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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.

Gratitude

Have you ever thought about how incapable we are in paying our debts to God? The fact is everything comes from God. All is gift! There's nothing that you and I have that is not gifted to us by God. Uh, sin being the only exception. Sin aside, all the good stuff and even the negative stuff: the pain, the trials, the hard lessons in life, all comes from God. How can we possibly pay our debt to God for all that he has done for us? The truth is: We can't! What we can do, is be grateful and just as importantly, **we need to express our gratitude to him.**

How do we express our gratitude to God? We must make gestures using our body, our mind and our soul that would be recognized as gratitude to the Almighty. We must come out of our shell and declare thanks through words and actions.

Jesus cured ten lepers somewhere along the border between Judea and Samaria. They all walked away happy as clams to show themselves to the priests to be declared bona fide cleansed of leprosy. As they went away, they were made clean. Probably they were all grateful to be cleansed, to be set free from the nightmare existence of a leper, to be an outcast from every aspect of life. Of course, they were grateful. But only one of the grateful lepers came back to Jesus and expressed his gratitude. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him profusely. Jesus, I think making a point, asked the question, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise except this foreigner?"

Gratitude! It's the only way forward. But do we take time to **acknowledge our gratitude?**

When we express our gratitude for all that is, we're liberated. When we accept all that God has for us, the **sunshine and the rain**, we never have to worry because we know he only has love for us. **He only has our good in mind in what he wills for us.**

That doesn't mean we laugh in the face of cancer or tragedy or war. It means that, despite those things, we have a deep sense that God will bring us through our trials and that, eventually, he will bring us home to himself. That is our goal. That is why he created each of us, to be with him forever and share his love. While we are here on our pilgrimage on earth, we can trust that God is with us. **I am so grateful for that.**

I want to tell you I am grateful to you, Dear Parishioner, I am grateful to be the Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, I am especially grateful to be a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, and I am grateful for my life - no matter what happens. Thank you and God bless you all. I wish you a lovely, brilliant Thanksgiving Day.

Peace,

Father Larry

HAPPY
Thanksgiving



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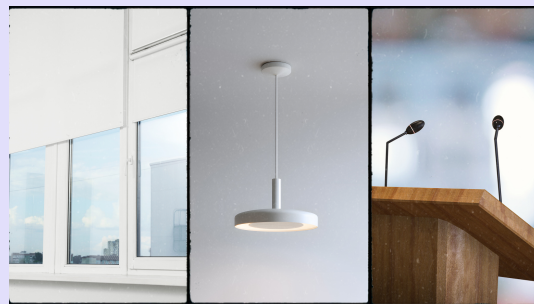
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Project Advance 2025

Success in the eyes of God is not about the quantity or quality of our material goods. Instead, it's about how we use these goods: do they move us closer to God, or are they an obstacle? God calls us to share what we have to help others. By providing support for many different ministries of the Church, Project Advance offers everyone a chance to exercise Christian stewardship. Our parish goal this year is \$75,000 with the proceeds going towards fixtures, furniture and equipment for the basement. You can give online through our parish website at olol.ca/donate or drop your envelope in the collection basket or at the office. Thank you for your support!



Extraordinary Ministers Needed

If you are interested in serving the parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please speak with Father Larry or call the parish office. Extraordinary Ministers assist Father in giving the faithful the Eucharist during Mass. Training will be provided at a workshop on **Tuesday, October 14 at 7 pm.**

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Mass

Join us in person as we honour our little ones. A special Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Smith and candles lit in honour of the little ones we have lost. Members of Elizabeth Ministry will be present to share their testimony and offer support. As Mary visited Elizabeth, our ministers journey, support and pray for you. Light refreshments will be available following the rosary walk (weather permitting) to the Jesus and the Children. **Saturday, October 18 at 2:30 p.m.** at Evangelist Chapel of Gardens of Gethsemani, Surrey. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Parenting Course- Making Sense of the Counterwill

The instinct to resist being controlled or coerced is one of the most perplexing and troublesome dynamics in dealing with children and youth. This online course reveals the dynamics behind this instinct and provides suggestions for how to deal with it. This material is applicable for all those dealing with toddlers through adolescents: teachers, parents and helping professionals. Weekly from Tuesday, October 7 through November 4, 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Youth Night @ OLOL

Our youth meet weekly to gather and have a bit of fun together. All youth are welcome to join in playing ping pong and board games. Come, and bring a friend! **Fridays, starting at 6 pm in the Upper Hall.**



Green Mass for Mental Health

You are invited to the inaugural Archdiocesan Green Mass on Friday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints Parish in Coquitlam. Celebrated by Archbishop Richard Smith, the Green Mass is a special gathering for all who work in mental health professions, those with lived experience of mental health, their families and supporters, and anyone interested in being part of this new ministry. The Mass is open to everyone and will be followed by a small reception. Please register in advance to help the organizing team prepare 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

Beware of Email Scams

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.

11-Oct	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Walter Gutierrez
12-Oct	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
12-Oct	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Deduque family
13-Oct	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Liliana Fuenzalida
14-Oct	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Ernanie Mendoza
15-Oct	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	Angie Solidum
16-Oct	Thursday	8:30 AM	INT	George Couture
17-Oct	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	Joe Supeen
18-Oct	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Peter Gorkoff

Different Marriage Enrichment Opportunities

Over the past few weeks there have been announcements in the bulletin about marriage weekends or workshops. They are not all the same. In fact, there are currently four different groups in the diocese offering marriage enrichment this fall.

Weekend Getaway Marriage Conference helps couples reconnect at a weekend away in Whistler. For more information, see the separate announcement in this week's bulletin.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) aids couples in communication to help enkindle the romance. The next WWME weekend is **October 24-26 in Deroche**. Contact 604-619-8041.

Together for Good is a single-day workshop to help enrich your marriage. It is being held on **October 25 at St. Peter's Parish in New Westminster**. Contact Thu at 604-683-0281 ext. 222 or see the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Retrouvaille is for couples that have drifted apart or are troubled. Their next weekend away is **October 17-19 in Gibsons**. Contact 604-530-6710. More information for all these events is available at beholdvancouver.org/events. Scroll down to view or search for the appropriate name.

Weekend Getaway Marriage Conference Discount

Reignite your marriage with a relaxing and purposeful weekend at the stunning Fairmont Chateau **Whistler (Nov 14-16, 2025)**.

Designed to help couples reconnect, rekindle romance, or even start fresh, this retreat offers a warm and fun atmosphere where you'll hear from real couples living out marriage God's way. There is a special discounted rate for couples from the Archdiocese of Vancouver: \$199 (regularly \$299) when you register with code RCAVWHIS by October 27, 2025. Hotel rooms start at \$259/night + resort fee. Book by October 14 and mention "FamilyLife Weekend Getaway" to receive the special rate. Registration closes November 11, 2025. Learn more 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 **CWL** 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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