



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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BULLETIN

Stewardship Reflection
Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Subsidiarity

This week, we'll continue our journey through the Four Pillars of Catholic Social Doctrine. The reason I want to continue this short series is that I believe an understanding of these truths of our faith will lead each of us to a better knowledge of why Catholics are called to behave in the world in a manner that is so different and at odds with the secular worldview. So, when you are confronted with the secular point of view, you will have a strong sense of the Catholic ethos and be able to stand for what is true. You will see that our Catholicity comes from a deep-seated understanding of human anthropology. It is not based on which way the wind blows.

There are profound reasons for the Church's opposition to certain practices that our modern society deems normal or even good. The governments say people have a "right" to abortion or that our medical system should promote and, with our tax dollars, use doctors and nurses to kill innocent human life through euthanasia.

If you read the reflections on Dignity and Solidarity, you might begin to see how those acts of taking innocent human life are always morally wrong.

Today, I introduce the idea of Subsidiarity.

As we have seen, Imago Dei is important in any understanding of Catholic Social Teaching because from the idea that we are made in the image of God, flows all the main themes on which the teaching is based. The *Dignity of the Human Person* is the first great theme. As Catholics, we recognize the dignity of all people because we see the reflection of God in every person and that becomes

the measure of how we treat them. It is no doubt why, after loving God, Jesus' greatest commandment is to "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12: 32)

Loving our neighbor is fundamental to building a just society and requires solidarity. Solidarity describes the essential social nature of the human person in which we are called to be supportive of the "other" or our neighbor whoever that may be.

The most complete and succinct definition of *subsidiarity* I have found is given by Pope John Paul II (who is paraphrasing Pius XI from Quadragesimo Anno). In subsidiarity:

"a community of a higher order should not interfere in the internal life of a community of a lower order, depriving the latter of its functions, but rather should support it in case of need and help to coordinate its activity with the activities of the rest of society, always with a view to the common good." (John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus, Encyclical Letter, 1991, 48.*)

In other words, smaller units, such as the family, must not be deprived of the possibility and the means for realizing that of which they are capable, like raising children. Larger units, such as the different levels of government, must restrict their activities to spheres which surpass the powers and abilities of the smaller units, such as providing schools, infrastructure, roads, commerce etc.

Beginning with the family then, subsidiarity offers a way for this kind of network of associations to most efficiently interact and support each other. It strengthens the social fabric and constitutes the basis of true community of persons. And that will lead us to next week's topic of the Common Good.

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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What is the mustard seed?

2024 Tax Receipts

Your 2024 tax receipts are ready! They are arranged alphabetically in a box near the front entrance. Take your own envelope only. Please do your best to keep the envelopes in alphabetical order so the next person can easily find their receipt. Thank you!

Momentum: Catholic Single Mothers

If you are a single mother, please come gather with us for faith sharing and fellowship. **Saturday February 8th, 2025 from 12:30–3:00 p.m.** at St. Clare of Assisi Parish, Coquitlam. Lunch and childcare will be provided. For more information and to register, go to beholdvancouver.org/events.

Project Advance Final Figures

We Did It!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Our parish goal for Project Advance 2024 was **\$70,000** and we got very close to reaching that goal. Together we raised **\$68,100!** Our parish participation rate was **over 33%**. Congratulations to us all!

The net money raised goes towards new windows in our church basement. We are getting closer to our dream becoming a reality. Thank you to all our donors!

February 2nd
(after 9:00 and 11:00 masses)

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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

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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.

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Funeral for

Rose-Anne L'Heureux

Rose-Anne L'Heureux was a long-time parishioner who passed away recently.

Her funeral will be on **Friday, February 7 at 11 am.**



BOTTLE DRIVE

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.

Please **LEAVE LABELS ON**, **RINSE RECYCLABLES** and **do not include garbage** in the bags.

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 and Jose (JoJo) Alonco.

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

1-Feb	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Edna Rivera
2-Feb	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
2-Feb	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Benjamin Ong
3-Feb	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Gerald Trisko
4-Feb	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Anne Dyczko
5-Feb	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Marilyn Sy
6-Feb	Thursday	8:30 AM	INT	Father Larry Lynn
7-Feb	Friday	8:30 AM	INT	Ralph & Marguerite Roberts
7-Feb	Friday	7:00 PM	INT	Father Lucien Larre
8-Feb	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Alberta B. Sanchez

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



Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day

Our parish Feast Day is coming soon! There will be two celebrations. Join us at one, or both, of the celebrations for Our Lady of Lourdes.

The first will take place on **Sunday, February 9 at 11 am** with a **procession** and reception following Mass.

On the actual date, **February 11, there will be a special evening Mass at 7 pm.** Come, let us celebrate together!

PARISH MINISTRIES

- Alpha** Anthony Marroquin
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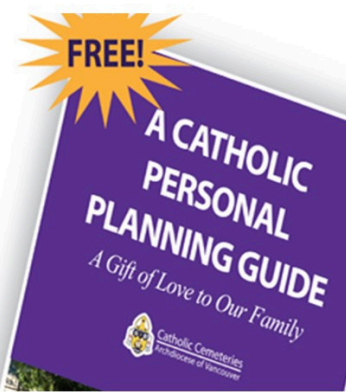
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