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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.

MAY 18, 2025

BULLETIN

Stewardship Reflection - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prayer

"Pray, hope, and don't worry!" Padre Pio

"How's your prayer life?" That's a good question to ask yourself if you want to assess where you are on your journey to God. Think about it a minute. How often do you stop and have an encounter with God during the day? A dialogue, perhaps? Usually, it's a monologue. Oh Lord help through my exams, get this report finished on time, I'm in a pickle Lord, get me out of trouble, please cure my cancer, help my brothers and sisters. Do something, Lord!

True story. There was a girl in grade 7 who just moved into a new Catholic school. Her teacher was a priest, and the kids were scheduled for an exam on this particular day. One of the other students raised his hand and said, "Father, before the exam, can we pray the prayer?" The new girl was curious and didn't understand what they were talking about. The priest said, "Okay," and with all the children together continued, "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen." All the students then raised their eyes to heaven and in unison shouted, "HELP!" And then together, they concluded, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen."

Of course, there are many ways to pray and many things and issues we can bring before the Lord, but the fact is that all humans are ordered toward God and have an innate need to communicate with him. It is part of our nature to want to pray, even if we are not believers. We know instinctively we are at the mercy of something, someone far more powerful than us. Pope Benedict put it like this: "In prayer, man considers himself and his situation before God...and experiences being a

creature in need of help..." We can never be fulfilled on our own. We are creatures in need of help and hope.

Our relationship with God must necessarily exist through some kind of prayer life, some kind of conscious activity in which we engage our Creator. Imagine that whatever that activity is and the more of it there is, then the more we are talking with God and taking part in his life. That's what we need most, to be with him, to spend time with him, to hear his word, to accept his healing, his love and his mercy, to know his justice.

And there are as many ways of approaching prayer as there are people.


Flannery O'Connor, the great twentieth century Catholic American writer started a prayer journal while she was at university as a young woman. Like many young, devout Catholics in that period of their lives, she was confronted with many new anti-religious ideas, some of them provoking doubts of her own faith. But she knew where to bring her suffering and her doubts. She did not abandon the faith. Nor did she abandon her *reason*. She writes to God, "*Dear God, I don't want to have invented my faith to satisfy my weakness. I don't want to have created God in my own image, as they are so fond of saying.*" She brought her vulnerability and her honest, inquiring heart to God.

However we pray, we must always take the stance of walking humbly before our God. Prayer is a grace. Pray!


In the peace of Christ,
Father Larry

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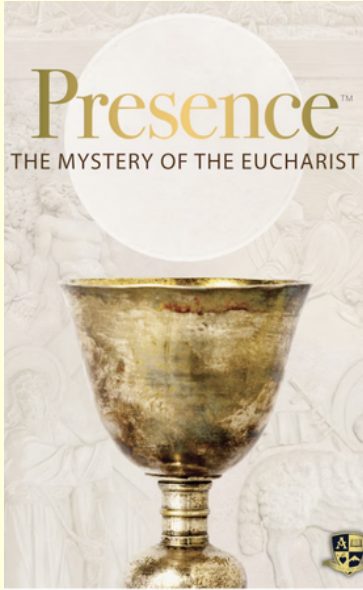


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Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist



Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. This video series explores the truth and beauty of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. All are welcome!

Weekly on **Tuesdays, May 27 until June 17, 7 pm – 9 pm** in Our Lady of Lourdes' Upper St. Anne's Hall.

To participate, please fill in the Registration Form and drop it in the box at the church entrance or call 604-435-9134 and leave a message.

Healthcare Ethics Talk

Join Rev. Dr. Mark Miller, CSSR as we reflect on our baptismal call to walk with Christ in life and in death and what it means to accompany those at the end of life.

This event will explore the meaning of compassionate care and examine key spiritual and ethical questions around offering love and dignity in life's final stages. On **Thursday, May 29, 7 pm to 8:30 pm at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre**. Learn more and register by May 23 at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Opposing Euthanasia in Canada - Looking to the Future with Hope

You are cordially invited to spend an evening with Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition; and Dr. Will Johnston, President, Euthanasia Resistance BC. Join us for an evening to learn how to oppose Euthanasia in Canada, and look to the future with hope.

On **Monday, May 26, 6:30 pm** at Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Pregnancy Concerns' "Operation Baby Bottle"

Fundraiser **started on Mother's Day, and runs until June 15, Father's Day**. Your generosity will help women and men in the Tri-Cities receive accurate information on pregnancy options, emotional care, practical help, and referral to community resources when facing complex pregnancy decisions and post-abortion support. We encourage you to take a baby bottle home, fill it with cash and return it to the church by Father's Day.

Online donations are also accepted through the QR code on the poster in the vestibule or at pregnancyconcerns.org/donate



Magnificat Spring Prayer Brunch

Please join us at a brunch for Catholic women of Vancouver where we will share together in that same spirit of gratitude and praise.

After brunch, there will be a time of prayer for the needs of all present and an opportunity to hear our speaker, Angela Timmins, who has served in the Magnificat Ministry as Secretary of the Vancouver Chapter since 2019. Angela will share her testimony of God's work in her life and how she developed a devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. On **Saturday, May 31, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre. Register by **Friday May, 23**. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events

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.

Installation Mass of Archbishop Richard W. Smith



With gratitude to God, the Archdiocese of Vancouver joyfully welcomes The Most Reverend Richard W. Smith as the Archbishop of Vancouver. His Installation Mass will be a moment of great significance as he formally takes up his ministry among us. Due to limited space, the Mass will be by invitation only. Everyone is invited to watch the live stream at rcav.org and join us in prayer on **Friday, May 23 at 7:00 pm.**

Youth Night



All youth are welcome to come to the OLOL Youth Night on Fridays at 7:30 pm for some ping pong, board games, conversation, and food.

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 **Couples for Christ** for sponsoring.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

17-May	Saturday	5:00 PM	INT	Jorge Isidro H. Odulio
18-May	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
18-May	Sunday	11:00 AM	INT	Susan Wynne
19-May	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Moon Goo Lee Francisco
20-May	Tuesday	8:30 AM	INT	Joyce Dedeque
21-May	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Jose Cruz
22-May	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Ewa Dabrowska
23-May	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	All Souls in Purgatory
24-May	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Simone Bilodeau

Healing After Abortion Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and discover the oasis of His love and mercy which will satisfy all your longings and thirst in a way nothing else possibly can after suffering the effects of an abortion. Next retreat is **May 23-25, 2025**. For confidential information call (604) 525-0999 or email info@pacscanada.org.



CONSTRUCTION

CORNER

Week 6



OLOL.ca/construction-corner

PARISH MINISTRIES

- Alpha** Anthony Marroquin
 - Altar Servers** Alex Lim
 - ACRSS Rep.** Irenaeus Lim & 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
 - PREP** Marilyn Sarte
 - Pro-Life** Ting and Nercy Barona
 - Project Advance** Kathy Gorkoff & Francis Gutierrez
 - Sacristan** Alex Lim
 - Ushers** Robert Tang & Terry Charbonneau
- Contact parish office for info.**

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