



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.

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

BULLETIN

Stewardship Reflection

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Common Good

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
In the past few weeks, I have been taking you on a little journey through the basic principles of Catholic Social Justice teaching because these teachings are the blueprint for how human beings are made to behave toward one another. Obviously, in my little reflections we can barely scratch the surface of how these concepts operate through individual persons, the family, the parish, the Church and the greater society.

All the teachings are rooted in the fact that we are made in the image and likeness of God – **Imago Dei**. Believing that means we must see God in each other and see each other as children of God. Each person who ever lived, even if they only lived for a millisecond after conception or to 120 years old, no matter their circumstances, has inherent **Dignity** because – **Imago Dei**.

Solidarity means we are made for relationship with God and with our fellow humans; to live in families, in community and to know, as St. John-Paul II said, *"We are all really responsible for all."*

The purpose of **Subsidiarity** is to protect the moral development of the human person; to allow the moral space a person needs to exercise his own moral judgement and action. Its default position is that small and local is better than large and remote.

And all these principles, when enacted honestly, benefit the **Common Good**.

Perhaps the best way to define the common good is as a state of affairs in which dignity, solidarity, and subsidiarity are acknowledged and achieved. The Catechism describes the common good as *"the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or*

individuals to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily." CCC1906

So, when we treat each other with dignity, are in solidarity with our fellow humans and work in groups at the appropriate level of organization, we contribute to the common good.

Unfortunately, in so many ways, we don't do that.

In our world, there are governments, laws, policies and public institutions that promote abortion, euthanasia, contraception, torture, pornography, surrogate parenting, in vitro fertilization, body mutilation, capital punishment, restrictions on freedom of religion, of assembly and travel. All these things are detrimental to authentic human fulfillment and flourishing and so, do not contribute to the common good but in fact destroy dignity, solidarity and subsidiarity which are necessary for the common good.

And the reason the world is in such dire straits is because too many of us forget that we are made in the image of God. *"The human soul, alone, is properly the image of God."* St. Thomas Aquinas, Summa Theologica, I, 93, 2.)

I'll leave you with a quote from Jacques Maritain, which tells us precisely what the true common good is.

"Together, God and the soul, are two in one; two natures in a single vision and a single love. The soul is filled with God. It is in society with God. With him, it possesses a common good, the divine Good itself." Jacques Maritain, The Person and the Common Good, p.17


Please contemplate what that means.

Peace,


Father Larry

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What is the mustard seed?

Spiritual Care Training Workshop

This 8-week training course teaches how to make yourself more available to seniors and others who can benefit from your genuine concern and presence in their lives. Some topics covered include aging, communication, boundaries, and self-care. The course will be offered online with small discussion groups. Beginning **Thursday, February 13, 1:30 - 4:00 pm through April 4.** Register by February 13 at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Archbishop's Letter on the Jubilee of Hope

Archbishop Miller has written a pastoral letter to the faithful of the archdiocese. It begins, "The Jubilee Year of Hope is a profoundly significant and grace-filled year for our Archdiocese. It offers us unique opportunities to deepen our relationship with God and one another... In this Pastoral Letter, I wish to share with you the blessings of this Jubilee Year and inspire you to strengthen your hope in Christ." The full letter is available at the church entrance or by visiting rcav.org/jubilee-2025

Gaza Ceasefire Webinar

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA Canada) invites you to a special webinar with Joseph Hazboun, Regional Director based in Jerusalem, to discuss the latest updates on the Gaza ceasefire—developments that bring immense hope to the region and the Christian communities there. Join us for expert insights on what this means for the people of Gaza and the path forward. **Wednesday, February 12, 12:00 pm.** Join the webinar at <https://www2.rcav.org/e/897551/3CnAktm-/3qzt2y/3327370288/h/z9Dc8BTkAbiK4IVmbzA5qjrqrhZCseM0lqAZBqxOVxg>

Weekend Getaway Marriage Conference

This conference is uniquely designed to enrich your relationship. The atmosphere is relaxed, warm and fun. Hear from real couples doing real life together God's way. Take time to process what you're learning, and together, build a joyful marriage that lasts a lifetime. **Friday, February 21 through Sunday February 23** at Fairmont Empress, Victoria. Register for \$299 by February 19 at beholdvancouver.org/events Register with promo code "RCAVVIC" for \$199 before **February 9.**

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
Adoration: 9:00am – 10:00am and 5:45pm – 6:45pm

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 6:00pm.

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.

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Please do your best to keep the envelopes in alphabetical order so the next person can easily find their receipt. Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

8-Feb	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Livera Family
9-Feb	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
9-Feb	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Marie & Colin Morris
10-Feb	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Juan Deduque
11-Feb	Tuesday	8:30 AM	INT	Ysonza Family-Thanksgiving
11-Feb	Tuesday	7:00 PM	✝	Raymond Albert
12-Feb	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Jansen Sarte
13-Feb	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	All Souls in Purgatory
14-Feb	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	Marianna Dyczko
15-Feb	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Luckhart family



BOTTLE DRIVE

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. Please **LEAVE LABELS ON**, **RINSE RECYCLABLES** and **do not include garbage** in the bags.

Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day



Our parish Feast Day is coming soon! There will be two celebrations. Join us at one, or both, of the celebrations for Our Lady of Lourdes.

The first will take place on **Sunday, February 9 at 11 am** with a **procession** and reception following Mass. On the actual date, **February 11, there will be a special evening Mass at 7 pm**. Come, let us celebrate together!

As we celebrate our Feast Day and honour Our Lady of Lourdes this week we can offer this prayer to Our Lady.

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes



**"O star of purity,
Mary Immaculate,
Our Lady of Lourdes,
glorious in your assumption,
triumphant in your coronation,
show unto us the mercy of thy Son.
Virgin Mary, Queen and Mother,
be our comfort, hope, strength,
and consolation. Amen."**

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 and Jose (JoJo) Alonco.

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 **CWL** for sponsoring.

PARISH MINISTRIES

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Couples for Christ Jet & Jane Sarmiento
K of C Anthony Marroquin
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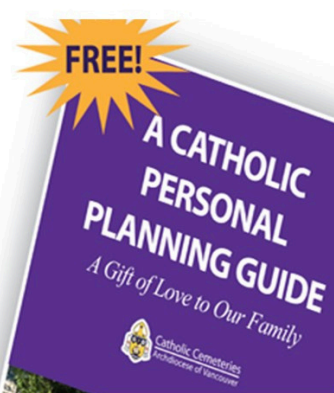


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