



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.

MARCH 2, 2025

## Stewardship Reflection Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time The Mustard Seed

Have you noticed that tiny mustard seed that has been growing into a tree in every Sunday bulletin for the last eight weeks? Did you ever ask yourself why it was there? Did it have meaning? Well, yes, it does have meaning. Today we are launching a new fundraising initiative, called

### Mustard Seed.

We are reaching out to our parishioners, yes, but we want to go beyond the parish, to our neighbors, family and friends, in search of funds to help pay for our church basement renovations. Our basement is being designed to attract people from the neighborhood and surrounding area to participate in the life of the church by joining us for coffee, attending concerts, renting the hall for all kinds of good, healthy activities.

For this to happen we will need to invest a substantial amount of money. And that's exactly what Mustard Seed is: an investment in the future of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Our Lady of Lourdes is a place where **families come together** with other families. A bustling **place of activity**; that is **growing**; that is **centered on Christ**, of course; that is **welcoming** and focused on **reaching out** to help others; a place that is **a source of blessing for the neighborhood**; that our neighbors and the surrounding community look to our church as **a hub of the community**, a safe and happy **haven**.

### And so, the Mustard Seed!

The **Mustard Seed** is an effort, parish driven, but which seeks to go beyond the parishioners, to raise funds for the completion of our project. People who are not parishioners will enjoy the benefits of the renovation; we're looking to garner funds from parishioners and

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non-parishioners as well. Like the mustard seed, a small gift can grow to immense proportions when presented with humility and sincerity. When one hand joins another and another and another...to build and to complete what will become a huge gift to the parish and to the community of Maillardville.

As I have written in the past, our parish, Our Lady of Lourdes, is a cornerstone of the Village of Maillardville where Catholicism lives and thrives. It is a place that gives identity to the neighborhood. It's supported by the people in the neighborhood even while it supports certain needs of 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. 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.

Join us in investing in the future of Our Lady of Lourdes. Read the pamphlet you will be given today and give the mustard seed envelope to people that you know and trust and who would be willing to help us achieve our goal of a neighborhood center in our church basement.


*Peace, Father Larry*

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## Appointment of The Most Reverend Richard W. Smith as Twelfth Archbishop of Vancouver

Early on Tuesday morning, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis has appointed **Archbishop Richard W. Smith**, currently Archbishop of Edmonton, as the next Archbishop of Vancouver. Archbishop Smith will succeed **Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB** who has served the archdiocese since 2009. Plans for the installation of the new archbishop are not yet finalized, but it will likely take place in late May.



During this time of transition, we give thanks for Archbishop Miller and his service to the Church and welcome Archbishop Smith, who will be joining our community soon. Please continue to keep these shepherds close in prayer in the months ahead.



40 Days for Life is an international pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and a peaceful vigil to end abortion. There are many ways to join in this life-saving cause. You can gather with others at the corner of Willow and 32nd Ave in Vancouver to pray and be an open witness, you can join others in prayer via zoom daily at 8 pm ([beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)), you can pray in your own home or at Adoration in the church.

Pledge cards are available at the church entrance for more information. Our pro-life reps, Ting and Nercy, would love to hear how you are participating.

### Ash Wednesday Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, is this week! Lent is a beautiful season, a gift, to help us focus more on God. There will be **two Masses**: one at **8:30 am** and the other at **7 pm**. Come and receive the Lord in the Eucharist and the ashes on the forehead. A reminder that all Catholics ages 18 to 59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday (and Good Friday) and all Catholics, ages 14 and up are required to abstain from eating meat.

### Giving Up Something for Lent

During Lent we typically "give up something". Why do we do this? Do we have to give something up? During Lent, we give up good things in exchange for better things, things that draw our attention toward our Lord, Jesus Christ. We can give up a favourite food or activity, chocolate or Netflix, for example. As we do so we can take a look at ourselves and ask, where are my priorities? Is God first in my life? Do I want him more than I want this? Instead of, or perhaps in addition to "giving up", we could "add something", spending extra time in prayer, daily reading of Scripture or the lives of the saints, or increasing our charitable donations. Part of the point of these Lenten practices is to open our hearts to God, train our minds to pursue him more, and set aside the time to do so.

#### 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.

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### Do you Love Flower Arranging?

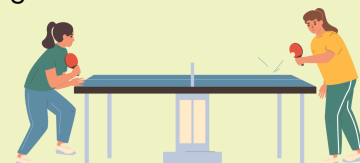
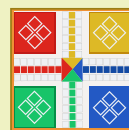
The parish is looking for someone to assist with the flowers in the church. Many thanks to Apple and Fortunata and others for their beautiful arrangements over the past few years! During Lent there are no flowers in the sanctuary but we need to have people in place for Palm Sunday. If you love flowers, have a gift for arranging, and are able to help out, please contact the parish office.



1-Mar	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Caesar Dupa
2-Mar	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
2-Mar	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Camingue family
3-Mar	Monday	8:30 AM	INT	Jose Sorondo
4-Mar	Tuesday	8:30 AM	INT	Marie Blanca Odulio
5-Mar	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Jose Manuel Onandia
5-Mar	Wednesday	7:00 PM	✝	Adriano Eladgio
6-Mar	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Melinda Gutierrez
7-Mar	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	Paul Dollery
7-Mar	Friday	7:00 PM	✝	Documento/ Dalocanog family
8-Mar	Saturday	8:30 AM	INT	Reginald Briant, Miraflor & Rick Valerio

### Youth Table Tennis and Board Games

All youth are invited to play table tennis on Friday evenings. Our table tennis program runs **every Friday, starting at 6:30 pm** in the Upper Hall. No worries if you don't know how to play yet. Now, we are adding **game nights** to the evening. You'll never be "board" with our game nights, designed for fun activities with friends. Come and join the fun!



### AI & Faith: A Christian Contribution to Ethical AI

Explore how Christian principles can shape the development and use of AI systems to promote human dignity, justice for the oppressed, environmental stewardship, humility, transparency, accountability, and hope. This event will offer insights into how these faith-driven values can help AI development be a force for good, rather than harm.

Join us via zoom for a dynamic discussion on this emerging topic. On Wednesday **March 19, 12:30 p.m.** Register by March 12 at [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events).

### Lenten Talk with Father Jason Lewis

Regnum Christi Vancouver in collaboration with Mediatrix Conferences is hosting a Lenten Talk with Father Jason Lewis, MIC "The Healing Balm for Human Hearts" at St Luke's Parish, Maple Ridge on Saturday, **March 15 from 7 pm to - 9 pm**. This event is open to adults and older youth. Tickets are \$15/person. Payment is by e-transfer to: [rcvancouver01@gmail.com](mailto:rcvancouver01@gmail.com) - please indicate your name in the e-transfer. Any further questions can be addressed to Lori at the same email. For more information see the poster in the vestibule.

### 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 **Knights of Columbus** for sponsoring.

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**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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**Project Advance** Kathy Gorkoff & Francis Gutierrez

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