

NOVEMBER 23, 2025 BULLETIN

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Christ the King

The Paradox of Christianity III

Here we are at the end of our liturgical year, the end of Ordinary Time, the end of the Gospel of Luke, the end of time. That's precisely what the Church tends to focus on at the end of the liturgical year. The end times. Focusing on these scripture readings should lead us to reflect on our own end. By that, I mean how it will end for us when we die, and the purpose for which we were made.

And I suppose the reason I am writing again about the paradoxes of Christianity is because I'm attempting to have you look deeper into the Catholic faith and help you discover the mystical nature of Christ and his teachings. Jesus is at odds with the physical world, the world we know and live in. Christians are at odds with the world as well. It's not enough to try to understand reality at face value. We must look deeper, to what is unseen, to what is beyond the seen. Because that's where reality lives.

It sounds like a paradox. This is true not just in the spiritual realm, but it is how science is beginning to explain the universe. In all the universe, less than .1% is matter – the stuff we can see, smell, feel or taste. The rest of it has yet to be explained by science but it seems that more scientists are concluding that the universe can only be explained by the existence of something that you might call God.

The paradox here is that what we humans think of as reality, is miniscule compared to what reality is. And that is why what Jesus speaks of and teaches seems so paradoxical to us – he knows reality, he created reality and he places

us in reality to be with him forever. He is straightening out our false notions of reality. He's teaching us to live well and according to his precepts. He's giving us what we need to guide our immortal souls to be one with him and in him. He tells his stories and parables to help us to avoid the traps of a carnal existence on earth, reminding us that, yes, we are flesh but that we are also spirit.

He wants us to look past the passions and desires that promise us something they can't deliver. They offer us temporary pleasures that fade like morning flowers that are dried up and gone by evening. Fleeting and temporary are the solutions we use to fill our emptiness.

Jesus wants us to trust him with what is not so obvious to us, things that will make our life full of joy, even through our struggles and pain because what he shows us is the reality of his existence.

We can only begin to understand any of this if we have a sense of wonder. We need to use our imagination if we're going to understand Catholic doctrine. That's a paradox. How can we begin to relate to the Trinity, to the Mystical Body of Christ, that God became one of us, if we take everything at face value? We can't. We need a sense of wonder and imagination and poetry. Like the Psalms.

*"You, O Lord, are my lamp
My God who lightens my darkness."
(Psalm 18:30)*

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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Building Our Parish Community

We are in the last stretch of Project Advance 2025. All proceeds go towards fixtures, furniture and equipment (FFE) for the newly renovated basement. We want to enjoy our new space while sitting in a chair, with a light on, sipping a cup of coffee, and listening to some music. Please donate to help us achieve this so we can purchase the FFE. To contribute, go to our website, olol.ca, or drop an envelope (well marked as "Project Advance") in the collection basket. Thank you for your support!

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\$26,738



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Report Date:
November 19, 2025

Archdiocese Allotment
\$10,700

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PROJECT
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Archdiocese of Vancouver
Project Advance Parish
Progress Report

Les Echos du Pacifique Choir Presents

DEC 6

The choir, Les Echos du Pacifique, sings in French, English and other languages, while they enthusiastically support the Francophone culture and community, as they have done for decades. All are welcome to their Christmas concert on **Saturday, Dec 6 at 7:30 pm** in our church. For tickets or more information, see the poster in the vestibule.



Christmas in the Square



DEC 7

All parishioners, families, friends and neighbours are welcome to Christmas in the Square at Our Lady of Lourdes!

There will be live music, treats, crafts, a visit from St. Nicholas, lighting of the church and a sing-along. Donations of non-perishable food for the local food bank are appreciated. Sunday, Dec 7 from 2 pm to 5 pm.

Simbang Gabi Sponsor Sign-Up



DEC 15-23

A beautiful Novena of Masses is coming **December 15 to 23**. Simbang Gabi will be celebrated jointly at All Saints and Our Lady of Lourdes.

Currently, the organizers are looking for sponsors to assist with the reception on the dates that Simbang Gabi will be held at our parish. Sign up sheets are available at both entrances.

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.

Christ the King

Today we celebrate "Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe". We recognize and celebrate the authority of Christ as King and Lord of all things. There is nothing greater, in power or in love, in all of creation and beyond. It is also the final Sunday of the liturgical year; next week we begin Advent.



22-Nov	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Elnora Boongaling
23-Nov	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
23-Nov	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Ernanie Mendoza
24-Nov	Monday	8:30 AM	INT	Albert & Madeline Knapp
25-Nov	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Hume Family
26-Nov	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	Stephane Dufault
27-Nov	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Letty Voridiano
28-Nov	Friday	8:30 AM	INT	Angie Solidum
29-Nov	Saturday	8:30 AM	INT	Sarah & Terry Kidwell

Praying for the Dead

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.
(Prayer of St. Gertrude)

**Building kitchen cabinets****Laying the floor****Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men**

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises provide us with the necessary tools to discern spirits and recognize God's will for our sanctification in our everyday lives. The Ignatian Weekend Silent Retreat is a modified version of the Spiritual Exercises following St. Ignatius' 18th Annotation guidelines. All are welcome! On Friday, December 5 through Sunday December 7, at Westminster Abbey in Mission. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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

Kathleen Lauzon, 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 **Choir** for sponsoring.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Alpha Anthony Marroquin
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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
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