

Like a cracked walnut. Be opened. Like an eggshell. Like a grain of wheat. Like a pop-a-corn. Be opened!

When there is a small crack in our armour, that is a good thing, because like Leonard Cohen's song, Anthem, "There's a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in." Be opened! Let the light in.

Like Simon Peter in the Gospel of Luke we heard earlier in the week, when he falls on his knees and tells the Lord to,

"Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" (Luke 5: 1-11)

Because he was struck to the core by the awesomeness of God. It hit him like a bolt of lightning - he was split wide open. And he was never the same after that.

Have you ever been hit like that? Hit with the realization of the absolute lack of proportion between us and God? Like not bigger and smaller. No. Like there is **no comparison** between us and God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus heals a deaf man who has a speech impediment. He puts his fingers in the man's ears and spat and touched his tongue and says, "Be opened!" And the man began to hear and to be able to speak plainly.

Why did he do that? "The point of Jesus' physical healings was not to put doctors out of business. The point of miracles is to point. They are signs...And Jesus' healings of bodies points to his healing of souls." (Peter Kreeft, Food for the Soul, B, p.673)

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Isaiah 35.4-7 2nd Reading: James 2.1-5 Gospel: Mark 7.31-37

"Be Opened"

He continues to perform miracles in our lives today He opens our deaf ears and mute mouths. The foolishness of the world, of course, denies this. It denies almost everything about God. And because the foolishness of the world is louder and more pervasive, our children are overwhelmed with falsehoods. And because they hear very little from their church, from their parents, teachers, they tend to believe what they hear. And soon they are lost to us. Because we are just giving lip service to our faith. Do we just go to Mass and leave our faith at the doors of the church? Or do we speak with our children about the faith, about God, about Jesus. Do we pray together?

Be opened! Pray with your children and your grandchildren. Allow yourself to be opened! Our living faith is what our children need to see, hear, and experience. Be open to hear God's word and have no fear of proclaiming the truth to your children and to the world, that there is a way, and that way is Jesus Christ. Be open to him. Be opened by him.



Peace, Father Larry

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

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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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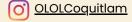
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Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Church Basement

Sept. 14, 2024 - 10 am - 4pm

Sept. 15, 2024 - 10 am - 2pm

Let's generate cash for the renovation of the church basement.





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:



Our Lady of Good Councel 10460 139 Street, Surrey



Saturday, October 5, 2024 at 9:00 AM.

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

See you there!

7-Sept	Saturday	5:00 PM	INT	Robert Magri
8-Sept	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
8-Sept	Sunday	11:00 AM	INT	Marie Beauregard
9-Sept	Monday	8:30 AM	+	Dr. Pablo Leonardo
10-Sept	Tuesday	8:30 AM	+	F. Bilodeau
11-Sept	Wednesday	8:30 AM	+	N. Bilodeau
12-Sept	Thursday	8:30 AM	+	Francesco Bertani
13-Sept	Friday	8:30 AM	+	Real Bilodeau
14-Sept	Saturday	8:30 AM	INT	Mira Flor Valerio

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

Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care

Join us for an interactive day of prayer, videos and discussion based on Horizons of Hope, a toolkit that seeks to empower and educate parishioners on questions surrounding palliative care, dying, death, suffering, and bereavement. The content explores how palliative care is understood from a perspective of Catholic moral and pastoral theology, medical expertise, and the Compassionate Community model. We hope to facilitate meaningful conversations grounded in the mercy and tenderness of the living Christ. This is an opportunity for caregivers, those who are sick, and family members to find support and help each other live well until our earthly life is over. On **Saturday, September 21, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish in Langley.** Cost is \$20, including lunch. Registration deadline: Tuesday, September 17. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

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.** 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.



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 <u>www.return-it.ca</u> 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.

Let's Have Breakfast Together

am Masses. Thank you KOFC!

Enjoy the delicious taste of warm pancakes, sausage and eggs breakfast organized and served by the Knight of Columbus on **Sept. 8 after 9 am and 11**



PARISH MINISTRIES

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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 Suzanne Tkach

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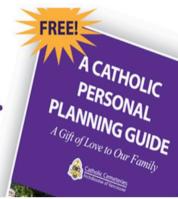
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