

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 BULLETIN

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"Man is born broken. He lives by mending.
The grace of God is the glue."**

Eugene O'Neil, American Playwright

Think about this: Where do we find grace? I'm not speaking of sacramental grace; I'm thinking about the grace that comes through an encounter with another. Moments of grace come when we find ourselves in uncomfortable situations, usually concerning another person. The situation may be difficult and yet, in that moment, there is an offer of grace and often it is refused. We sometimes run away from grace because to receive grace is painful because it involves change and we don't like change. Grace, freely given in moments that are forged in trial and difficulties, will knock us off our feet if we allow it. We come out of ourselves and bring ourselves to the other and, as difficult as the situation might have been, we are so much better off for it.

The slave that was forgiven his debt by the master (Matthew 18:21-35) was offered a great moment of grace. And what did he do with it? He ran away from it because it would have required that he open up his heart, that he has a transformation. He had no idea of the gift he was given and so he can't bring himself to forgive the small debt that was owed to him.

He's not ready to accept the grace offered to him in this encounter with his fellow slave.

We often miss opportunities for grace because we are so blind sometimes. **Amazing Grace** *how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.* Let's face it, we are broken. We've been broken since the time of Adam and Eve. Each of us suffers our own brokenness, no matter who we are or how much money we have. **We all suffer.** Being the natural state of affairs, then, **brokenness is simply an opportunity to mend.**

We live by mending. We need to lean into our brokenness, accept it, embrace it, and offer it to Christ. And then we can **accept the glue that mends our lives: the grace of God.**

Christ wasn't broken but he became broken for us. He's on the cross, leaning into his suffering. He embraces it. He makes it meaningful. He uses it for our salvation. He cries out to his Father, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do!" In his great moment of grace, he did not refuse. Neither should we.



Peace,
Father Larry

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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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Project Advance is underway! Thank you to those who have so generously contributed to this year's appeal. Last year, we raised money for windows for our basement. They are installed and make a huge difference to the light, look, and feel of the space. This year, we are looking forward to actually using the basement. But first, we need fixtures, furniture and equipment (FFE) to make the space useable. This includes tables and chairs, kitchen appliances, audio-visual equipment and more. To give to Project Advance, you can go online to projectadvance.ca, call the archdiocese at 604-683-0281 or drop your well-marked donation in the collection basket. Thank you for your support!

Beware of Email Scams

SCAM



ALERT

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.

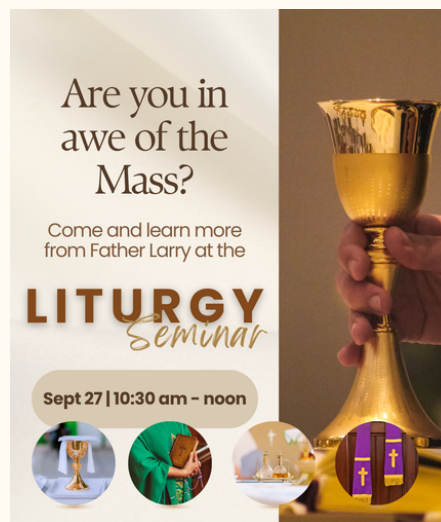
CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION

PREP

PREP, our religious education program for school children not enrolled in a Catholic school, started on **Wednesday, Sept 10 at 6:30 pm** but it is not too late to enroll your child(ren)! The purpose of PREP is to assist parents in teaching their children about the Catholic faith and to help prepare them for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation. For more information about PREP or to register, email Marilyn at mvsarte@hotmail.com

Liturgy Seminar

Are you in awe of the Mass? Are you interested in knowing more about the liturgy? Come and learn the basics about the liturgical calendar, sacred vessels, vestments, the role of the sacristan and more. Father Larry is offering this seminar to those who want a better understanding of this essential element of our Catholic faith. **Saturday, Sept 27 from 10:30 am to noon.**



World Day of Migrants and Refugees

This celebration begins with Mass, then a gathering in the gym to enjoy some of the many cultures we are blessed to have among us with food, music, and other entertainment. It is our way of recognizing, thanking, and celebrating the beautiful diversity of our Archdiocese while welcoming and supporting those who have come to us from sometimes very difficult circumstances, even if it was generations ago. **Saturday, October 4 at 5 pm** at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Surrey. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events



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

20-Sept	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Pilorin family
21-Sept	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
21-Sept	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Eugene Andiso
22-Sept	Monday	8:30 AM	INT	Anne McNamara
23-Sept	Tuesday	8:30 AM	INT	Felipe Bezerra & family
24-Sept	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Genaro H Odulio
25-Sept	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Ceferina Macaranas
26-Sept	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	All Souls in Purgatory
27-Sept	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Lal Vanasinghe

The Catholic Faith in Plain English

Learn about the rich teachings and practices of our Catholic Faith from Father Vincent Hawkswell and Maureen Creelman. This free, 36 week-long course will be offered both in person and online. All Catholics are welcome. Offered **Sundays at 2 pm** at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, or Mondays at 10 am at St Anthony Parish, West Vancouver. Learn more and access class content at beholdvancouver.org/catholic-faith-course.



Youth Night is Back!



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.**

The Fourteenth Annual Archbishop's Dinner

Join Archbishop Richard Smith on **Wednesday, October 22, 2025**, at the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver. This special evening will bring together Catholics from across the archdiocese to celebrate our faith, share in fellowship, and support a new fund that empowers women facing adversity. Father Larry will be attending. If you interested in joining him at the Our Lady of Lourdes table, please contact the parish office. For more information visit rcav.org/dinner2025

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.

RCIA

RCIA starts this week! All non-Catholics wanting to learn about the Catholic faith are welcome! The classes run on **Thursday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm**. There will be presentations on many Catholic topics, discussion and time for questions.

For more information, please call the parish office.

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 **Couples for Christ** 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 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
Project Advance Kathy Gorkoff & Francis Gutierrez
Ushers Robert Tang & Terry Charbonneau

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