

JUNE 22, 2025

BULLETIN

Stewardship Reflection -
Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Corpus Christi

His Body and Blood, Our Daily Bread

On Tuesday evening we finished a four-part video series on the Eucharist called **Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist**. It was well attended, fifty to sixty parishioners faithfully came, watched, listened, and discussed over four weeks, what we know as the **"source and the summit"** of our Catholic Faith, the Holy Eucharist.

During the final episode, the presenter, Dr. Tim Gray of the Augustine Institute, speaks of the objections that various groups have had against the notion of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Starting with the Jewish authorities, through the Romans, the pagans, the protestants and the modern secular world, Dr. Tim Gray raises their objections and speaks to them. One of the objections that our separated brethren have is that Jesus was speaking metaphorically when he said, *"I am the bread of life which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats my bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."* (John 6: 51)

This means to them that the Eucharist is only a symbol of Christ, a memorial of the Last Supper. Their reasoning is that Jesus also said, *"I am the vine."* *"I am the door."* *"I am the light of the world."* *"I am the Good Shepherd."* In fact, there are seven "I am" statements by Jesus. Jesus is obviously not a physical door, nor a vine.

The difference is that these other statements were said only once and were clearly designed to draw an analogy, a metaphor, an image, that would help describe the point he was trying to make.

But this statement, *"I am the bread of life..."*, he treats far differently. He speaks of it several times and at great length throughout the Gospel of John.

There are over seventy verses in the Gospel of John to clarify what he means by "I am the bread of life" and only one line for each of the other "I am" statements. He even loses a multitude of disciples over it because *"This teaching is too difficult, who can accept it?"* (John 6: 60)

When they walk away, Jesus doesn't try to clarify his speech as metaphor. No. He allows his disciples to walk away because he knows his teaching is difficult. Yet, the twelve Apostles stay, and Peter declares that, of course, we don't understand either, and it is difficult for us, but *"...we know that you are the Holy One of God."* (John 6:69) That's the difference, **"We know you are the Holy One of God."**

That is what Catholics believe: that the Eucharist really and truly is the **Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord**. The Eucharist is the mechanism by which Jesus Christ remains with us physically on earth until the end of time. This is why the priesthood and the magisterial structure of the Church were instituted by Jesus: so that we may receive him in Eucharistic communion with himself and with our fellow believers. The Eucharist is mystical, spiritual and physical. The bread and the wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus, and we physically ingest him so that we become part of him, physically and spiritually, and he becomes part of us, spiritually and physically. This is what we pray for in the Lord's Prayer: **"Give us this day our daily bread."**

Peace,
Father Larry



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 - MONDAY, JULY 7
 - 7:30 AM - 7:30 PM

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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Corpus Christi Procession

Procession from Our Lady of Lourdes to Our Lady of Fatima

June 22 at 1 pm



Come, join us on a procession with the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Maillardville. Similar processions are taking place throughout the archdiocese on this Feast of Corpus Christi. Eucharistic processions publicly witness to the Real Presence of Christ and help strengthen and deepen our personal and communal faith. We will process with our Lord from Our Lady of Lourdes to Our Lady of Fatima. Light refreshments will be available afterward. Join us, **Sunday, June 22 at 1 pm**.

Family FUN DAY

Saturday, July 13

Family Fun Day is coming! We are looking forward to this day of fun with games and food, music and entertainment! Good times! Raffle tickets are on sale now with some excellent prizes, including a trip for four to Victoria, an iPhone 15, a weekend away at the Hilton in Whistler. Consolation prizes include an iPad, home theatre, Nespresso Coffee machine, dinner for 4 at the Golden Boot and many tremendous gift cards. Tickets are \$10 each and are available after Mass through our parish volunteers or at the parish office. The draw will be at Family Fun Day on **July 13**. Buy your tickets today!



PREP Registration

We are now accepting registration for the 2025-2026 school for our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). PREP assists parents in teaching elementary age children the basics of the Catholic faith. The goal is to help them know the love of Jesus and develop a solid spiritual foundation, enabling them to live as Christians in the parish community and beyond. Although PREP does not begin until September, registration is open now, with an early bird discount until **June 30**. For registration forms or more information, please contact the parish office.

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 6:00pm.

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.

Location of bottle drive bin



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

21-Jun	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Jack Satterwhite
22-Jun	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
22-Jun	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Rodolfo Sr & Agueda Lavilla
23-Jun	Monday	8:30 AM	INT	John Deduque
24-Jun	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Martin Beerens
25-Jun	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	Thanksgiving
26-Jun	Thursday	8:30 AM	INT	Anny Rodjito
27-Jun	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	All Souls in Purgatory
28-Jun	Saturday	8:30 AM	INT	Michael Dufault



Our Lady of Fatima Statue

We have the honour of hosting a special statue of Our Lady of Fatima. This particular statue was blessed by the Bishop of Fatima on October 13, 1947 and has travelled the world ever since, bringing Our Lady's presence and her graces. She has visited more than 100 countries, including in Russia and China, with the great message of salvation, hope and peace.

The church will be open on **Monday, July 7 from 7:30 am to 7:30 pm (Mass is still at 8:30 am)** to allow for this unique time of prayer. Plan to attend!

CONSTRUCTION CORNER



Installation of insulation in the ceiling to buffer sound between the basement and the church.

More photos visit:

OLOL.ca/construction-corner

Talking With Your Children About Tragic Events

This is an evening for supporting parents in the wake of the tragedy following the Lapu-Lapu Day Festival. We will explore faith-centered responses to trauma, helping your family as you journey together in recovery over the summer months. Speakers include Father Bryan Duggan, and Trixie Cruz, School Counsellor, Vancouver College. Hosted by the Mental Health Ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. **Tuesday, June 24, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm**, at St. Patrick's Regional Secondary School in Vancouver. Register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

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 **Choir** for sponsoring.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Alpha Anthony Marroquin
Altar Servers Alex Lim
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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
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