



Welcome

Welcome to all visitors! We are pleased that you are here. Father Larry, our pastor, would be delighted to meet you; please introduce yourself to him after Mass.

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 Sat. 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 6:00 pm.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 BULLETIN

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Plea to Keep the Church Open

Three years ago, just after the war between Hamas and Israel broke out, we opened the church and started exposing the Eucharist all day, most every day, for anyone seeking refuge from the world and wanting to find some peace, or pray for peace, in the middle of their day. We leave the doors open as a welcoming sign to parishioners and strangers alike. *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."* (Matthew 11:28)

That's the promise Jesus offers us. He wants to help us carry our burdens; that's why the Word became flesh, why God took on human form: to guide us and heal us, to offer us sanctuary.

We need a sanctuary, a place that offers refuge from the noise and the tumult of daily life in a world that is deeply divided and has lost its way. Whether we know it or not, we all need to spend truly quiet and reverent time in front of our Lord.

Silently, we look at him, and he gazes back at us.

To pray before the Blessed Sacrament, to sit in adoration of our Lord, is a very powerful prayer. When it is done in community, with intention, it is especially powerful. The prayer doesn't change God; the prayer changes us and the world. And that is the point, we are all sinners, and we all need to repent for our sins and offer sacrifice in reparation for them. That, in itself, brings a modicum of peace in the world.

For almost three years we have managed to keep the church open throughout the day.

We literally leave the front door ajar so that anyone can see that the church is open. The result is that many people have come in, even out of curiosity, and have found refuge from the din, perhaps from the mess of their lives.

This is so important! People come into the quiet and experience an encounter with the Lord. They may not even know that, because they are not necessarily Catholic, but they do experience peace. They may stay for five minutes, or they may stay an hour. They may even become parishioners. Some have.

This is my plea to you: We need to keep the church open; we need at least two parishioners present at any given hour during the day, generally between 9AM and 6PM. We have a few dedicated parishioners who are faithful adorers who keep the church open for the possibility that some stray sheep may come into the fold.

They need help! I need help - to keep the church doors open.

We are on the verge of having to close the church because we do not have enough people to cover the necessary hours. I'm asking you to please consider finding one hour a week and commit to silently looking at Jesus as he gazes back at you. **In doing so you will be offering the opportunity for some random (but not random in God's eyes) person who is seeking refuge and peace and who just might find the Lord** and you will gain a multitude of blessings for yourself.

Peace,
Father Larry

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Interested in becoming Catholic?

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or in learning about the Catholic faith? Our RCIA team explains the faith, answers the tough questions, and accompanies the inquirers on their journey. The meetings take place on Thursday evenings, starting on September 24 at 7pm. Let your family, friends and acquaintances know about this opportunity to learn and have their questions answered. For more information, please contact the parish office.

PREP

Calling all parents of public school children from Gr 1-7 – register now for PREP classes to help teach your children about the Catholic faith and prepare them for the sacraments. PREP classes are held every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:45 pm, starting September 16 in the St. Anne's Upper Hall. For more information or to register, contact Marilyn at mvsarte@hotmail.com.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is a time of prayer when the faithful adore our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Blessed Sacrament. Father exposes a consecrated Host in a monstrance and sets it on the altar for all to see. This type of worship flows from the Catholic belief that Jesus is really and truly present—body, blood, soul, and divinity—in the Eucharist. It is a wonderful time for prayer, thanksgiving, and worship. You are welcome to come for minutes or hours, daily or occasionally. For more information, call the parish office at 604-936-1311.

Hymn Swing

Come for an evening of fun where classic hymns are arranged with swing/jazz rhythms! Hymn Swing is the first of a series of events called "Live at Lourdes" and features a quartet and your favourite songs and hymns – with a twist. Blending faith and hymns, singing and instruments, entertainment and talk, it will be an engaging evening. Donations accepted at the door. Saturday, Sept 26 in the St Bernadette Hall



Stand Up for Jesus Comedy

Something exciting is coming to Our Lady of Lourdes! Stand Up for Jesus is a local stand-up comedy group that has seen dramatic growth recently. Started by Jo-Anne Duchscherer, a parishioner at St Joseph's Port Moody, and a stand-up comedian herself, she is offering classes here, starting October 9 (*Not Sept. 26 as announced last week*). No experience necessary as she will teach you how to write and perform your own material. Share your humour and Catholic joy with others as you grow in confidence yourself. Classes run 8 weeks on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 9 pm. Cost is \$100, which includes all course material. For more information, email info@sufj.ca Sign up with a friend!

Christian Life Program — Couples for Christ

Couples are invited to join the upcoming Christian Life Program (CLP), beginning September 12 and continuing for eight weeks. The Christian Life Program is a wonderful opportunity for couples and families to grow deeper in their relationship with Christ and discover how faith can enrich marriage, family life, and everyday living. Through weekly talks, small-group discussions, prayer, fellowship, and personal reflection, participants will explore the Christian faith and learn practical ways to live it more intentionally at home, in marriage, and in the community. Whether you are newly married, have been married for many years, or simply desire to renew your relationship with God and your spouse, we warmly invite you to take part. Hosted by Couples for Christ. For more information or to register, please contact Noemi Tanudtanud at 778-709-1727 or Phanie Legaspi at 604-317-3242.

HOLY COMMUNION

Anyone who is not able to attend Mass and wishes to receive the Eucharist, please contact the parish office.

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.

BAPTISM

By appointment only.

FUNERAL

Contact Parish Priest before making arrangements.

SACRAMENTALS

For blessing of cars, religious articles and house blessings, please contact the Parish Office.

Upper Room Conference

This year's Upper Room Conference will explore the theme that our life is a mission field, and that by virtue of our baptism, we are already sent on mission. Through powerful keynote sessions from Chris Stefanick, Megan Andres, and a conversation between Archbishop Smith and Eric Chow, as well as breakout sessions to equip you for your specific mission, Upper Room invites you to receive, be inspired, and renewed in where the Lord is calling you. Saturday, October 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Pacific Academy, Surrey. Register at upperroomvancouver.com by September 23.

Life Compass Society Annual Walk

The Life Compass Society is holding its annual fundraising walk on Sept. 19 to support life-affirming initiatives.

Participants walk, run or bike part of the PoCo Trail, starting at Lions Park. The PoCo Trail is a beautiful location beside the river for the 5 km or 10 km walk or run, or a 25 km bike ride. Registration opens at 9 am and the walk starts at 10 am. Funds raised support pro-life education and vulnerable individuals. **Father Larry is participating in the walk** and he would love your support! Sponsor him by signing up on the sheets at the church entrances.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

5-Sept	Saturday	5:00 PM	INT	Joseph Wan Sai Cheong
6-Sept	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
6-Sept	Sunday	11:00 AM	INT	Normita Pilorin
7-Sept	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Beerens & Torres family
8-Sept	Tuesday	8:30 AM	INT	Marie Beauregard
9-Sept	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Arthur & Marianne Fournier
10-Sept	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Kie Rodjito
10-Sept	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	John Nootebos
11-Sept	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Shirley Bens

Rise Up CCO Conference

Young adults from all over Canada are rising up to face their giants with faith... are you one of them? Every year, close to 1,000 Catholics from all over Canada gather at Rise Up: students, graduates, young professionals, and people just like you who want to go deeper with their faith. God moves at Rise Up. And if you let Him, you'll never be the same. Hosted by Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO)™, Rise Up is open to all young adults ages 18-35 and will take place in Vancouver from Dec 29, 2026 - Jan 1, 2027. Early Bird Pricing deadline is on September 15, 2026. For more information and to register, please email riseup@cco.ca or visit cco.ca/riseup



World Youth Day 2027

The next World Youth Day will take place in Seoul, Korea from August 3 to 8, 2027. If you are interested in attending or want more details, contact Fr. Médard Kamanzi at Our Lady of Fatima at 604-936-2525.

Employment Opportunity

Gamesters Fundamentals, the provider of our before and after school care services, is looking to add to their team! Several part time positions are available, from 2:30 - 5:30 PM on school days, with flexibility for days/time off as needed.

Applicants need to be 19 years of age and will be required to take a First Aid course & "The Responsible Adult Course", and have a criminal record check. For more information or to apply, please contact Lottie by text message at 778-227-4335.



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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

Kathleen Lauzon, Gilberte Collette, Ozina Finnigan, Jose (JoJo) Alonco, Ralph Roberts, Anna Kocko and Sister Claire Marie.

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 **Knights of Columbus** for sponsoring.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Alpha Anthony Marroquin
Altar Servers Marilyn Sarte
ACRSS Rep. Sam Delli Santi & Elga Gonzalez
CWL Josephine (Dollie) Basa
Choir Roger De Villa & Agnes Wan
Couples for Christ Sydney and Noemi Tanudtanud
K of C Anthony Marroquin
Lector Jannie Delli Santi
Prayer Group Alex & Nancy Lim
PREP Marilyn Sarte
RCIA Marilyn Sarte
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Project Advance Kathy Gorkoff
Ushers Robert Tang & Terry Charbonneau

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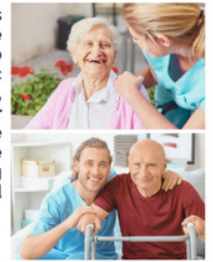


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