



Advent

Advent – the coming. More than 2,000 years ago, it was announced that he was coming. In fact, he's the only person ever born whose birth was announced well beforehand. There were wise men in the east who struggled to make sense of the cosmic phenomena they were recording, phenomena that coincided with predictions and prophecies that announced his birth. These men made a long, treacherous journey to make his acquaintance. And these men, the Magi, weren't even of the Jewish faith.

Throughout the Jewish scriptures, the Messiah was announced many times. He would come from the line of David, 'the stump of Jesse'. Jesse was King David's father. We say Jesus came from the 'stump of Jesse' because David's line, the generations of kings that descended from David led the Jewish people a long way off the track, until the line of kings, the family tree, if you will, was reduced to a stump. Yet from that stump was born the King of Kings.

First Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33.14–16

2nd Reading: 1 Thess. 3.12–4.2

Gospel: Luke 21.25–28, 34–36

Advent – we sing:

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here,
until the Son of God appear.*

*Rejoice, rejoice! O Israel, to thee shall come
Emmanuel*

Israel was in a particularly low period at the time of his birth, I guess you could say. They were a conquered people living under the occupation of the Romans and had a puppet king, a nasty, paranoid king at that. The Romans did allow the Jewish people to keep their beautiful Temple and to practice their faith as long as it didn't conflict with the Roman occupation. This was the atmosphere that he was born into.

Who? Him – Emmanuel – God with us.

The Word was made flesh and pitched his tent among us.



This is what everyone was waiting for 2,000 years ago and that is what Advent means to us – he is coming. We use this time, this part of the liturgical year that we call Advent to prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. We're preparing ourselves spiritually to embrace the true meaning of God becoming one of us, a human being and yet he still remains God. It's a very big deal.

Peace,
Father Larry

DECEMBER 1, 2024

BULLETIN



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PROFILE PHOTO THIS WEEK

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Fernando 'Doods' Dupa

Thanks for sending us the photo!

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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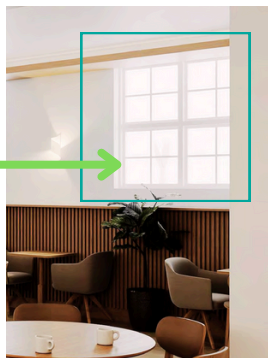
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PROJECT ADVANCE Building our Parish Community 2024

It is December! This is the last month you can contribute to Project Advance and receive a tax receipt for 2024. Can we reach our goal of **\$70,000** this year? So far, we have reached **26.6%** participation and **\$52,530** in donations. Thank you so much! All Project Advance proceeds go toward new windows in the church basement. You can donate online through our website at ourladyoflourdescoquitlam.ca/donate, drop your well-marked envelope in the collection basket or at the parish office, or call the archdiocese at 604-683-0281.

**Proposed
Restored
Window**

Rendition from
inside



Congratulations Father Larry!

Congratulations Father Larry for your 9th priestly ordination anniversary on December 3. May the Lord bless you and keep you!



"You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek"

Hebrew 7:17

Christmas in the Square

You are warmly invited to a community gathering **this afternoon** to reflect on the miracle of the First Christmas. There will be live music, cookies and hot chocolate, crafts, 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!

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

There will be a special Mass and celebration here on the vigil of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Everyone is invited to come on **December 11 at 7 pm** to honour Our Lady with a Spanish/English Mass and procession. A reception will follow with food and music. There will be a presentation on Our Lady of Guadalupe highlighting special features and graces about her that are not widely known. All are welcome!



Les Échos du Pacifique Choral Concert

Les Échos du Pacifique invites you to their annual Christmas celebration on **Saturday, December 14 at 7 pm**. Under the direction of Marla Mayson, the choir presents a diverse selection of pieces that we hope surround you with feelings of mystery, peace and love, warm memories of traditional celebrations, the magic of winter's arrival, and the hope and inspiration of a new year. As always, there will be a selection of audience songs that we can all sing together! Hope to see you there!

The Jesse Tree

Our Jesse Tree, located in front of Father's podium, is an old Advent tradition uniting the concept of the modern Christmas tree with the biblical story of salvation history. Our PREP children are using the tags on the tree to go through the events leading up to the birth of Jesus.

2025 Offering Envelopes

The Offering Envelopes for 2025 are ready for pick up near the church entrance. Please take your box home today but do not use the envelopes until 2025. If you would like envelopes and don't see a box with your name of it, 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
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.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Pro-Life Mass & Vigil

We warmly invite you to a profound spiritual event at:



St. Luke's Parish
20285 Dewdney Trunk Rd.,
Maple Ridge



**Saturday, Dec 7, 2024
at 9:00 AM.**

Celebrant: **Father Larry Lynn**,
Pro-Life Chaplain of the
Archdiocese of Vancouver.

See you there!

30-Nov	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	All Souls in Purgatory
1-Dec	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
1-Dec	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Bepi Gulicmini
2-Dec	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Solidum family
3-Dec	Tuesday	8:30 AM	INT	Father Larry Lynn
4-Dec	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Libby D'Souza
5-Dec	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	David Lee
6-Dec	Friday	8:30 AM	INT	Jan Cymbala
6-Dec	Friday	7:00 PM	✝	All Souls in Purgatory
7-Dec	Saturday	8:30 AM		No Mass

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

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025

The Holy Father has declared that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is **"Pilgrims of Hope"**, and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. The new liturgical year begins on December 1. The Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica will open for this Jubilee on **December 24, 2024 and close on January 6, 2026.**

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.

Advent Penitential Service

All Catholics are welcome and encouraged to come to one of the Advent Penitential Services in our Deanery. Several priests will be available to hear your Confession as you prepare your mind, heart and spirit for the coming of the Christ child. **The Penitential Service at Our Lady of Lourdes will take place on December 12 at 7 pm.** A listing of Services at nearby parishes will be available next week.

Blessing of New Church Doors

Rejoice! Our new church doors are installed! And they are gorgeous! The doors will be specially blessed **before the 9 am Mass on Sunday, December 1**. Doors always have had a special meaning for the Catholic Church, marking the divide between the sacred and the world. We remember that Jesus also spoke of himself as the door (John 10:7). It is here, through these special doors, that we meet Christ, that we come to know the love of our Saviour, and are fed the Bread of Life. We are blessed, all who enter.



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, Teresita Cunningham, Raymond Albert, Fernand Finnigan and Ozina Finnigan.

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.

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
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