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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.

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

BULLETIN

Stewardship Reflection Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

How to Be Happy in This Life and the Next

Jesus wants us to be happy. So, he gave us this little handbook on how to be happy. Isn't that great? It's called "The Beatitudes" or "How to Be Happy in This Life and the Next".

"Blessed are you who are poor." Holy cow! Are we to seek to become economically impoverished? That's gonna make me happy? Bishop Robert Barron proposes the following take on this teaching: Jesus is saying, "How lucky are you if you are not addicted to material things." Of course, this reading would be roundly mocked in secular circles because the secular world is all about gain and accumulating things, building wealth, taking care of oneself. Nothing wrong with any of those things, in and of themselves. It's just that each one of those attitudes possesses the inherent danger of becoming the focus of our lives and the more influence they have on us, the less we are in solidarity with our neighbor and the less we contribute to the common good. Please hear me well, this is not a black and white situation.

The question is, what is our deepest desire? Ultimately, it is the desire for God. Sometimes we don't realize that, and the God-sized hole we are trying to fill goes on craving other things. K.D. Lang had a huge hit song a few years ago called Constant Craving which is about desire and longing. We are constantly trying to fill the hole, maybe with a toxic relationship, maybe with drugs or alcohol, maybe with power, work, pleasure or even honor. But all those things are only substitutes for what we are really looking for: God.

Obviously, we need certain things that are essential to life and essential to human dignity: water, food, shelter,

companionship. Yet Jesus challenges us with, "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled." You will be filled later; filled with food, filled with arace.

Allowing ourselves to be hungry now as an offering for our sins or the sins of others will produce blessings, we could even say happiness.

Did he say, "Blessed are you who weep now"? Another translation, "Happy are you who weep now". Sounds like a contradiction: happy to weep. Or Bishop Barron might say, "How lucky you are if you are not addicted to good feelings."

We will always have highs and lows in life. We have success sometimes, other times failure. Sometimes we feel loved; other times we don't. Sometimes we cry. That's okay because "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh." For you will laugh.

It is usually the depth of our emotions (our passions) that lead us astray. The antidote is detachment. "How lucky are you if you are not addicted to material things." Detach from our desires except the desire to do God's will.

Given all that Jesus tells us, we should probably never get too comfortable in this world. There is too much suffering that we just can't ignore. Our life is not about us. It is about how we, in solidarity with others, tend to their suffering. Is that not Jesus' way?

The Beatitudes give us a profile of the life of Christ. Was he not poor? Was he not hungry at times? Did he not mourn? Was he not reviled? He is on the cross and so we all must go through the cross, for that is the way to the Kingdom of God.

Peace, Father Larry

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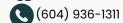
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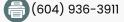


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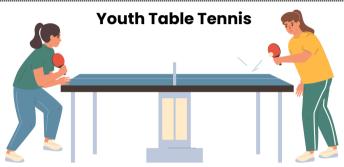












All youth are invited to play table tennis on Friday evenings. Our table tennis program runs every Friday, starting at 6:30 pm in the Upper Hall. No worries if you don't know how to play yet. Come and join the fun!

Our Lady of Fatima Employment

Our Lady of Fatima parish is looking for a full-time custodian/caretaker and a part-time bookkeeper. For more information contact parish.olfc@rcav.org or 604-936-2525 ext. 101.

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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.

By appointment only.

MARRIAGE

All couples planning to be married in this Parish should contact the pastor at least 6 months in advance. Nonparishioners 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.

A CALL for last year's palms

Please bring last year's palms to the church during the next 2 weekends (Feb 22/23, Mar 1/2). They will be burned and the ashes used for Ash Wednesday.

2024 Tax Receipts

Your 2024 tax receipts are ready. They are arranged alphabetically in a box at the back of the church. Please, as much as possible, keep the envelopes in alphabetical order so the next person can easily find their envelope. Any tax receipts not picked up this weekend will be mailed on Monday.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

	15-Feb	Saturday	5:00 PM	+	All Souls in Purgatory
	16-Feb	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
	16-Feb	Sunday	11:00 AM	INT	Cara Aisling Lynn Shields
	17-Feb	Monday	8:30 AM	+	Moon Goo Lee Francisco
	18-Feb	Tuesday	8:30 AM	INT	Frieda Magri
	19-Feb	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	Gilberte Knapp
	20-Feb	Thursday	8:30 AM	INT	Francisco Serra Sitja
	21-Feb	Friday	8:30 AM	+	All Souls in Purgatory
	22-Feb	Saturday	8:30 AM	+	Georges Buldoc

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



BOTTLE DRIVE

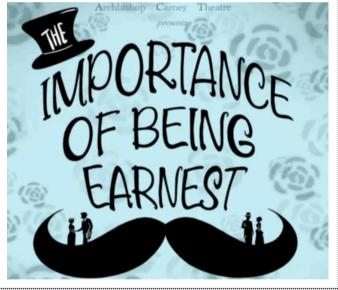
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Archbishop Carney Secondary School Theatre



Archbishop Carney Theatre proudly presents The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde. It is a humorous farce about two young gentlemen living in 1890's England who are seeking the attention of the same woman. The show runs March 6-8 at 7 pm at the Terry Fox Theatre. Tickets are \$18 available are acrss.org or by scanning the QR code.



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 **Couples for Christ** for sponsoring.

PARISH MINISTRIES

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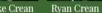
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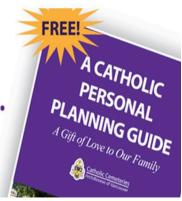
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