



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.

JANUARY 12, 2025

## Stewardship Reflection

Last Day of Christmas  
Baptism of the Lord

### What Is Baptism?

What do you say to a child who has no reference to Jesus Christ or to Christianity when they ask, "What is baptism?" That happened to me, and I must say, I was kind of stuck for an answer because all reference points that came to mind would not have been meaningful to the child. As I struggled, the child's mother (a non-practicing Catholic) said, "It's like an initiation into a group." Okay, that's something that the child could understand and it's true. Baptism is, in fact, the first of the sacraments of initiation into the church. And it is, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church,

CCC 1213

*"...the basis of the whole of Christian life, the gateway to the life in the spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments."*

As many of you may know, I had the honor and the privilege of baptizing my granddaughter, Nora Lynn Beauchamp, in Montreal on January 4. I was thrilled when my daughter asked me to baptize Nora and told me she had gone to her parish priest and arranged everything with him. I believe she is sincere in wanting to raise Nora in the Catholic faith because she wants Nora to live a Catholic life.

I am constantly surprised about how some Catholics think of baptism, though. Especially in our day and age when so many of our children have opted to not participate in the faith; their lives seem to go along just fine without God or the Church in their lives. But they want baptism for their child because they like the tradition, like an early rite of passage. Or maybe it will please the grandparents, or it is something we do as a cultural event and a big celebration follows. And then the baptism is in the

past, another milestone in someone's life.

But that is a poor view of the sacrament. Baptism, as I explained to Marie-Claire and the family, is our birth as Christians, our incorporation into the Mystical Body of Christ. The sacraments are where divinity and humanity meet, where God literally reaches out and touches us and fills us with that necessary and oh so nourishing thing called grace.

### Spiritually, we die without grace.

It is to our soul what water is for our body. And a beautiful thing about baptism is it requires water for this portal to open, this portal through which God reaches through and touches us with his life-giving grace. All the sacraments require some material thing interacting with spirit (or form) as one of the elements of the sacrament: whether it be water, wine, oil or unleavened bread. And that is because we are Body and Soul. We are Matter and Spirit. We don't exist one without the other. God who is pure spirit took on human flesh so that he could meet us where we are and he continues to touch us and teach us through his Word, his Body, his Blood, his Soul and his Divinity.




That's what happened to my little Nora last week. God touched her and she became part of him. That's what baptism is. And that's why I am so grateful and blessed to have been given the privilege to baptize my granddaughter and bring her into the Catholic Church.

Peace, Father Larry

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## FORMED

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## Event Photos Wanted

We are looking for photos from **any** past events happening at our parish to be posted in the Gallery section in our website. If you have some, please kindly submit your photos via email to the parish office. Thank you.



## Making Sense of Adolescence

Crossing the bridge from childhood to adulthood has never been so daunting. This course is designed to be used by parents, grandparents, teachers, administrators, professionals— anyone who desires to make sense of adolescence. The Archdiocese of Vancouver is pleased to offer "Making Sense of Adolescence", a Dr. Neufeld video course with discussion facilitated by Keven Bredeman, M.A. This series will take place Tuesday evenings from **7:30 pm - 9:00 pm beginning January 21** on Zoom. Register online before **January 28** at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

## Rosary in a Year

It isn't too late to start a year devoted to the Rosary. Join Fr Mark Mary and faithful listeners worldwide on this daily journey with the Rosary. If you've ever struggled to build a habit of prayer, this podcast is for you. In Ascension's Rosary in a Year podcast, Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR, guides listeners in a step-by-step journey that will change the way you pray – no matter where you are in your spiritual life. By starting small and adding on over time, you will find yourself falling more in love with this powerful Marian devotion, becoming a source of grace for the whole world. The best place to listen to the podcast is in the Ascension App. (Episodes are also available on Spotify and Apple Podcasts.) You can download the prayer plan at [ascensionpress.com/pages/riy](http://ascensionpress.com/pages/riy)

### 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.



## 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.



## Bursary Applications being Accepted

The Knights of Columbus is privileged to offer 14 bursaries of \$1,000 each to Catholic students across BC to young practicing Catholic who are in post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within BC. The annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary program, aka the Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program, is receiving applications until **June 1, 2025** with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. Application requests should be addressed to:

### Christopher Chen

– State Bursary Chairman  
Knights of Columbus BC Charity Foundation  
#333 – 1231 Pacific Boulevard  
Vancouver, B.C. V6Z-0E2  
Or email:  
[chrischen.kofc@gmail.com](mailto:chrischen.kofc@gmail.com)

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

11-Jan	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Florence & Norman Langlois
12-Jan	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
12-Jan	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Eulinio Nagano
13-Jan	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Andrew Lindsay
14-Jan	Tuesday	8:30 AM	INT	R & C Tang
15-Jan	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	Father Gerry D' Souza
16-Jan	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	All Souls in Purgatory
17-Jan	Friday	8:30 AM	INT	Father Mario Fernandes
18-Jan	Saturday	8:30 AM	INT	Anthony Jose

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

## A Call to the Permanent Diaconate?



With strong support from Archbishop Miller, the Permanent Diaconate Program is currently starting a sixth cohort of men who will begin formation for the permanent diaconate in September 2025. The Permanent Diaconate Office is holding two Inquirers' Sessions for those interested in the permanent diaconate. Men, with their wives, wishing to be considered for this new cohort must attend one of these sessions. They will be held on **Saturday, January 18 at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre from 9 am to 11 am, and on Saturday January 25, at St. Nicholas Parish, Langley, from 10 am to 12 pm.**

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration taking place from January 20–31, 2025. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship. You can pray for this intention at home or join one of several prayer services taking place throughout the lower mainland. The closest service is on Tuesday January 21 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter's Parish in New Westminster. More information is available at [rcav.org/wpcu](http://rcav.org/wpcu)

## 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, Ozina Finnigan and Father Alan Boisclair.**

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 **CWL** 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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