

Stewardship Reflection - Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Vine

*"I am the vine, you are the branches."*

It's possible, even likely, that Jesus said these words as he travelled with his Apostles down to the Kidron Valley toward the Garden of Gethsemane. He might have looked back at the city of Jerusalem and seen the towering "great east façade of the temple, its four-story solid gold cluster of grapes and the gold-plated spires glistening in the white light of the Nisan moon."<sup>[1]</sup> The Nisan moon is the full moon in the month of the Passover and if you could imagine seeing that massive white marble structure with its huge gold ornamentation, standing out over the temple wall, you could understand that Jesus, catching a glimpse of the golden grapevine with its clusters of grapes decorating the temple façade, might have thought of the analogy of the vine and the branches.

It's a thought. But wherever Jesus got his inspiration, this analogy is a winner. It is such a perfect analogy for teaching the concept of our total dependency on him for our lives. We cannot live apart from him. It's really so simple. *"He is the power and energy source in which we live."* (Bishop Robert Barron)

On Wednesday morning this week, the same morning that I proclaimed this very gospel, I went out onto the front porch of the rectory for that early morning fresh air, and I saw a branch

that had broken off the vine growing along the side of the house. It was a young branch but it was withered and dying, if not dead. I picked it up and as I held it in my hands, I couldn't help but think, this is what Jesus is talking about. This branch has zero chance of living unless it is grafted back onto the vine. I didn't have a fire to throw it into, so I tossed it onto the lawn, where now it's probably been mulched into the soil.

That's how it is. We need to draw our spiritual nourishment from the Lord. He is the source of supernatural life in us. We are attached to him, and we receive our life from him. He holds us in being and if we go away from him, if we don't keep his word, we drift off into the world and we die, spiritually. This is reality: that we are body and soul, flesh and spirit. We live in this world, but we are not OF this world. The Lord is our salvation who gives us his peace. He does not give as the world gives, he tells us. No, what Jesus gives is true and sure and honest and forever.

Our job is to open the channels of communication with him through prayer and the sacraments to more easily allow his grace to flow into us, to nurture us like sap from the vine.

Peace,

*Father Larry*

[1] The Day Christ Died, Jim Bishop, Harper Brothers, New York 1957, p 194



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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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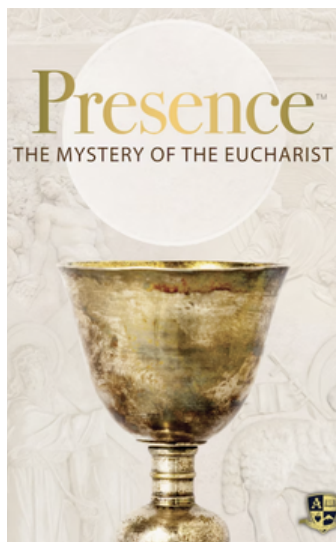


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## Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist



Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. This video series explores the truth and beauty of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. All are welcome!

Weekly on **Tuesdays, May 27 until June 17, 7 pm – 9 pm** in Our Lady of Lourdes' Upper St. Anne's Hall.

To participate, please fill in the Registration Form and drop it in the box at the church entrance or call 604-435-9134 and leave a message.

## Garden Bee

Calling all gardeners, all garden lovers, all people of good will and strong arms! Come on out to our annual Garden Bee! Help us build community and a beautiful garden. We are looking for people to weed, plant and trim.

Please bring your own tools, gloves, kneepads, water, sunglasses and hat. We will work rain or shine (unless there is very heavy rain). **Saturday, May 31** after the Saturday morning Mass. Lunch will be provided.



## Father Away

Father Larry will be away from Tuesday to Friday next week at the annual Clergy Retreat. During that time there will be no morning Mass here. Weekday Masses are available at nearby parishes, including Our Lady of the Assumption, All Saints, St. Joseph's and St. Michael's.

## PREP Confirmation

Congratulations to the PREP and Vanspec students, Sebastian Dalocanog, Jesse Dupa, Diego Galligani and Isaiah Velasco, who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation today during the **11 am Mass**. May the Holy Spirit always guide and protect them.



## Man Up Conference

Men of faith, Are you ready to rise to your calling? Join us for the 2025 Man's Destiny Conference – a powerful, one-day event designed to ignite your spirit, strengthen your role as a father and leader, and challenge you to become the man God is calling you to be. Devin Schadt, an acclaimed Catholic speaker, will lead us in exploring the life and virtues of St. Joseph, the ultimate example of manhood, fatherhood, and spiritual strength. **Saturday, June 7, 8:30 am to 3:45 pm at St. Matthew's Parish in Surrey.** Light breakfast, hot lunch and refreshments included. To register, go to Eventbrite.ca and search under Man Up and Surrey.



**Let's have  
breakfast  
together**

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

**June 8th (After the 9am and 11am masses)**

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

## 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.



## Family Fun Day Save the Date!

**JUL 13, 2025**

**Family  
FUN**

**FOOD**

**GAMES**

**Prizes**

**MUSIC**

### Operation Baby Bottle



Everyone is encouraged to take a baby bottle home in support of Pregnancy Concerns, a pregnancy support charity. Please fill your bottle with cash or insert a cheque and return it to the church by Father's Day. Your support provides practical help, emotional support and community resources for those face complex pregnancy decisions. For more information, see the poster in the vestibule.

### The B.C. Catholic Delivery Disruption

Due to the potential Canada Post strike, this week's B.C. Catholic newspaper will not be delivered by mail this week. To stay connected, you can: pick-up your print copy at the parish, sign up for free digital access and email updates at [bccatholic.ca/subscribe](http://bccatholic.ca/subscribe), read the digital edition at [digital.bccatholic.ca](http://digital.bccatholic.ca).

### Youth Night



All youth are welcome to come to the OLOL Youth Night on **Fridays at 7:30 pm** for some ping pong, board games, conversation, and food.

### CONSTRUCTION CORNER

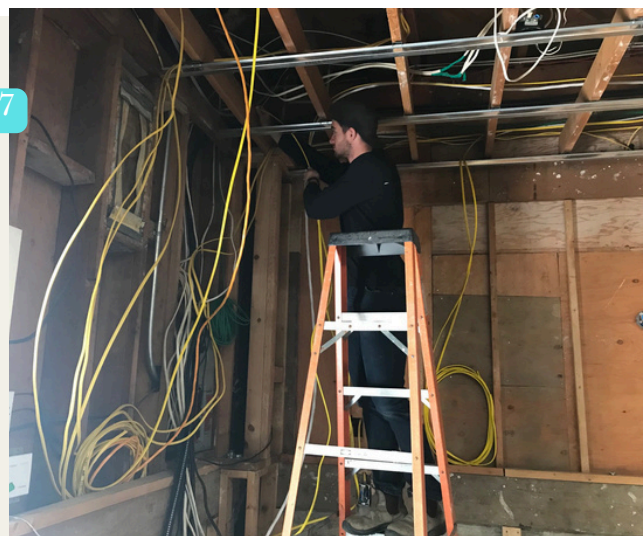
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### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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 **Choir** for sponsoring.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

**Alpha** Anthony Marroquin

**Altar Servers** Alex Lim

**ACRSS Rep.** Irenaeus Lim & Elga Gonzalez

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**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

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