the provincial government of the need for changing the law to protect the most vulnerable, especially the unborn and the elderly. All are welcome to join in the March which starts at 1:45 pm at Centennial Square in Victoria. The 11 am ferry from Tsawwassen will get you there in time. Mass will be celebrated beforehand at 9:15 am at Sacred Heart Parish in Delta by Archbishop Miller. Join Father Larry, Our Lady of Lourdes parishioners, and others from around the archdiocese and around the province in upholding the value of all human life! Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).



#### 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 the Parish Office.



## Support for Victims and Survivors of the Lapu-Lapu Festival Tragedy



In response to the tragic events at the Lapu-Lapu Festival, the Archdiocese is offering support, including Masses, counselling and more. There will also be a special collection **May 3-4** to assist survivors and their families with medical expenses, funeral costs, and healing and outreach services. Your prayers and generosity will be a sign of Christ's compassion to those suffering in our community. To donate online or learn more, please visit [rcav.org/lapu-lapu](http://rcav.org/lapu-lapu). Thank you for your support.

## A Catholic Approach to Infertility: Finding Hope in the Midst of Struggle

The Archdiocese of Vancouver invites you to join an upcoming webinar entitled "A Catholic Approach to Infertility: Finding Hope in the Midst of Struggle". Our speakers will share their personal testimony and experiences with infertility as well as information, resources and support. **Thursday, May 8, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm online via Zoom.** Learn more and register 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, René & Gilberte Collette, Father Lucien Larré, Fernand Finnigan, Ozina Finnigan, Father Alan Boisclair, Jose (JoJo) Alonco, Ralph and Marguerite Roberts.**

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.

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

|        |           |          |     |                                  |
|--------|-----------|----------|-----|----------------------------------|
| 3-May  | Saturday  | 9:00 PM  | ✝   | Cornelia Padua                   |
| 4-May  | Sunday    | 9:00 AM  | INT | Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners |
| 4-May  | Sunday    | 11:00 AM | ✝   | Lin Chay Ong                     |
| 5-May  | Monday    | 8:30 AM  | ✝   | Ching Yee Choi                   |
| 6-May  | Tuesday   | 8:30 AM  | ✝   | Nap Bilodeau                     |
| 7-May  | Wednesday | 8:30 AM  | INT | Father Larry Lynn                |
| 8-May  | Thursday  | 8:30 AM  |     | No Mass                          |
| 9-May  | Friday    | 8:30 AM  | INT | Nette Deduque                    |
| 10-May | Saturday  | 8:30 AM  | ✝   | Baylon family                    |

## CWL Neufeld Fundraiser

The CWL greatly appreciates your support with the Neufeld Farms annual fundraiser. They raised **\$692**. Our CWL does many good works behind the scenes and we are blessed to have such an active and vibrant group of ladies at our parish.

*Thank you!*

## No Mass and Office Closed May 8

There will be no morning Mass or Exposition on **Thursday, May 8** as Father Larry will be in Victoria at the March for Life. The parish office will also be closed. Everything will return to normal on Friday.

## CONSTRUCTION CORNER

Week 4

More photos visit:

[OLOL.ca/construction-corner](http://OLOL.ca/construction-corner)



## PARISH MINISTRIES

- Alpha** Anthony Marroquin
  - Altar Servers** Alex Lim
  - ACRSS Rep.** Irenaeus Lim & Elga Gonzalez
  - CWL** Josephine (Dollie) Basa
  - Choir** Roger De Villa & Agnes Wan
  - Couples for Christ** Jet & Jane Sarmiento
  - K of C** Anthony Marroquin
  - Lector** Thelma Papas
  - Prayer Group** Alex & Nancy Lim
  - PREP** Marilyn Sarte
  - Pro-Life** Ting and Nercy Barona
  - Project Advance** Kathy Gorkoff & Francis Gutierrez
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