

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish was founded in 1909 when French Canadian families from Québec and Eastern Ontario were brought out west to work at the Great Western Sawmill on the mighty Fraser River. There wasn't much of anything between the church and the river except trees and a few logging roads. The Reverend Edmond Maillard OMI, a young missionary priest from France, was invited to start the new parish. He was only here for two years and yet he left an indelible mark, and his name still rings out around these parts as MA-LARD-ville.

The parish has gone through many changes in 113 years, naturally, and it has come to be a significant and imposing shrine, to beauty, simplicity and holiness in Maillardville, BC.

I discovered a letter that Marcel Proust wrote in 1903, at the height of an anticlerical wave, which was sweeping through France. Proust elegantly and poetically describes a graceful and transcendent quality of a village church:

"I can tell you that at Illiers, the small community where two days ago my father presided at the awarding of the school prizes, the curé is no longer invited to the distribution of the prizes ... The pupils are trained to consider the people who associate with him as socially undesirable ... It doesn't seem to me right that the old curé should no longer be invited to the distribution of the prizes, as representative of something in the village more difficult to define than the social function

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Isaiah 53.10-11 2nd Reading: Hebrews 4.14-16 Gospel: Mark 10.35-45

# The Church On The Square

symbolized by the pharmacist, the retired tobacco-inspector and the optician, but something which is. nevertheless, not unworthy of respect, were it only for the perception of the meaning of the spiritualized beauty of the church spire – pointing upward into the sunset where it loses itself so lovingly in the rose-coloured clouds; and which, all the same, looks somehow better, nobler, more dignified, with more meaning behind it, and with, what we need, more love than the other buildings, however sanctioned they may be under the latest laws."

"...somehow better, nobler, more dignified, with more meaning behind it...with more love than the other buildings." That's Our Lady of Lourdes, a cornerstone of the Village of Maillardville where Catholicism lives and thrives. It is a place that gives identity to the neighborhood. lt's supported by the people in the neighborhood even while it is supporting the people of the neighborhood. It reaches out to those in need and meets the spiritual needs of our parishioners and all people living in Maillardville.

This is my vision of the parish. It is a vision that has come out of its own historical and geographical context. In a sense, Our Lady of Lourdes stands as an obstacle to be negotiated. You can't drive straight through Cartier, or you don't go up or down on Laval St. without negotiating the church. Our Lady of Lourdes stands as a place to be reckoned with in all of its beauty, simplicity and the "meaning behind it". It stands out and we, as the stewards of this edifice, this square, this "spiritualized beauty of the church spire" have an obligation to bring this jewel of Coquitlam intact into the future. (to be Peace, Father Larry

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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, Father Larry.

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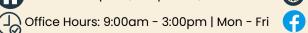
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# Celebrate One Year of an Open Church, Adoration and Prayer for Peace



#### October 22, 2024 7:00 PM

It's been one year since we started exposing the Holy Eucharist and have organized ourselves to keep our church open throughout the day and on a daily basis. This action was a direct response to the horrific massacre by Hamas in Israel on October 7, 2023, and the beginning of a widespread regional war. We can see the fruits of this initiative every day when people from other areas show up, even people of other faiths. They come to pray here because they know the door is open and, if they are not Catholic, they know there is something holy in the church. They can feel His presence.

This is something to celebrate. Please join us on this special evening of thanksgiving: n Adoration. In Silence. In Music. In Prayer. In Confession.

### **Pray for Peace.**



## Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday to Saturday

Adoration begins after morning Mass (about 9 am) All are welcome to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. The length of time Jesus is exposed on the altar varies but the church is open Tuesday to Saturday until 6 pm).

Come, let us adore Him!



### The Downside of High

All are invited to a CBC Nature of Things documentary narrated by David Suzuki called "The Downside of High". It is the story of three BC teens and their doctors who agree that the mental health challenges they now face is the result of their smoking marijuana in their teens. The movie will be shown in the **Upper St. Anne's Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 7 pm.** The event is sponsored by CHARM (Christian Addictions Recovery Ministries) Society. Bring a friend and come to this thought-provoking presentation.

#### 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. Nonparishioners 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 Parish Office.

### THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### Young Adult Evening: Deliver Us from Evil

Have you ever had questions about the demonic? The Catholic Young Adults of Surrey, together with Assumption Young Adults, invite you to "Deliver Us from Evil": a talk, Q&A, and BBQ on **Friday**, **November 8th, 6:30pm** at Our Lady of the Assumption's parish centre. Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P. from the Queen of Peace Monastery in Squamish, will explore various spiritual challenges such as manifestations.

19-Oct	Saturday	5:00 PM	+	Walter Gutierrez
20-Oct	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
20-Oct	Sunday	11:00 AM	+	Jack Lin
21-Oct	Monday	8:30 AM	+	Camillo Apelo-Cruz
22-Oct	Tuesday	8:30 AM	+	Camillo Apelo-Cruz
23-Oct	Wednesday	8:30 AM	+	Rosina Bertani
24-Oct	Thursday	8:30 AM	INT	TLA Intentions
25-Oct	Friday	8:30 AM	INT	Catherine Odsmund
26-Oct	Saturday	8:30 AM	+	Lina Aussant

BOOKING MASS INTENTIONS. Please connect with the parish office to request an intention.

You'll also have the opportunity for a Q&A session with Fr. Pierre and other experts in the occult and witchcraft. There will be a delicious BBQ with burgers, chips, and drinks prior to the talks. Early bird pricing for \$15 tickets ends on October 31st.



Please see the QR code included for more details and to register!



# **CARNEY GARAGE SALE**

Sat., Oct. 26th (8:30 am - 3:30 pm) & Sun., Oct. 27th (9:30 am - 2:30 pm) Don't miss the largest annual indoor Garage Sale in the Tri-Cities area. We will have an impressive display of new and used items at bargain prices. Strictly clean and reusable items will be up for sale. Support the school while getting great deals on Household Items, Tools, Books, Toys, Clothing, Sporting Goods, Electronics, and much, much more! Cash & Credit Cards accepted. Remember to spread the word to your family and friends! We need your support! 1335 Dominion Ave, Port Coquitlam, BC V3B 867

### **PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

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

### Dr. Erb, Kathleen Lauzon, Ralph Roberts, René & Gilberte Collette, the Quek Family, Father Lucien Larré and Teresita Cunningham.

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.



The Knights of Columbus are holding a recycling bottle drive to fund our church basement improvements. 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. Here are the list of recyclables that are **accepted** for the bottle drive:

- Aluminum cans
- Plastic and Paper Drink containers
- Glass bottles
- Dairy and Non Dairy Milk Containers and Wine Bottles.

Please LEAVE LABELS ON, RINSE RECYCLABLES and **do not include garbage** in the bags. For more info please check out<u>www.return-it.ca</u> or scan the QR code. Thank you!!



# **PARISH MINISTRIES**

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K of C	Anthony Marroquin
Lector	Suzanne Tkach
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PREP	Marilyn Sarte
Project Advance	Kathy Gorkoff & Francis Gutierrez
Sacristan	Alex Lim
Ushers	Robert Tang & Terry Charbonneau

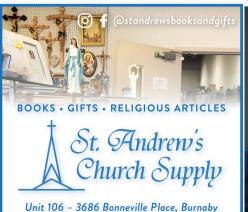
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