



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

COQUITLAM

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BULLETIN

Stewardship Reflection

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Solidarity

In last week's reflection, I wrote about Dignity, one of the first of the four pillars of Catholic Social Teaching, the other three being Solidarity, Subsidiarity and the Common Good.

In dignity, all people are equal, no matter what attributes, abilities, assets or skills they may have, or circumstances they may be in, we are all called to respect the dignity of the other. This brings us to **solidarity**.

In his book, *Citizens Yet Strangers*, Kenneth Craycraft, takes us on a journey to the foundational roots of the virtue of solidarity. And that lands us squarely in Genesis 1:27, *"God created man in his image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."*

Here we find the first human community and we are confronted by the fact that *"the human person shares in the essential social nature of the Triune God: the eternal fellowship of love among Father, Son and Holy Spirit."*

CYS, Craycraft, p 78.

This means that **we humans share certain essential attributes with God, including his social nature. The Triune God is a community!** It would be unimaginable for us to think that the Persons of the Trinity could be in tension with one another or in disagreement with one of the other Persons. It is impossible.

Solidarity is an intrinsic quality of the Triune God. Made in his image, the human person participates in that solidarity. **It is in fact, our model for solidarity.**

Another aspect of this solidarity shows up in chapter 2 of Genesis. We find that man is not meant to be alone, and the

man receives a partner who *"...is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh."* This tells us that one is not complete without the other and the other is only known in reference to the one. Professor Craycraft says, *"...the humans are both dependent upon and known in relation to one another...This description of the essential social nature of the human person is the basis for the Church's understanding of solidarity."*

As social beings, we are called to recognize each other's intrinsic worth and know that we are interdependent, that is, we are dependent on each other.

Of course, this all falls apart in Chapter 3 of Genesis: The Fall. *"There we find a rupture of the solidarity for which we are all created. The alienation of the man and the woman is not their natural state but their fallen state."*

Ibid, p.80

This is precisely the reason the Word was made flesh. **Christ came to help us to work toward the restoration of the solidarity of human beings.**

St. John-Paul II, who knew a thing or two about Solidarity (the Solidarnosc Trade Union in Poland that brought down communism) writes in his encyclical *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, solidarity is *"not a feeling of vague compassion...it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good (fourth pillar); that is to say the good of all...because*

WE ARE ALL REALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL."

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?

Seminary Christ the King Vocation Live-In

Are you Interested in the priesthood or the life of a religious brother, and want to see for yourself what seminary life is like? Come and see! The next Live In is at Westminster Abbey in Mission is on the weekend of **February 8-9**. For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board in the church vestibule and then call 604-826-8975 or email rector.minors@sck.ca

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.

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.

Birthday Thanks

Last Sunday evening I was completely shocked and overwhelmed by a surprise Birthday Party. Surprised? Beyond words. As it all dawned on me what was happening, I felt completely humbled and loved. I am very grateful for your love for me and your love for Jesus. He is all that matters, after all. Thank you to all of my parishioners, thank you to anyone who was there, thank you if you had anything to do with making it happen and keeping it secret, and thank you for the memory of a lifetime. God bless you all.

Father Larry

Get your candles ready!

Candlemas, **February 2**, and the ancient tradition of blessing the candles, will take place next weekend. Candlemas marks the Presentation of the Infant Jesus (the light of the world) in the temple. All families are invited to bring candles for a special blessing during Mass.

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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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.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

25-Jan	Saturday	5:00 PM	INT	Gilberte Knapp
26-Jan	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
26-Jan	Sunday	11:00 AM	INT	Gilberte Knapp
27-Jan	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Elizabeth Jersic
28-Jan	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	All Souls in Purgatory
29-Jan	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	JoJo Alonco
30-Jan	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Marie de Castro
31-Jan	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	John Dyczko
1-Feb	Saturday	8:30 AM		No Mass

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

Pro-Life Mass & Vigil

Join us for a monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life, from conception to its natural end. It takes place on the first Saturday of each month at **9 am** (unless otherwise stated) with our pastor, **Father Larry**, as the archdiocesan chaplain. Mass is followed by the Rosary and other prayers either at a church with Adoration or at a local hospital. The next Mass and Vigil is on **Saturday, February 1 at St. Stephen Parish, North Vancouver**. All are welcome!

2025 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your 2025 Offering Envelopes today if you have not done so already. All remaining envelopes will be moved to the parish office this week and may be collected from there during office hours.

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New Parish Office Email

Local Pilgrimage Sites - Obtain the Jubilee 2025 Indulgence

The Archbishop's decree designates three sacred locations in the Archdiocese where pilgrims may obtain the Jubilee Indulgence:

- **Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver**
- **St. Jude's Parish and Shrine in Vancouver**
- **St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Agassiz**

The faithful can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence by visiting one of the designated sites and devoutly participating in Holy Mass or other sacred acts.

You must also go to Confession, receive Holy Communion at any church and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father within a few days of visiting the pilgrimage site.

Save the Date

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!



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 **Choir** for sponsoring.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Alpha Anthony Marroquin

Altar Servers Alex Lim

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CWL Josephine (Dollie) Basa

Choir Roger De Villa & Agnes Wan

Couples for Christ Jet & Jane Sarmiento

K of C Anthony Marroquin

Lector Thelma Papas

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