



OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
COQUITLAM

DECEMBER 7, 2025  
The Second Week of Advent

# BULLETIN

## Advent II

*"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."*

Matthew 3: 3



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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.

How are you preparing the way of the Lord this Advent Season? We're here to help you with some marvelous activities as Our Lady of Lourdes is preparing for the coming of the Christ Child. Oh, my goodness, there's so much to do, so much going on, so much activity to prepare for the celebration of his first coming.

Our Lady of Lourdes is a small parish, but we have a dynamic group of people who want to help us to prepare our hearts for the arrival of the Child Jesus.

We start everything off on Saturday evening, December 6. When we are hosting **Les Echos du Pacifique**, the talented choral group that began at Our Lady of Lourdes over 50 years ago. The concert is called **Noel Chez Nous**, where their lovely repertoire will be in full voice with songs in French, English, Spanish and Latin.

On December 7, we are celebrating **"Christmas in the Square"**, a celebration of Advent in which we invite all parishioners, our neighbors and their children to join in music, crafts and a **visit from St. Nicholas himself with a small gift for each child**. The afternoon culminates in the procession to the front of the church, and at just the right moment, all the **church Christmas lights are illuminated** and then we finish with a few Christmas hymns in the church.

St. Nicholas, the great Saint and bishop from Myra in Lycia (present day Turkey), lived in the fourth century. The bishop loved his people very much and was sensitive to their needs. He started the tradition of secretly leaving gifts for his parishioners in their homes during the night. He's the model on which present day Santa Claus is founded.

Then on Friday evening, December 12, we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose appearance to a poor, peasant man, Juan Diego, in 1531, led to the conversion of practically the entire population of Mexico to the Catholic faith. We celebrate this great feast with our Spanish speaking parishioners and folks from around the Lower Mainland. The Mass is partly in Spanish and partly in English followed by a fiesta in Upper Saint Anne's hall. Should be great fun.

An important way to prepare the way of the Lord in our souls is by going to Confession. We are so blessed to be able to be healed in the confessional. The Advent penitential rites are starting here at Our Lady of Lourdes on December 11 at 7:00 PM and, in the days leading up to Christmas, these services will be in all the parishes of the Tri-cities area. You can see the times on the poster inserted in the bulletin.


In the Philippines, they have a beautiful and very devout preparation called Simbang Gabi. This consists of a novena of Masses that lead right up to Christmas Eve. We offer a similar celebration here. It consists of nine Masses starting on December 15 - at All Saints Parish for five of the Masses and then it shifts to Our Lady of Lourdes for the remaining four Masses, beginning here on December 20 with our 5:00PM Mass. All the other Masses of the Novena are at 7:00 PM and are followed by a modest meal and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to participate in the celebration.

So, a lot to prepare, a lot of activity. Yet ultimately these events are all meant to bring your heart closer to Jesus. Have a lovely Advent!


Peace, *Father Larry*

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### Project Advance 2025

We have only a few short weeks left to donate to Project Advance 2025! Thank you to those who have donated so far. All proceeds go toward fixtures, furniture and equipment for our renovated basement. In order to receive a tax receipt for 2025, please make your donations before **December 22** at the parish or by **December 31** online. To donate, go online to our website, [olol.ca](http://olol.ca) or drop your envelope (well-marked as Project Advance) in the collection basket. Thank you for your support!

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**\$42,463**



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**Parish Participation**  
**21.5%**

**Parish:**  
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Coquitlam

**Report Date:**  
**December 5, 2025**

**Archdiocese Allotment**  
**\$10,700**

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PROJECT  
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### Christmas in the Square



You are warmly invited to our second Christmas in the Square gathering to celebrate the miracle of the First Christmas. There will be live music, refreshments, a visit from St. Nicholas, lighting of the church and sing-along Christmas carols. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the local food bank. **Sunday, December 7 from 2:30 to 5:00 pm.** See you there!

#### 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.

### Archbishop's Mass for Life

The Archbishop's Annual Mass for Life is a once-a-year pro-life event for all Catholics to pray for respect for human life. The Mass will be celebrated by **Archbishop Richard Smith** and concelebrated by our pastor and the pro-life chaplain for the archdiocese, **Father Larry Lynn**. Mass will be followed by a light reception in the hall with live music. Holy Rosary Cathedral on **Saturday, December 13 at 11:30 am.** Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

### Simbang Gabi

All are invited to celebrate Simbang Gabi in preparation for Christmas. Simbang Gabi is a novena of Masses and will be celebrated both here and at All Saints Parish from December 15 to 23.



All Masses are at 7 pm **except** Saturday, Dec 20 which is at 5 pm. The nine Masses will be followed by nightly receptions. **December 15 – 19 at All Saints Parish, December 20 – 23 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.** Everyone is welcome!

### Sacred Arts Guild

The Epiphany Sacred Arts Guild (ESAG), an association of Catholic artists, will be here on **December 6 and 7**. Their mission is to create, teach, and promote Catholic sacred art in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. They will bring items of sacred and religious art for sale and look forward to meeting and talking with you about their work. (cash, e-transfers and cheques accepted).

#### 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 your recyclables in clear plastic bags in the Knights of Columbus bin outside and down the stairs from the parking lot. **Please rinse them out well!** Dirty bottles are not accepted. Kindly leave the labels on.

### Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration



There will be a special Mass and celebration here on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12. Everyone is invited to come and honour Our Lady with a Spanish/English Mass, including a procession. A reception will follow with food and music. All are welcome! **Friday, December 12 at 7:00 pm**

### Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

La parroquia Nuestra Señora de Lourdes celebrará la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el **12 de diciembre** con una misa especial en inglés y español a las **7 p.m.**, seguida de una procesión. Todos están invitados a honrar a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Después habrá una recepción con comida y música. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

### THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

6-Dec	Saturday	5:00 PM	INT	Thanksgiving for graces received
7-Dec	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
7-Dec	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Clayton Arthur Weeks
8-Dec	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Clayton Arthur Weeks
9-Dec	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Wilfredo Pilorin
10-Dec	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Augusto Carmona Mota
11-Dec	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Livio Penco & family
12-Dec	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	Yamuta – Escudero family
12-Dec	Friday	7:00 PM	INT	Father Larry Lynn
13-Dec	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Matienzo – Costrio family



**Apple and crew preparing beautiful wreaths for Advent.**

### Offering Envelopes for 2026

The 2026 Offering Envelopes are available near the front entrance. Please find the box with your name and take it home; they are arranged alphabetically. **Please do not use them until January.** Thank you so much to everyone who financially supports the parish through the year! We are both appreciative of and dependent on your support! If you would like a box of envelopes but do not see one there for you, please contact the parish office.

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are ill, especially:

**Kathleen Lauzon, Gilberte Collette, Father Lucien Larré, Fernand Finnigan, Ozina Finnigan, Father Alan Boisclair, Jose (JoJo) Alonco, Ralph & Marguerite Roberts and Sister Claire Marie.**

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  
**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  
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