

Stewardship Reflection
Palm Sunday The Passion of the Lord

Hosanna in the Highest

The Lenten Season is coming to a close as Jesus marches up to Jerusalem. Do you know that there were about 80,000 people living in Jerusalem at the time of Jesus? Maybe more. As many as 500,000 people, Jews from the diaspora around the known world and, of course, from all over Palestine went "up to Jerusalem" for the Passover the year that Christ died.

Jerusalem is described in Psalm 122, *"Jerusalem is built as a city, strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord."* Compact indeed and can you imagine 500,000 pilgrims making their way there every Passover? Where would they all stay? Well, the whole area around the walled city was dotted with tents pitched by the pilgrims. And they all brought their lambs or goats for the sacrifice and the Passover meal. The lambs were all slaughtered on Thursday afternoon in time for the meal that evening. The blood flowed down the mountainside. It must have been a spectacular sight as day turned into night, smoke filling the air with thousands of cooking fires and lanterns as far as the eye could see.

Can you imagine the chaos in Jerusalem and its immediate surroundings the day Jesus triumphantly entered Jerusalem on a donkey, a sign of a king who is coming in peace, if there ever was one? Many pilgrims knew who Jesus was or at least had heard of him. Many had seen him speaking as he travelled throughout Israel. He was the most well known person among the Jews. He was like a rock star. And many of these folks were believers. These were the ones singing "Hosanna in the Highest, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

The people who were shouting, "Crucify him, crucify him" four days later were the ones who did not know him, and they were mostly residents of Jerusalem.

I hope you have had the kind of Lent that will allow you to absorb the pain of Good Friday and properly grieve and mourn over the injustice that was committed against the Prince of Peace; so that by the time of his Resurrection you will truly erupt with the joy of knowing that your salvation is possible because of this astounding event.

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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Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are a prayerful, powerful way to focus on Jesus' Passion. There are short prayers at each of the 14 Stations, allowing us to pray and meditate on each specific part of Jesus' final journey. All are invited **every Friday during Lent at 6 pm, followed by Mass at 7 pm.**

At the Foot of the Cross

At the foot of the cross, surrounding the cross, and nearby, there were many people. Most were there to watch the spectacle of the crucifixion. The soldiers were there to keep order. Mary, the women, and John were there out of love for Jesus. Jesus, of course, is there out of love for us.

The cross is where heaven touches earth; it is the antidote for everything. It is the intersection of humanity and divinity. It is the place where Christ won victory over all our human weaknesses and sins. No matter what is going on in our lives or how we feel we can come to Christ crucified for help.

Our sins meet his forgiveness
Our failures meet his mercy
Our weaknesses meet his strength
Our fear meets his love
Our loneliness meets his Presence
Our doubts meet his assurance
Our wounds meet his healing
Our anxiety meets his peace
By being at the foot of the cross,
contemplating His love for us and laying
our worries, burdens and fears there, we
exchange our frailties for his gifts.

Holy Week Schedule

The Church remembers in a special way the death and resurrection of Jesus in the three days before Easter. Come and participate as we commemorate these amazing events of our salvation.

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 pm, Solemn Night Prayer at 11:30 pm

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross at 10 am, Passion of our Lord service at 3 pm

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil at 9 pm

Easter Sunday – Masses at 9 am and 11 am

Mustard Seed

Thank you for your good work in spreading the news about our basement reno. The Mustard Seed Project is going well. Keep going!



Come and join the annual March for Life in Victoria, BC on **Thursday, May 8**. We will have a bus leaving from OLOL to take you there. Sign up soon to ensure you get a seat! Join with the thousands across Canada that are participating in similar events to make the pro-life movement visible. Join with people from across BC to gather in front of the BC legislature for the protection of the most vulnerable in our society. Join with our local community as we head out to the March for Life site. Be an important witness to the sanctity of all human life!

CWL Frozen Food Fundraiser

The CWL is offering their fundraiser of Neufeld Frozen Foods again this year. Neufeld Farms is a family farm based in Abbotsford. They offer a variety of meat, fish and baked goods for sale. **Place your order of frozen foods by April 23** and **pick up at the parish on May 3**. This year the funds are going to Domestic Abuse Services and Talitha Koum Society. Please see the bulletin board in the vestibule for more details.

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

Good Friday Pontifical Collection

The annual Good Friday Collection is taken at the request of the Holy See to help the Church in the Holy Land maintain its Christian sites and to provide pastoral, education, and social works among the small Christian population that lives there. Please give generously to help retain a faith-filled Christian presence in the land of our Lord.

12-Apr	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Lily de Guzman
13-Apr	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
13-Apr	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Lucjan Kurzyna
14-Apr	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Leo Paul Bilodeau
15-Apr	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Barbara Jacinto
16-Apr	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Moon Goo Lee Francisco
17-Apr	Thursday	8:30 AM	INT	All Priests
18-Apr	Friday	3:00 PM		No Mass
19-Apr	Saturday	9:00 PM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners

Food for Families 40 Cans for Lent

Will you help feed the poor? The Knights of Columbus are collecting non-perishable food items during Lent, and we are inviting you to help us. After every Sunday Mass during Lent, you can drop off your non-perishable food cans/items (at least 6 months before the expiry date) at the box labeled **"40 CANS FOR LENT"** by the church entrance. The food items will be donated to the Food Bank after Easter. Thank you for your help!

Healing After Abortion

Have you ever pondered what that would feel like to be able to have hope again after abortion? Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and discover peace and hope where you thought it was not possible. *"I feel like I have hope to be able to start my life again and with peace, with more charity towards myself and finally forgiving myself over time."* Testimonial The next retreat is **May 23-25, 2025**. For confidential information call (604) 525-0999 or email info@pacscanada.org.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Come celebrate Easter with an Easter Egg Hunt! **Sunday, April 20** after the **11am Mass** at the Upper St Anne's Hall. Jesus is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!



CONSTRUCTION CORNER

Week 1



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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Altar Servers Alex Lim
ACRSS Rep. Irenaeus Lim & Elga Gonzalez
CWL Josephine (Dollie) Basa
Choir Roger De Villa & Agnes Wan
Couples for Christ Jet & Jane Sarmiento
K of C Anthony Marroquin
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