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BULLETIN

Stewardship Reflection

Second Sunday of Lent

Love and Death: Inseparable

All love that does not take its origin from the Savior's passion is foolish and perilous. Unhappy is death without the Savior's love; unhappy is love without the Savior's death. Love and death are so mingled in the Savior's passion that we cannot have one in our hearts without the other. Upon Calvary we cannot have life without love or love without the Redeemer's death... there is (only) eternal death or eternal love. All Christian wisdom consists in choosing rightly.

Treatise on the Love of God, St. Francis de Sales (Book XII, Chapter 13).

Christians are often accused of placing too much emphasis on suffering and death, especially Catholics who insist on displaying a corpus, a body on the cross. Why can't we just use a plain cross as a symbol of what happened? Because we want to have his love ever in front of us. As St. Francis de Sales tells us, Christ's love and his death are inseparable.

Body and Soul

"Love and death are so mingled in the Savior's passion that we cannot have one in our hearts without the other."

It is not unlike the fact of our body and soul. We are our body; we are our soul. It's not that I have a body, and my body has a soul. I am body and soul. Body and soul are so mingled that you can't have one without the other. We cannot separate body and soul except by death. When we understand this, we can understand implicitly, that we must never think of others as having less dignity than ourselves. For this reason, we can never cause harm to another person.

The contradiction of the cross

The contradiction of the cross is that Jesus suffered and died in order to rise from the dead and that we will rise with him some day. It's called a sign of contradiction because the way of the world is so different from the ways of God. St. Paul says the cross is

"a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles"
(1 Cor 1:23).

The teachings of Jesus are full of notions that seem contradictory to the natural human way of thinking: Love your enemies. The greatest will be the servant of all. The first shall be last.

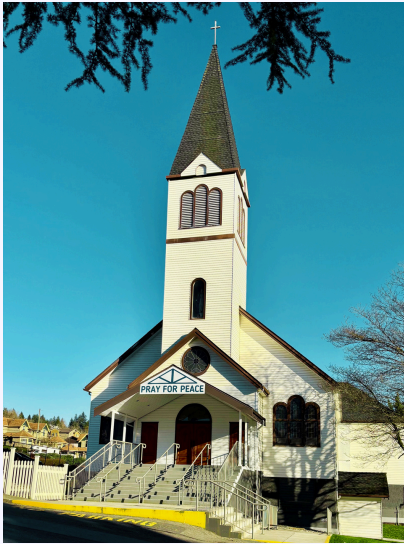
By incorporating these contradictions into our life, we can use them as a mountain climber seeks a place to put hand or foot, a hold that we can grasp to pull ourselves further up the mountain.

The humility of Christ is a great contradiction. That the king of the universe, the creator of all that is, comes to live his human life in poverty and allows himself to be tortured and killed by crucifixion, displays the greatest act of humility of all time.

Humility forms the foundation of love. Was there ever a more humble act than Jesus' Passion?

So, the death of Jesus is inseparable from his love. We cannot love without bringing Christ into the equation. And one day, we will die. That will be a good thing because we are united in love with Jesus.

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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Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are a prayerful, powerful way to focus on Jesus' Passion. There are short prayers at each of the 14 Stations, allowing us to pray and meditate on each specific part of Jesus' final journey. All are invited **every Friday during Lent at 6 pm**, followed by **Mass at 7 pm**.



What's the deal about 40

Lent is 40 days long, plus Sundays. Why 40? Is the number 40 significant? Noah and his family endured 40 days of rain. Moses was on Mt. Sinai for 40 days before receiving the 10 Commandments. The Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 days before entering the Promised land. Elijah walked for 40 days to Mt. Horeb before anointing the next king and next prophet. Jesus fasted for 40 days before starting his public ministry. Jesus ascended 40 days after his resurrection. In every instance, and there are many more in the Old Testament, God was preparing his people; it was a period of trial or testing. And, in every instance, there was a shift, an important change, with new life coming forth afterward. The 40 days were a time of turning away from their usual ways, of repenting of their hardness of heart, or of engaging more with the Father and deciding to trust him in something new. We are truly blessed during Lent to be called to do the same.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE[®]

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The 40 Days for Life campaign consists of 40 days of prayer, fasting, and a peaceful vigil at 32nd Ave. and Willow. Why participate? Because prayer works. Because lives are saved. Because the need is great. Because all life has dignity.

You can participate in many ways, including: Join us for one hour of prayer in front of the St. Joseph's Residence for Retired Priests (32nd Ave. and Willow in Vancouver) on **March 26 and April 5**; Attend Eucharistic Adoration for 40 Days for Life every Wednesday 9 am to 9 pm; Daily prayers of Reverence for Life; Nightly Rosary via Zoom on Behold Vancouver.

Concert Fundraiser

Come join us for a wonderful evening filled with music. We are honoured to have Les Echos du Pacifique and the Dean Thiessen Trio join us with choral, jazz and gospel music. Donations at the door (suggested amount \$20). **Saturday, April 5 at 7 pm.**



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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.

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Launched! Mustard Seed

Mustard Seed brochures and envelopes are available for you to take to your family, friends, co-workers, neighbours to help us realize the dream for our church basement.

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.

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

Do you Love Flower Arranging?

Thank you to those that responded to our need for assistance with flower arranging in the church. We are still looking for a couple more people so that we can have an effective team in place by Palm Sunday. If you are interested in being part of making the church beautiful with flower arrangements please contact the parish office.

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| 15-Mar | Saturday | 5:00 PM | ✝ | Efren Santiago |
| 16-Mar | Sunday | 9:00 AM | INT | Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners |
| 16-Mar | Sunday | 11:00 AM | INT | Letty Santiago |
| 17-Mar | Monday | 8:30 AM | ✝ | Jaime Deduque |
| 18-Mar | Tuesday | 8:30 AM | ✝ | Moon Goo Lee Francisco |
| 19-Mar | Wednesday | 8:30 AM | INT | Frieda Magri & Jessica Weeks |
| 20-Mar | Thursday | 8:30 AM | INT | Francisco Serra Sitja |
| 21-Mar | Friday | 8:30 AM | ✝ | Gerard Bilodeau |
| 21-Mar | Friday | 7:00 PM | INT | David Penco |
| 22-Mar | Saturday | 8:30 AM | ✝ | Mary Balcerowski |



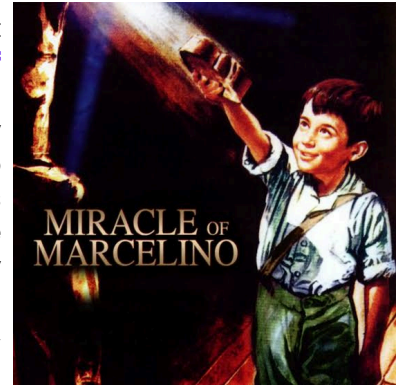
Youth Hike and Info Meeting

All youth and their parents are invited to attend a meeting in preparation for an exciting hike in beautiful Lighthouse Park on the North Shore. The hike will take place on **Easter Monday**. The information/planning meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 1 at 5:30 pm** in the Upper Hall.

Lighthouse Park is a moderate hike through huge Douglas Firs and over weather-worn rocks to spectacular views of the ocean. It will be an amazing day!

MOVIE NIGHT in LENT

Everyone is invited to movie night and the showing of **"Miracle of Marcelino"**. It is the story of an orphaned boy who is raised by monks. Although forbidden to go to the attic he ventures there with his small lunch and encounters the living Christ. Come, let us enjoy some time together while watching an inspiring movie. **Saturday, March 22 at 7 pm.**



Email Trouble



We are having some IT issues with our new email. Please use the old email address, ourladyoflourdesparish@gmail.com, for the next couple of weeks while we resolve this issue. If you have recently sent an email to office@olo.ca and have not received a reply, kindly re-send it to the old address listed above.

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

Alpha Anthony Marroquin
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Couples for Christ Jet & Jane Sarmiento
K of C Anthony Marroquin
Lector Thelma Papas
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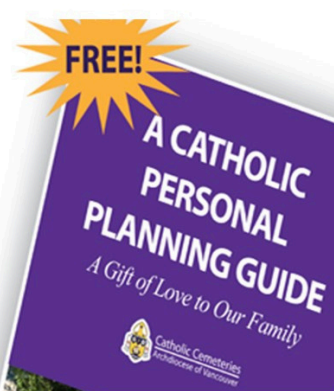


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