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BULLETIN

Stewardship Reflection -

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Summertime and the Livin Is Easy



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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.

Do you feel it? Everything has taken on a new rhythm in the last couple of weeks, since the sun has decided to show his face. It's beginning to feel a lot like... summer. I must say, at this time, my duties seem to lessen, there seems to be a little more room on my calendar and more time for conversations with our parishioners. But looking at the next few days on my calendar put the lie to that statement. Busy as ever. Gotta prepare for Family Fun Day!

It's coming up very soon and a lot of work has been going into making it a special day for all of us. It begins after the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, July 13. There will be free burgers and dogs and lots of other ethnic food available for a small price. Games for the children and adults too.



The Band is back, playing old favorites, a fiddle player to entertain between sets. Last year's FFD was a smash hit.

Oh, and don't forget to get some of the raffle tickets because there are quite a few interesting prizes. (all proceeds go to finishing the basement)

A couple of days after that, on July 15, I will be heading east for three weeks to visit my children and grandchildren in Montreal and spend time with them and my brothers and sisters in Philadelphia. I'll be practicing the virtue of eutrapelia and sharing in the sheer delight of being with my family.

And so, as tradition will have it, it's about this time that we will enter into our, what I call our parish **eutrapelia** time of year. I like to promote the fact that we actually have a virtue that is honoring the valuable role of play in our lives.

For example, it's a good time to make our parish liturgy a little more basic, no-frills liturgy for a couple of weeks and allow the dedicated volunteers to take a break: no PREP, no RCIA, no lay formation programs. The choirs could have a rest for a few weeks; we can even do without the bulletin and the coffee and donuts after Mass for a few weeks. Because, after all, these things require a lot of hard work and sacrifice. It is very good that we have the volunteers to do this work, but there comes a time when we must encourage each other to rest, rejuvenate and come back with fresh new ideas.

What's that, you say? Eutrapelia? What in heaven's name is eutrapelia? Well, it's a virtue. I would call it a welcome virtue that we should learn to practice. St. Thomas Aquinas, no less, taking up from Aristotle, describes it as "mental relaxation and honorable fun." I found another definition that is a little more colorful: "Eutrapelia is **the virtue that enables us to give ourselves fully to the very serious business of enjoying the delights of friendship and love, family and friends, books and games, wine and Guinness.**"



We need to embrace the rhythms of the seasons, in other words, slow down in the heat of the summer, practice the virtue of eutrapelia: spend more time with those you love, read books, play music, play board games, have a glass of wine and give all glory, praise and thanksgiving to God.

Have a Happy and Virtuous Summer!

Peace, *Father Larry*

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Family FUN DAY

Sunday, July 13

Only a couple more weeks until our Family Fun Day! Come, enjoy the good food, fun games and entertaining music. Bring your family, friends and neighbours for an enjoyable day! Raffle tickets, with excellent prizes, are still available to purchase at \$10 each with the draw taking place during the Family Fun Day celebration. Food contributions of ethnic foods, baked goods, either homemade or bought, are welcome. Please let us know you are bringing food by signing up in the church or by emailing the parish at office@olol.ca. See you there on **Sunday, July 13 from 12 noon to 4 pm!**

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. For more information, please contact the parish office.

Eutrapelia



The time of eutrapelia, the virtue that Father Larry introduced us to a few years ago, will soon be upon us. Parish ministries will be taking a break to enjoy the virtue of playfulness and rest from **July 21 to August 8**.

Our Lady of Fatima Statue

We have the honour of hosting a special statue of Our Lady of Fatima. This particular statue was blessed by the Bishop of Fatima on October 13, 1947 and has travelled the world ever since, bringing Our Lady's presence and her graces.

She has visited more than 100 countries, including in Russia and China, with the great message of salvation, hope and peace.

The church will be open on **Monday, July 7 from 7:30 am to 7:30 pm (Mass is still at 8:30 am)** to allow for this unique time of prayer. Plan to attend!



Sentinel



Sentinel, formerly known as Charm, is a local charity aimed at educating our youth and their families about the unintended consequences of substance use.

Research confirms that participation in effective prevention programs can cut drug use in half.

If you would like to support the efforts of Sentinel, you are welcome to drop a donation in the box at the front right of the church, under the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Or online: <https://charmrecovery.org/>

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 6:00pm.

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 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. 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

5-Jul	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Ramon & Angelina Lavilla
6-Jul	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
6-Jul	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Maria Concepcion dela Cruz
7-Jul	Monday	8:30 AM	INT	All affected by Lapu Lapu tragedy
8-Jul	Tuesday	8:30 AM	INT	Kai-ji Adam Lo
9-Jul	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Katie Lowe
10-Jul	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Tess Nacu
11-Jul	Friday	8:30 AM	INT	Anne McNamara
12-Jul	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Victoria Wickey

Fraser Valley Camino

The third annual walking Camino begins at St. Anthony's in Agassiz. The pilgrimage will continue through St. Mary's in Chilliwack, Yarrow, Sumas, and ends at St. James, Abbotsford. It spans approximately 83 km from **July 22 to July 25**. Options available to walk shorter distances. For more information call St. James Parish office at 604-864-8800 or stjamesabbotsford@gmail.com. Learn more and **register by July 14** at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Mid-way Construction Update

We are approximately half way through our basement renovation project. The framing is complete, wiring is installed, the plumbing is in, the insulation and soundproofing in the ceiling are done. City inspectors have come and gone and the work continues. Praise be to God! We are on time and on budget. The construction phase of the basement renovation is expected to be complete in mid-to-late September.

Vancouver Life Soldiers: Friday Night Rosary

Did you know there is a group praying the Rosary every Friday night for unborn babies that are in danger of being aborted? You are welcome to join in this rosary session **every Friday at 8:00 pm via zoom**. For more information, contact Heather Thompson at (778) 837-0272 or vancouverlifesoldiers@gmail.com

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 **Knights of Columbus** for sponsoring.

CONSTRUCTION CORNER



Week 13

More photos visit:

LOL.ca/construction-corner

PARISH MINISTRIES

Alpha Anthony Marroquin
Altar Servers Alex Lim
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
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