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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.

It's My Birthday!

So what, you say? Well, I'll tell you what. It means I'm 77 years old going into my 78th year on this earth. And I discovered after many years of not understanding how this whole thing works, that there exists a God who loves me, cares for me and wants me to succeed and be happy. It took me a while to figure it out. I don't know about you, but when you're lost, and suffering through your own sinful nature, you are not ever *really happy*. We can be involved in lifestyles that are "foolish, vain and even evil. I say vain because they yield neither profit, honor, nor contentment," St. Francis De Sales tells us. In other words, we lose ourselves, our time, our joy, in pursuit of something that **will** never, **can** never, satisfy us.

Anyway, I know that story and I've been blessed to see the light, as they say. I see a colossal waste of our lives when we are lost in the illusions that surround us in this world. The tempter is everywhere.

That is why the Word became flesh and dwells among us, pitched his tent with us, as they said back in Jesus' time. He gave us his Word, his sacraments, his Church... his life, that we may come out of the darkness, out of the obscurity of self-serving lives, into the light of his love.

I believe that if Catholics were better catechized, we would more readily avoid the pitfalls of life in the material world. I guess I'm thinking here of people who have left the Church of their parents and now have children of their own. They go to university and hear from the smart professors who have thrown off the shackles of organized religion and especially the DOGMAS of the Catholic Church. They speak of how Christianity is a kind of fairytale, a harmful one at that, because it's misogynistic and retrograde. Of course, whatever these folks think Christianity is, it's not. And, because we're not well

versed in the truths of our faith, us Catholics in the pews don't have any way to rebut their accusations and we remain silent. This of course, reenforces them in their erroneous ideas.

They don't know that **Dogma is the guardian of Mystery**. Dogmas are lamps that light our path as we travel in the Mystery. Our doctrines are spiritually significant in ways we cannot fathom. When we speak of **Christ as being really, truly, and substantially present under the forms of bread and wine**, and that the **Assumption of Mary** means that after her physical death, her body was not allowed to remain on earth and corrupt, but was assumed, like Christ's body after the resurrection, we are speaking of the supernatural.

We cannot understand these things with a worldly mindset. They cannot be measured with a slide rule. We don't know how these things are brought about; they are not a matter of science.

But we know about these things and have insights into them because **the Church has "prophetic vision"**, that is, it's not a matter of seeing clearly, but of seeing what is distant, hidden. The Church stands for and preserves always what is larger than human understanding.

I am eternally grateful that the Lord was able to break through all my pretense and self-absorption and pluck me out of the "mirey clay" and carry me in the safety of his bosom. I am grateful for the many years, 77 so far, and all the abundance he has bestowed on me. May God bless you abundantly!

Peace, Father Larry



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CHURCH BASEMENT RENO FINISHING AND OPENING MANAGEMENT



KITCHEN

Crew to determine:

How to Arrange Kitchen

- Design Pantry
- Decide what utensils etc. are needed
- Help to move in

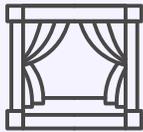


LIBRARY



HISTORICAL CENTRE

- Design – These go together
- Books – sorting crew
- Historical Artifact sorting
- Digital History – photos
- Café furniture



STAGE

Musical events

- Weddings
- Parties
- Musical Acts (Jazz, Folk, Classical, Recitals)
- Bookings



COFFEE BAR

Crew to determine:

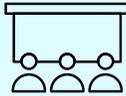
How to run a CAFÉ

- Hours
- Hire Personnel
- How to stock
- What food?

ACTIVITIES



- Faith Programs



- Conferences
- Large Meetings



- Movie Night



- Soup & Bun Lunches

Special Prayer Intention for Catholic Health Care

A court case began this week involving St. Paul's Hospital. The case pertains to whether faith-based health care facilities are permitted to operate in accordance with their values by not providing Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD). It will challenge Catholic healthcare and its place within Canada's publicly funded healthcare system.

Lord Jesus, Divine Healer, you sought out the sick, the marginalized, and those cast aside. We pray for all who receive care at St. Paul's Hospital, for their families and loved ones, and for all healthcare workers who serve with compassion. We entrust this court case to your care. Grant wisdom to those who must decide it, that justice may prevail and that Catholic healthcare may continue its mission without compromise. Help us to protect those who are most vulnerable and to build a society where every human life is sacred.

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.

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.

Are you called to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life?

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'"

Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. Learn more and contact the Archdiocese of Vancouver Vocations Office at vocationsvancouver.ca.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

17-Jan	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	All Souls in Purgatory
18-Jan	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
18-Jan	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Miguel Soto
19-Jan	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Rodjito & Wihardja families
20-Jan	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Jansen Sarte
21-Jan	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	Rukshila Levelton
22-Jan	Thursday	8:30 AM	INT	Carmen Marroquin
23-Jan	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	Wes White
24-Jan	Saturday	8:30 AM	INT	Gilberte Knapp

Youth Night

All Youth are welcome to come to our Upper Hall on Friday evenings for a night of ping pong and board games. Bring a friend! **Fridays at 6 pm.**

Mourning Your Grief - Suicide and Euthanasia (MAiD) Support Group

This support group is for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one through suicide or euthanasia. The group is limited to five people, and sessions will run on Wednesdays for eight consecutive weeks, beginning **Wednesday, February 4, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Parish, Langley.** Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The worldwide celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is both the seed and the fruit of this striving for 'unity in diversity'. This time of shared prayer, reflection, and fellowship invites Christians of different traditions to deepen our relationships and to live and witness together throughout the year. **Sunday, January 18 through Sunday, January 25.** Events and locations vary. Learn more at rcav.org/wpcu.

Father Larry Away

Father Larry will not be available, starting the weekend of January 24, while he recovers from surgery. Other priests will be here to celebrate Masses and look after any pastoral needs during his recovery. Please keep Father Larry in your prayers.

Moved Recently?

Do we have your correct address? If you have moved anytime in the past year and have not notified the office of your new address, please do so soon. We will be issuing the 2025 tax receipts soon and want to ensure our records are up to date. Please email the office at office@olol.ca

Parish Renewal Tuesday Rosary

Everyone is invited to join in praying the Rosary for our parish, including its outreach to the community. The missional prayer Rosary will take place on **Tuesday morning 9:00 AM (after Mass) and at 5:00 PM.** We seek the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our parish for the spiritual well-being and growth of our parishioners and a God-led awakening and welcome to our surrounding community. Please pray with us.

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, Anna, Sister Claire Marie and Robert Magri.

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

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 Dinah Lescano
Prayer Group Alex & Nancy Lim
PREP Marilyn Sarte
Pro-Life Ting and Nercy Barona
Project Advance Kathy Gorkoff & Francis Gutierrez
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