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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.

AUGUST 24, 2025

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

BULLETIN

I'm So Excited

Sometimes I get so excited when I think about the reality of who Jesus is. I mean, when you think about God, you know, the creator of this overwhelmingly vast universe – all that is, all that exists – and you realize he knows who you are and that he wills your good. I mean, it's mind boggling.

Okay, am I being a little over the top? How do I know it's true? Why am I so convinced that Jesus lives in us, and he loves us, and he wants us to be with him forever? My wife, who wasn't Catholic but was impressed with my faith, asked me a few weeks before she died, what it is that I really believe. "And don't go get your books, Give me the elevator pitch right here, right now."

"Well, okay," I said. So, I told her that God created everything that exists out of love, to share his love with us, and when humanity went astray, he sent his Son to become one of us and live among us to show us the way back to him.

She found that fascinating, but she said, "I just can't wrap my head around the idea that God would become one of us... but maybe I'll see that on the other side." Indeed, you will, I told her.

Each of us arrives at our faith in our own personal way, probably because God knows each one of us as individual persons on our own personal journey, following our own path. Me, I was brought up in an Irish Catholic family and in the 1950s, most everybody believed in God. My faith was in me and yet in my youth I struggled with it and strayed from it, but I never lost it. I never apostatized which means I never denounced or denied my faith, but I did get lost.

People tend to find God, not when everything is going perfectly, but when there is a crisis.

And so it was with me. I looked into the abyss, and I was broken.

*"In their distress, they cried to the Lord,
who saved them in their peril,
sent forth the Word to heal them,
snatched them from the grave."
Psalm 107*




How do I know it's true? Why am I so convinced that Jesus lives in us, and he loves us? Because I have experienced his love. That experience came to me because I was DOING! The Lord tells us that if we have faith the size of a mustard seed, we will be able to move mountains. That's because the smallest amount of faith will grow if we act on it, if we do something that is loving God and our neighbor. Faith is in the doing. These are not idle words – this is reality and the more we act in faith the more we find Christ's joy. That's why I'm so excited.


Peace,
Father Larry

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New Choir Members Welcome



Do you love to sing and can carry a tune? New choir members are welcome at any of our Masses. The ability to read music is an asset but not necessary. Practices are **Wednesday evenings**. We would love to have you join! For more information, please contact Agnes at 604-671-5365 or joagnes@shaw.ca.

Life Compass Society Annual Walk

The annual fundraising walk for Life Compass Society will be held on **Saturday, September 6**. Participants will meet at Lions Park, one block west of Shaughnessy St. and one block south of Lougheed Hwy. Registration opens at 9 am and the walk begins on PoCo Trail close to 10:30. This allows those attending a morning Mass to be part of the prize draws. There will be refreshments available and hotdogs and drinks for those who participate. PoCo Trail is a beautiful setting for a healthy 5km or 10km walk or run, or a 25km bike ride. Father Larry is participating in this pro-life walk. If you would like to sponsor him, there are sign up sheets at the church entrances.

RCIA

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or in learning about the Catholic faith? Our RCIA team explains the faith, answers the tough questions, and accompanies the inquirers on their journey. The meetings take place on **Thursday evenings**, starting in the fall. Let your family, friends and acquaintances know about this opportunity to learn and have their questions answered.

For more information, please contact the parish office.

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

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 6:00 pm.

Amen App

Amen is the free Catholic app that brings to your device beautiful prayers, faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture to draw your mind, body and soul to rest in God. We know God tirelessly calls each person to encounter Him through prayer. Yet, we also know that obstacles continually block the way—whether it is distraction, spiritual dryness, or dwindling motivation. That's why Amen was created. Through a variety of faithful prayers, trusted meditations, daily devotionals, and nourishing Scripture, Amen guides you to deepen your life of prayer and find rest in God. Check it out! It's free! Visit: <https://amenapp.org/>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)

Retreat Weekend

WWME Vancouver is pleased to offer an in-person retreat this **October 24-26, 2025** at the Carmel Hill Retreat Centre in Deroche, near Agassiz. If you desire to restore communication and rekindle romance in your marriage, this retreat is for you! Come learn how to become closer as a couple through a communication strategy that will deepen and strengthen your love, leading to a richer, more intimate and joyful life together! Let us help you live your best life in love. The retreat begins Friday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon with the celebration of Mass. The retreat includes accommodation and all meals. If you have any questions, please contact Vern and Carolyn Bauer at 604-619-8041 or wwmevancouverbc@gmail.com.

PREP Catechists Needed

Make a difference in the spiritual life of a child and join our dedicated, fun and amazing team! If you enjoy working with children, can dedicate a couple of hours per week and commit from **Sept-May on Wednesdays**, we would love to hear from you! No experience necessary; we will provide training. All catechists must complete our Safe Environment process which includes a Criminal Record Check.

For more information, please contact Marilyn at mvsarte@hotmail.com

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.



Bottle Drive

Please drop off your recyclables, in clear plastic bags, in the large wooden bin outside on the north side of the church.

Access is from the parking lot and down the stairs. We accept aluminum cans, plastic bottles, glass bottles, milk and juice containers. Thank you for your support for the Knights of Columbus who in turn support the parish.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

23-Aug	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Torres family
24-Aug	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
24-Aug	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Earncy & Zacharias Fernandez
25-Aug	Monday	8:30 AM	INT	Tommy Lynn
26-Aug	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Liliana Fuenzalida
27-Aug	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Walter Gutierrez
28-Aug	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Visintin family
29-Aug	Friday	8:30 AM	INT	Thanksgiving
30-Aug	Saturday	8:30 AM	INT	Maria Eliniza Santiago & family

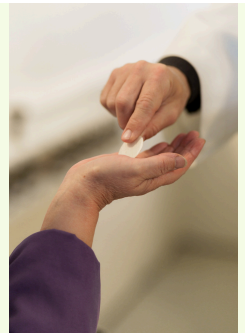
Grand Feast

Rooted in the mission of making disciples, the Grand Feast serves as a beacon of faith, hope, healing, unity and love. Join Archbishop Richard Smith at this wonderful, joyful event featuring uplifting music, heartfelt testimonies and prayer.

Saturday, August 30, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Bell Performing Arts Centre 6250 144 Street, Surrey. Tickets are \$30. For more information, visit grandfeastbc.com

Extraordinary Ministers Needed

If you are interested in serving the parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please leave your name and contact info with parish office for Father Larry to contact you.



UPPER ROOM Conference 2025

Come be inspired, equipped and sent out as a disciple to proclaim Jesus! The Upper Room Conference, hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver together with Life Restoration Ministries, is a response to Pope Leo XIV's invitation to continue being a missionary Church. Through inspiring talks, Spirit-led conversations, and parish-based follow-up gatherings, this two-part experience will help you clarify your personal call to evangelize and strengthen your impact in ministry. Join us on **Saturday, September 20 at Pacific Academy in Surrey** and again for local gatherings on **Saturday, September 27** as we grow together in faith and mission. For more information and to register go to upperroomvancouver.com.

Anniversary Celebration of the Shrine of Santo Niño

The Anniversary Celebration will include daily rosary, novena and Masses at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Agassiz. The multi-day celebration has started already but you are welcome to join in the Rosary, Novena, and Mass until **Friday, 22 at 5:15 pm**. On **Saturday, August 23 at 4 pm** there will be a dedication Anniversary Mass with Archbishop Midyphil Bermejo Billones, Archbishop of Jaro, Ilo-Ilo, Philippines. Learn more at 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 **Choir** for sponsoring.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Alpha Anthony Marroquin
Altar Servers Marilyn Sarte
ACRSS Rep. Sam Delli Santi & 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
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