



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Be Thou My Vision

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

Do you know that hymn? It's one of our most beautiful hymns but we don't sing it much in the Catholic Church for some reason, I'm not sure why not, it dates back to 9th century Ireland.

But it is a brilliant theological thought – asking God to always be “my vision”, that which I see. Your presence is my light that allows me to see the traces of God everywhere.

Ultimately, it is our destiny, at least it's our goal, to find ourselves in front of the “Beatific Vision” that is God himself and when we are in heaven, we will be able to withstand his gaze upon us as we are welcomed into his unadulterated presence. O Happy Day!

Last week, in my homily, I spoke about a vision my wife had while I was with her in our car not long before she died. It was a vision of “people helping one another”. In some ways it seemed like a vision of heaven.

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Isaiah 55.6–9

2nd Reading: Philippians 1.20–24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20.1–16

I've been thinking a lot about visions and vision lately. I've been thinking a lot about this parish and where it's headed. What is the parish vision? I think about a multitude of ideas about what our church will look like in ten or twenty years. What will the campus look like? What will Laval Square look like? And more importantly, who will be here? Will the church be lively and full?

Will the church be the hub of the neighborhood as it was in the days of the pioneers? Will there be lineups for confession and full Sunday Masses and many daily communicants?

I can't help but think about these things. I guess that's my job. And so my job is also to remind you of your responsibility of envisioning the future of the parish. Because what the parish will be like in the future depends on you, the parishioner, in collaboration with the pastor and leadership teams.

And so I ask you to think about this: What do you love about this parish? What drives you crazy about this parish? Ponder these questions and see what you come up with. Then you can share your vision of the parish with me and I just might share my vision with you. What the parish will be in the future depends on you and I sharing our vision and then collaborating to make it happen. And of course, this work can only be done with the full participation of the Holy Spirit because it needs to be a visible manifestation of God's love, a vision of God that we are seeing.

Peace,

Father Larry

SEPT 24, 2023

BULLETIN



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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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“O that today you would hear His voice...”

The invitation for you to **ALPHA at OLOL** has been sent out...“O that today you would hear His voice; do not harden your heart...” (Psalm 95:7)

It's still not too late to accept this invitation. What's in it for you? **Direction** for a lost world, **reality** in a confused world and **life** in a dark world.

Come to Alpha - it's not the program that is important, it's the encounter you might make with the one who said, "I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE."

Oh and get a free delicious dinner, meet new friends on a spiritual journey in a friendly, informal environment. Check it out. Register today!

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**PROJECT
ADVANCE
2023**

Empowering
our Parish Vision

We're half way through our Project Advance campaign and we're almost half way to our goal of \$70,000. Thank you to the parishioners who have already contributed. The slogan this year is "Empowering our Parish Vision". I find that saying particularly apt this year because our parish is in a time when we are beginning to seriously develop that vision for the future of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is my intention in my second year as pastor to fully develop with you, the parishioners, a parish vision.

It starts with the fact that we need to make the washrooms in the basement accessible to all, especially those who have mobility issues. Mounting the stairs of our poster to our goal of \$70,000 will help us to install a new lift.

The money will go towards finishing our basement that is ready to be transformed from a big dark empty place into a welcoming space that will attract people and help build community, as well as being a source of revenue. Please help out as best you can - even if you can only give a small donation, it's the act of participation that is paramount. God bless you.

The Chosen Season 3 | Episode 3 | **Physician, Heal Yourself**
Jesus returns to his childhood home for the big Jewish new year celebration. His childhood friends and family are all buzzing with what they've heard about Jesus...until he tells them the truth of who He is. **Tuesday, Sept 26 | 10:00 am - 11:30 am | Lower St. Anne's Hall**



Our parish is embarking on a new communications program called **Flocknote** to help serve you better.

We would like to take this opportunity to update our database. We need each parishioner to contact us with: address, email address and one phone number. This can be done over the phone, stopping by the office or, the easiest way is to go to our website and fill in the form ourladyoflourdescoquitlam.ca

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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tues. to Sat. 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.

BOOKING MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are offered to God as prayers of intercession and thanksgiving. Please connect with the parish office to request an intention.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

FORMED

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postal code **V3K 2E6** and
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you want.

23-Sept	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Doris Knapp
24-Sept	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISHIONERS
24-Sept	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Jessie H. Odulio
25-Sept	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Sister Izabel O.C.D.
26-Sept	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Sister Izabel O.C.D.
27-Sept	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Souls in Purgatory
28-Sept	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Souls in Purgatory
29-Sept	Friday	8:30 AM	INT	Alice
30-Sept	Saturday	8:30 AM	INT	Ernesta Trevisan

Parish Religious Education Program

PREP has started and we give thanks to the Lord for His great love for us and all of creation! Fr. Larry has mentioned a few times about 'divine renovation'. This year for PREP, we will strengthen the foundation of the domestic church, meaning 'us', the parish families. So we are asking all the PREP parents to stay and spend an hour with their children instead of just dropping them off. Take time to relax after a busy day at work and talk with other parents. Say 'Yes' to some 'down' time to listen to the Holy Spirit. The invitation is still open to parents of children going to public school and in need of learning about Jesus and faith. Please connect with Ana at the parish office.

Healing the Wounds of Abuse: Grief to Grace Retreat

Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual and/or spiritual abuse to find healing and begin their journey to wholeness. Abuse can be experienced in one's family of origin, community, workplace, or from their partner or spouse. The event will take place on Saturday, October 28, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The location will be shared upon acceptance of applications. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events/healing-the-wounds-of-abuse-grief-of-grace-retreat

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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

Lina Aussant, Jamie Awa, Dr. Erb, Kathleen Lauzon, Ralph Roberts, Gilberte Collette and the Quek Family.

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 AND 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 CHOIRS** for sponsoring.



Addiction: From Pornography to Sexual Trafficking

Pornography continues to spread worse than a pandemic, infecting more consumers—men and women of all ages, and increasingly adolescents at a younger age. To meet consumer demands, pornography moves into extreme forms, which in turn, leads to sexual trafficking. This talk by Father David Bellusci, OP, addresses not only changing bad habits but also how pornographic consumers contribute to the sexual trafficking industry. On **Thursday, October 12, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver (Church basement)**. No registration required. Learn more at

beholdvancouver.org/events/addiction-from-pornography-to-sexual-trafficking

PARISH MINISTRIES

- Alpha** Anthony Marroquin & Alex Lim
- Altar Servers** Alex Lim
- ACRSS Rep** Irenaeus Lim
- CWL** Josephine (Dollie) Basa
- Choir (Sun 9am)** Josephine (Dollie) Basa
- Choir (Sun 11am)** Roger De Villa
- Couples for Christ** Alejandro & Stella Delos Santos
- K of C** Danny Kusnardi
- Grief Support** Peter O'Reilly
- Lector** Suzanne Tkach
- Prayer Group** Alex & Nancy Lim
- PREP** Marilyn Sarte
- Project Advance** Kathy Gorkoff & Francis Gutierrez
- RCIA** David & Angela Kan
- Sacristan** Alex Lim
- Ushers** Robert Tang & Terry Charbonneau

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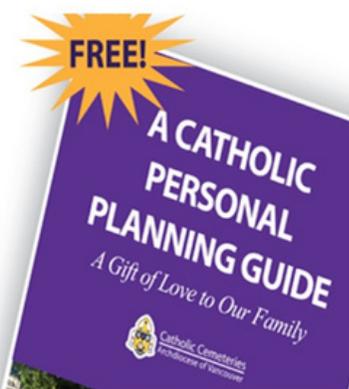
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