

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reading: Acts 6.1-7 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2.4-9 Gospel: John 14.1-12

## **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** Life, Prayer Vigils and Marches...

Our Catholic teachings are built upon the notion that life is sacred and the dignity of the human person is paramount to a moral universe. If we understand our faith very well, we know that every life is a precious gift from God. If you ask any four-year-old, they will tell you that. A four-year-old knows that we strive to do no harm and would be horrified to learn that the baby in mommy's tummy was ... I struggle for the right word here...killed? Murdered? Aborted? Terminated? A child would be horrified. But our society is not horrified.

On the contrary, our society tells us that abortion is a necessary procedure for women's health. It is set up and supported by the government and paid for by our tax dollars, making us all complicit in the process.

There is a fundamental divide in society, between those who believe abortion and euthanasia are a "good", a fundamental and necessary 'right' that enhances the common good and those who believe abortion and euthanasia are morally wrong. They believe that the right to life is the most important right because it is the right without which other rights no longer exist. This is the position of the Catholic Church.

Here in North America, the people on either side of this divide are in the throes of a great political battle. Certainly Catholics need to stand up on the side of

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life in that battle. But we Catholics also know that the war that is being waged is fought on another battlefield.

This is spiritual warfare. The battle is against evil. Our weapons are prayer, love and compassion. It's not a war on women who have suffered abortions. In fact, through the Rachel Vineyard Retreat, (see page 2) we provide a highly confidential opportunity for healing for those women.

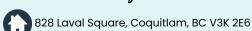
We've recently completed the 40 Days for Life Campaign in which we prayed for an end to the killing of innocent human life. And this week we have the March for Life in Victoria, where we demonstrate that there is actually resistance to the death regime that the governments support.

But we are also demonstrating to ourselves that we exist in numbers. We march and share stories. We pray. We laugh, we sing. We call on the government to let them know we are here, that life is sacred and the dignity of the human person is paramount.

If it is at all possible for you to take next Thursday, May 11 off and have an outing, a day trip, with friends and family, I implore you to do it. Buses are available to take us to Mass and the ferry [the ferry is free for seniors] (see page 3). Safe travels.

Peace,

Father Larry







Office Hours: 9:00am - 3:00pm | Mon - Fri

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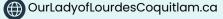
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We welcome all visitors. If you are new to the Parish, please fill out the registration form available at the entrance to the Church. And please introduce yourself to our pastor, Fr. Larry.



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#### REMINDER

### A CWL Fundraiserfor our church basement.



#### Neufeld Farms **Marke**t is now accepting online orders for their frozen foods. Please refer to an insert from last week's church bulletin (now also pinned at the church's board).

Last chance to put your order by Wed., May 17th, 2023, end of day. Visit our website for more information: ourladyoflourdescoquitlam.ca/current-events

### THE CHOSEN



After stirring the water, Jesus is now pursued by Simon the Zealot, Atticus, and Shmuel. John the Baptizer visits the group and tells Jesus his dangerous mission. Meanwhile, back at the camp, Mary Magdalene is devastated by an encounter with a mysterious and dangerous stranger.

Lower St. Anne's hall | 10:00 am - 11:30am | MAY 9

### **Applications Open: Permanent Diaconate Program**

On Deacon Sunday, May 7, we hear the account of the call of the first Deacons (Acts 6:1-7), which only appears in the Sunday Lectionary every three years. The title "deacon" comes from the Greek word "diakonos," which means "servant." Though all Christians by baptism are called to "diakonia," or service, deacons serve as a public sacramental sign of Christ in and at the service of the world. Like a priest, a deacon is a member of the clergy who shares in the ministry of the Bishop. The diaconate is a distinct vocation, or calling, to imitate Christ in His service to all humanity, to bring the world to Christ and Christ to the world. Are you being called to serve as a Permanent Deacon?



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### After abortion care

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### **RACHEL'S VINEYARD Retreat**

Join us on the next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat on Friday, June 9, to Sunday, June 11. For confidential information. please call 604-525-0999 or email info@pacscanada.org.

#### 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.

Abortion

#### 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.

| FORMED<br>THE CATHOLIC FAITH<br>ON DEMAND  | THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS <sup>3</sup> |           |          |     |                                     |
|--|--|-----------|----------|-----|-------------------------------------|
|  | 6-May                                    | Saturday  | 5:00 PM  | +   | John and Mariana Dycko              |
|  | 7-May                                    | Sunday    | 9:00 AM  | INT | OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISHIONERS    |
|  | 7-May                                    | Sunday    | 11:00 AM | +   | Babz Chula                          |
| Sign up for <b>FREE:</b><br><u>formed.org/signup</u><br>Enter our parish name<br>or postal code <b>V3K 2E6</b><br>and you're in. | 8-May                                    | Monday    | 8:30 AM  | INT | All the mothers in the Dycko Family |
|  | 9-May                                    | Tuesday   | 8:30 AM  | INT | Thanksgiving - Nette                |
|  | 10-May                                   | Wednesday | 8:30 AM  | +   | Douglas Russell                     |
|  | 11-May                                   | Thursday  | 8:30 AM  | INT | Juliana Fernandez                   |
| Enjoy the content<br>you want.   | 12-May                                   | Friday    | 8:30 AM  | +   | Francesco Bertani                   |
|  | 13-May                                   | Saturday  | 8:30 AM  | +   | Gregoria Boongaling                 |

LES ÉCHOS DU PACIFIQUE

LE FRANÇAIS

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**BREAKING** We found our new parish Administrative Assistant! Come meet her next week.

### Les Echos du Pacifique: Le français à Choeur !

Artistic Direction: Marla Mayson| Pianist: Zsuzsanna Lukacs On Mother's Day weekend, Les Echos du Pacifique will celebrate 50 years as Greater Vancouver's Francophone Choir with a concert at Coquitlam's St. Laurence Anglican Church.

### 🛗 Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 7:30 PM

St. Laurence Anglican Church 825 St. Laurence St., Coquitlam

The story of Les Échos began in 1973 when two parish choirs in Maillardville joined together in song. For them, it was a way to celebrate and preserve their French-Canadian heritage and culture. Today, francophones and francophiles from across the lower mainland continue to come to Maillardville, to celebrate French language and culture through music under the Artistic Direction of Marla Mayson.

Adults: \$20.00 Tickets are available online: Children: Free brownpapertickets.com/event/5667870

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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

Lina Aussant, Jamie Awa, Dr. Erb, Rob Gilmour, 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.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST AFTER MASS

The Knights of Columbus will be serving a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 7 after 9 am and 11 am masses. The money that we are collecting from the Pancake Breakfast will be used or donated to Knights of Columbus charity programs like Men's Hostel, Coat for Kids and Food Bank.



Join thousands from across Canada who are passionate about promoting life from conception to its natural end. Participants will gather in prayer and listen to a number of speakers who actively advance life issues at the B.C. Legislature, in an effort to lobby the pro-life movement across the province. On Thursday, May 11, in Victoria, B.C. Pickup and drop-off by bus and ferry is available at several locations throughout register the Archdiocese. То for transportation: rcav.regfox.com/m41

# PARISH MINISTRIES

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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** Irenaeus Lim Project Advance Kathy Gorkoff & Francis Gutierrez RCIA David & Angela Kan Sacristan Alex Lim Ushers Robert Tang & Terry Charbonneau

### Contact parish office for info.

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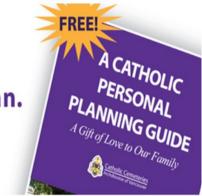
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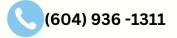
See the possibilities.

Pregnant NEED HELP?





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Please Remember Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Your Will. Thank you!