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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

COQUITLAM



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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.

"If you had Faith the Size of a Mustard Seed..."

What would you do if you had faith the size of a mustard seed? Do you? Have faith the size of a mustard seed? That's pretty small. Maybe you have more faith than that. Maybe you think you have a lot of faith but really, do you? Jesus is saying that if you had ONLY that much faith, no bigger than a mustard seed, you would be able, through the grace of God, to do things that are virtually impossible.

I think the point is to get us to shift our thinking away from the natural world and the way the world thinks and to think much bigger, to think beyond space and time, to think of the spiritual world, to use our imaginations.

Through its own efforts, the human mind is able to have a knowledge of God the Creator by considering created things. It can know of his existence, but it cannot understand the mystery of his intimate life. Divine revelation tells us that God is Triune, but it does not show us the Trinity. It makes us know that God gives us grace, but we cannot see grace. And exactly because we cannot see, in order to adhere to divine mysteries, we must believe trustingly in God who revealed them to us. This is what we call an act of faith.

Have you ever noticed that before every miracle Jesus performs, he always asked for an act of faith? *"Do you believe I can do this?" "Yes Lord!" "Let it be done to you according to your faith."* (MT. 9:28-29)

When faith was sincere the miracle took place immediately. *"Be of good heart daughter"* he said to the hemorrhaging woman, *"your faith has made you whole."* (Mt. 9:22) Jesus never said, by my power I heal you, but always, *"your faith."*

We all struggle with difficulties in the spiritual life, faults we can't seem to overcome, virtues we can't quite acquire, habits we can't break. We have difficulties in our everyday lives, responsibilities that we have difficulty fulfilling, pressures that mount all around us...and we get discouraged. *"It would take only a little faith, like the grain of a mustard seed, which is very tiny indeed. But if faith is certain, resolute, supernatural, and that it only counts on God and trusts in his name alone, this faith will confront every difficulty whatsoever with courage. Oh! If we could only have such faith!"* (Father Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D., Divine Intimacy)



We all recite the Creed, "I believe in God, the Father almighty..." and then a few minutes later something happens that disturbs us or puts us off and we have forgotten that God is with us. We lose sight of the light of faith, which makes us see everything as dependent on God and let human considerations invade our life as if God had nothing to do with it.

But he is always with us. In fact, he lives in us as we live in him. There is nothing outside of him. We are like the birds of the air and the lilies of the field. Allow him to carry us. Allow him to take care of us. All it takes is faith...no larger than the size of a mustard seed,

Peace,

Father Larry

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Thank you for your continued participation in, and support of, Project Advance 2025. We are grateful for every donor and every donation. All donations received from now on go directly to assist in the purchase of FFE (fixtures, furniture and equipment) for the basement – like kitchen appliances, audio-visual equipment and more. To donate go online to our parish website at olol.ca and click on 'donate'. If you prefer to give cash or cheque you may drop your envelope off in the collection basket or at the parish office. Thank you!



Extraordinary Ministers Needed

If you are interested in serving the parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please speak with Father Larry or call the parish office. Extraordinary Ministers assist Father in giving the faithful the Eucharist during Mass. Training will be provided at a workshop on **Tuesday, October 14 at 7 pm.**

Sentinel

Sentinel, formerly known as Charm, is a local charity aimed at educating our youth and their families about the unintended consequences of substance use. Research confirms that participation in effective prevention programs can cut drug use in half. If you would like to support the efforts of Sentinel, you are welcome to drop a donation in the box at the front right of the church, under the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Archbishop's Dinner

Join Father Larry and others from Our Lady of Lourdes at the 14th annual Archbishop's Dinner. We have a table set aside just for us. The Archbishop's Dinner is an annual event which raises funds for a different group or charity in the diocese each year. This year's Archbishop's Dinner will launch a new fund that empowers women facing adversity to find safety, healing, and new beginnings. Women are at the centre of our families and communities. But when hardships arise—abuse, addiction, isolation—they are often the first to suffer and the last to receive help. The dinner will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver on **Wednesday, October 22. Reception at 6 PM | Dinner at 7 PM.** For more information or to accept this invitation please, call the parish office. We would love to see you there!

Single Mothers' Weekly Online Gatherings

This online gathering is open to all single mothers looking for connection and support in a faith-based community. Hosted by Momentum: Catholic Single Mothers, participants meet weekly to explore the Catholic faith, followed by sharing and prayer. Aside from weekly online gatherings, Momentum also offers retreats, evenings of Adoration, spiritual direction, among other programs and activities. Weekly on **Wednesdays 7 pm to 8 pm.** To learn more, please visit momentummothers.org.

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 Fri. 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.

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 the Parish Office.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Beware of Email Scams

Emails asking for gift cards and claiming to be from Father Larry have been sent to some parishioners. Please do not respond! This is a scam! Father Larry, or any priest, will never email or text you for financial assistance. Never respond to emails or texts requesting cash, gift cards, or e-transfers. If you have any doubts about an email's legitimacy, please ask Father Larry or the parish office directly.

4-Oct	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Rosina Irene Magri
5-Oct	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
5-Oct	Sunday	11:00 AM	INT	Frieda & Robert Magri and Jessica Weeks
6-Oct	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Padua family
7-Oct	Tuesday	8:30 AM	INT	Michael & Anne McNamara
8-Oct	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	Evelyn Savella
9-Oct	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Roger Girard
10-Oct	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	Salvador Macaranas
11-Oct	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Elizabeth Moore



Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) Retreat Weekend

WWME Vancouver is pleased to offer an in-person retreat this **October 24-26, 2025** at the Carmel Hill Retreat Centre in Deroche, near Agassiz. If you desire to restore communication and rekindle romance in your marriage, this retreat is for you! Come learn how to become closer as a couple through a communication strategy that will deepen and strengthen your love, leading to a richer, more intimate and joyful life together! Let us help you live your best life in love. The retreat begins Friday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon with the celebration of Mass. The retreat includes accommodation and all meals. If you have any questions, please contact Vern and Carolyn Bauer at 604-619-8041 or wwmevancouverbc@gmail.com or visit wwme.org

Prison Ministry Volunteer Support & Development Day

Join us to learn more about volunteering with the Archdiocese of Vancouver's Prison Ministry. This is a day for reflection, learning, and sharing among current prison ministry volunteers and anyone interested in learning more about the ministry. Must be 19 years and older. Please register by email: aveters@rcav.org Registration deadline: Wednesday, October 8.

Youth Night



Calling all youth! You are invited to our weekly Youth Night in the Upper Hall. Join us for some ping pong, board games and other fun. **Friday nights starting at 6 pm.**

Estate and Memorial Planning Webinar

This free presentation provides general information for preparing or updating your Will, learning about the beauty of the funeral rite, and formulating pre-need arrangements. You'll be pointed to complementary guides, tools and practical resources. The event is sponsored and presented by the Gardens of Gethsemani cemetery, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. **Online via Zoom October 2, 11 am to 12 noon.** To register, go to <https://beholdvancouver.org/events>

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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

Kathleen Lauzon, René & Gilberte Collette, Father Lucien Larré, Fernand Finnigan, Ozina Finnigan, Father Alan Boisclair, Jose (JoJo) Alonco, Ralph & Marguerite Roberts 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

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CWL Josephine (Dollie) Basa
Choir Roger De Villa & Agnes Wan
Couples for Christ Jet & Jane Sarmiento
K of C Anthony Marroquin
Lector Thelma Papas
Prayer Group Alex & Nancy Lim
PREP Marilyn Sarte
Pro-Life Ting and Nercy Barona
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