



Joy

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!

Sing joyfully, O Israel!

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty savior.

*He will rejoice over you with gladness,
and renew you in his love,*

He will sing joyfully because of you

As one sings at festivals.

Zephaniah 3: 14, 17

I hope that sometime in your life, you will have had that feeling of pure joy that makes you feel like you're going to explode and you feel compelled to shout or sing or dance just to contain yourself. I have been blessed with that over the top feeling a few times in my life.

Once it happened in Yukon while I was filming with Bishop Gary Gordon on a beautiful, freezing day in December, when the sun peaked over the horizon for about an hour. I stood observing the beauty of my surroundings, breathing in the icy air, and even as my camera was freezing up, I had a sense of overpowering joy. I spontaneously shouted "YES" at the top of my lungs.

I didn't know it at the time, but the joy I felt and my loud 'yes' were for God. Only many years later did I realize that **it was my yes for the priesthood**. I could not have known at the time (my wife was still alive) and yet in retrospect it is quite

Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18a

2nd Reading: Philippians 4.4-7

Gospel: Luke 3.10-18

clear to me that that's what it was. He was calling me with joy.

My joy was very much connected to the passage from Zephaniah above. I think I must have felt taken care of, that God was rejoicing over me with gladness.

Did you know that God sings? "He will sing joyfully because of you!" Isn't that amazing and wonderful? I think God was singing joyfully because of me that day in the Yukon and his singing made my heart soar and I shouted YES, not even knowing why.

I try to maintain that joy throughout my life. Obviously, there are trying times when I lose the intensity of my joy but that's ok. The joy is underneath all the other emotions and thoughts and ideas. Through it all, the hard times and the losses, the joy is there in my heart, like a pilot light that is protected and will not go out.

This is Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. It's all about the joy in anticipation of what is to come: the celebration of Jesus' birth on earth. **The defining moment in all of history is the Incarnation.** The actual Incarnation happened at the Visitation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary nine months previously. During the time of Mary's pregnancy, Jesus, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, grew in flesh, passing through the stages of normal fetal development, zygote, embryo, fetus, baby boy. And on Christmas morning he joined us in this dark world bringing light and that abundant joy that only he can bring. Truly, on that morning, he brought Joy to the World.

Peace,

Father Larry

DECEMBER 15, 2024

BULLETIN



OUR LADY OF LOURDES
COQUITLAM

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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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Jubilee Year of Hope 2025



The Holy Father has declared that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is **"Pilgrims of Hope"**, and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. The Vatican revealed the official logo of the Jubilee Year 2025, which it says, depicts humanity coming from the four corners of the Earth in the act of clinging to the Cross. The cross is in the shape of a sail, one of the signs of Christian Hope that carries with it the certainty of the victory of good over evil. A sail that imposes itself on the sea moved by the happenings of life. The cross ends in the shape of an anchor, another symbol of hope that brings confidence and security in life. The Jubilee Year will begin on **Christmas Eve, 2024**, when the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica opens, and end on **January 6, 2026**, when the Holy Door closes.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2024 Building our Parish Community

Thank you so much for your generosity to Project Advance. Together we have raised **\$54,525**. We are excited that we will be able to enjoy windows in the renovated church basement, allowing beautiful sunshine and natural light to shine in. Please note that the deadline for donations to Project Advance 2024 has changed. In order to receive a tax receipt for the 2024 tax year Project Advance donations, except those made online with a credit card, must be received at the parish no later than this Monday, December 16. This is to allow for a change in processing time due to the Canada Post strike. Any donations received after **December 16, 2024** will be gratefully accepted but will apply to the 2025 tax year. Regular parish donations are not affected by the strike and can continue as normal until the end of the year. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

2025 Offering Envelopes

The Offering Envelopes for 2025 are ready for pick up near the church entrance. Please take your box home today but do **not** use the envelopes until 2025. If you would like envelopes and don't see a box with your name of it, please contact the parish office.

Photos from Christmas In The Square Wanted!

We are looking for some photos from the Christmas In The Square event to add in the Gallery section in our website. If you have some, please submit your photos via email to the parish office. Thank you!

Advent Penitential Service

The Advent Penitential Service at Our Lady of Lourdes was held earlier this week but there are still opportunities for Confession at nearby parishes. Please take advantage of this wonderful chance to celebrate the birth of our Lord with a cleansed heart. Penitential Services still available are:

Tuesday, December 17	St. Joseph's, Port Moody
Wednesday, December 18	Our Lady of the Assumption, PoCo
Thursday, December 19	St. Clare's, Coquitlam
Friday, December 20	St. Patrick's, Maple Ridge
Sunday, December 22	St. Luke's, Maple Ridge
Monday, December 23	Our Lady of Fatima, Coquitlam

All Reconciliation Services begin at 7 pm.

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 Parish Office.

**THANK YOU****Suzanne and Thelma**

Many thanks to **Suzanne Tkach** for her valuable service to our parish over the years as a lector (reader) and lector coordinator. We welcome **Thelma Papas** as she takes over from Suzanne. Thank you and may God bless you both!

**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.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Mass times this year follow the same pattern as previous years. Come and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ on **December 25 at 12 am (midnight), 9 am and 11 am (English and French)**. There will be no anticipated Mass on Saturday, December 24 at 5 pm.

New Website Domain and Email Coming

Starting in January we will have a new website address, or URL. It will be the same great website (check us out often!), same information, events and photos but it will be a shorter and less cumbersome to type in. We will also have a new parish email address to contact the office or Father Larry. Details to come. The phone number will remain the same.

www.OLOL.ca

14-Dec	Saturday	5:00 PM	+	Florence & Norman Langlois
15-Dec	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
15-Dec	Sunday	11:00 AM	+	Robert Tan Yu Sam
16-Dec	Monday	8:30 AM	+	Araceli Venida
17-Dec	Tuesday	8:30 AM	+	George Bolduc
18-Dec	Wednesday	8:30 AM	+	Venida & Sarte family
19-Dec	Thursday	8:30 AM	+	All Souls in Purgatory
20-Dec	Friday	8:30 AM	INT	Stephane Default
20-Dec	Friday	7:00 PM	+	Nicolas & Garcia family
21-Dec	Saturday	8:30 AM	+	Clement Richard Joseph Michaud

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

Two parishes, One Novena**SIMBANG GABI**

(Misa deGallo/Misa Aguinaldo) or

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Holy Mass celebrated at the

All Saints Parish

821 Fairfax St, Coquitlam

Dec. 15, Sun. – 7 pm

Dec. 16, Mon. – 7 pm

Dec. 17, Tues. – 7 pm

Dec. 18, Wed. – 7 pm

Dec. 19, Thurs. – 7 pm

(Sacrament of Reconciliation
30 min. **AFTER** each Mass)

Reception follows at
Parish Centre.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

828 Laval Square, Coquitlam

Dec. 20, Fri. – 7 pm

Dec. 21, Sat. – 5 pm

Dec. 22, Sun. – 7 pm

Dec. 23, Mon. – 7 pm

(Sacrament of Reconciliation
30 min. **BEFORE** each Mass)

Reception follows at
Upper St Anne's Hall.

O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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

Dr. Erb, Kathleen Lauzon, Ralph Roberts, René & Gilberte Collette, the Quek Family, Father Lucien Larré, Teresita Cunningham, Raymond Albert, Fernand Finnigan and Ozina Finnigan.

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 & Alex Lim

Altar Servers Alex Lim

ACRSS Rep Irenaeus Lim

CWL Josephine (Dollie) Basa

Choir Roger De Villa & Agnes Wan

Couples for Christ Alejandro & Stella Delos Santos

K of C Anthony Marroquin

Lector **Thelma Papas**

Prayer Group Alex & Nancy Lim

PREP Marilyn Sarte

Project Advance Kathy Gorkoff & Francis Gutierrez

Sacristan Alex Lim

Ushers Robert Tang & Terry Charbonneau

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