

"Creation is the congealed Word of God."

Doctor, Professor Dallas Willard, Chair of Philosophy, University of Southern California

As you probably know, my friend, Father Skip Thompson MSA, is in town to visit me before he goes on a Holland Line cruise to Alaska as the ship's chaplain. Father Skip and I were in the seminary together and I discovered that he has a great knowledge of scripture (from his days as a protestant) and that he has a unique way of seeking to understand scripture, the meaning of faith and how the supernatural interacts with our natural world. I always enjoy his fascinating insights.

The other day we were discussing theology, as we are wont to do, and he was relating stories about such things as creation, the birth of the universe, quantum mechanics, chemistry and how they might tie into the Resurrection of other supernatural phenomena, when he quoted this Professor Willard,

"Creation is the congealed Word of God" What does that mean?

Congealed: to change from a liquid to a solid state by, or as if by, cold. (Mirriam Webster Dictionary)

Okay, the Word is not a liquid, and creation is not a gel. I think the professor is using poetic language here, and the truth is, poetry is really the only way to speak about these things that are beyond our understanding but within our grasp as intangible notions. It's only through poetry that we could possibly express the true reality of life.

21th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Joshua 24.1-2a, 15-17, 18b 2nd Reading: Ep. 4.32 -5.1-2, 21-32++ Gospel: John 6.53, 60-69

BULLETIN

AUGUST 25, 2024

Imagine!

We could never make sense of life or faith or God if the only way we thought of it was on the plane of strictly literal interpretation and solid matter. We would never know very much because such a view is so limiting and leaves no room for the most important tool in the human repertoire: imagination! That's the attribute that sets humans apart from all other creatures. The world is composed of so much more than matter and there is so much more to it than meets the eye.

> What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, Nor the human heart conceived, What God has prepared for those who love him."

> > 1Corinthians 2: 9

Go ahead, use your imagination! If you could possibly wrap your brain around the idea that

the world was spoken into being, that the creation came from the breath God and congealed into the spectacular universe in which we live that matter is statistically insignificant compared to the size of the universe; if we could imagine the invisible Word of God becoming all that is including you and I, then you might begin to sense in the depths of your imagination that the Word could become flesh and that flesh becomes present to us in the Eucharist and we ingest the Body of Christ and he lives in us and we are in his body and the entire "creation is the congealed Word of God."

Peace, Father Larry



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WELCOME

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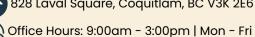
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Parish Religious Education Program - PREP

Calling all parents of public schoolchildren from Gr.1-7 to register now for PREP classes held every Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30. Registration forms are available at both church entrances or at the parish office. Any question please email or call the parish office.

Thank you and PREP year 2024-2025 starts on September 11th. at the Upper St. Anne's Hall, located at the farthest end of the church parking lot.



A Catechesis on the Human Person and Gender Ideology A talk by Father Skip Thompson, MSA

Can we change our sex — our gender? Is it possible? What does science, common sense, and the Church tell us about men and women? What are the effects of gender ideology upon our children and our families?

Explore these questions based on the catechesis of the Most Reverend Michael Burbidge, Bishop of the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia.

Date: Thursday, September 5th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Venue: Upper St. Anne's Hall

Housekeeper/Cook - partime

All Saints Parish is hiring a part-time rectory housekeeper to cook, clean and undertake household tasks for the priests. The housekeeper will work 20 hours/week and receive a competitive salary plus benefits.

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WEEKDAY MASS

Mon. to Sat.: Rosary at 7:55am and Mass at 8:30am Thursday Mass will be followed by Adoration.

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

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

No morning Confession or Mass

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tues. to Fri. at 8:00am until 8:25am Sat.: 4:00 – 4:45 pm. Or by appointment.

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.

Pro-Life Mass & Vigil

We warmly invite you to a profound spiritual event at:



St. Jude's Parish, 3078 Renfrew St. Vancouver



Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024 at 9:00 AM.

Celebrant: Father Larry Lynn, Pro-Life Chaplain of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

See you there!

24-Aug	Saturday	5:00 PM	INT	Fr. Claude Saldanha, OP
25-Aug	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
25-Aug	Sunday	11:00 AM	+	Onandia Family
26-Aug	Monday	8:30 AM	+	Nena Jordan
27-Aug	Tuesday	8:30 AM	INT	Michael & Anne McNamara
28-Aug	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	Fr. Claude Saldanha, OP
29-Aug	Thursday	8:30 AM	+	Liw & Restituto Ayson
30-Aug	Friday	8:30 AM	INT	James Lynn
31-Aug	Saturday	8:30 AM	+	Martin Beerens

BOOKING MASS INTENTIONS. Please connect with the parish office to request an intention.

INSTALL-A-LIFT RAFFLE Winners!

Name Prize/Donor

Alma Pasion Artwork, Margarethe Henderson

Matt McGevigan iPad Air, Leo Bruneau

Joshua Lim Roomba Robot Vacuum, FreshSlice Joyce Diemert Cordless lawn mower, Rona

Josie Carino Pendant Light, Canadian Tire

Hector Marroquin Madden Gift Set

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Rosa Kim Puma Backpack, Kathy Gorkoff Anne Carino Pajar Backpack, Kathy Gorkoff

Roy Lim Puma Backpack, Kathy Gorkoff

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LOVELIER, the 2nd Time Around Come to GARAGE SALE - Part II, Sept 14-15, 2024. All proceeds to go



The Knights of Columbus are holding a recycling bottle drive to fund our church basement improvements. 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. Here are the list of recyclables that are accepted for the bottle drive:

- Aluminum cans
- Plastic and Paper Drink containers
- **BOTTLE** Glass bottles
 - Dairy and Non Dairy Milk Containers and Wine Bottles.

Please LEAVE LABELS ON, RINSE RECYCLABLES and do not include garbage in the bags. For more info please check out www.return-it.ca or scan the QR code. Thank you!!



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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

Lina Aussant, Dr. Erb, Kathleen Lauzon, Ralph Roberts, René & Gilberte Collette, the Quek Family, Father Lucien Larré, Teresita Cunningham and David Lee.

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.

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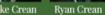
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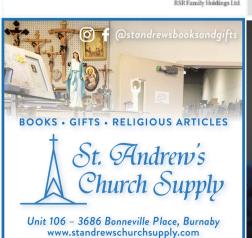
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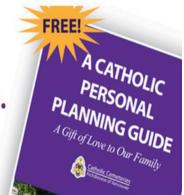
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