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# BULLETIN

## Stewardship Reflection - Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul The Devout Life

Do you ever think of yourself as living a devout life? That is, is your life devoted to living out your belief in God? Perhaps you think that "I keep the faith, I believe in God, I go to Mass on Sunday – but I'm no saint. I live in the world and the world has demands. I work with people of different faiths and even no faith at all." You might think, "How can I be praying all the time? I just live an ordinary life, trying to get by, trying not to hurt anyone, trying not to get hurt. I work, take care of my family, I'm tired, try to relax, maybe have a little fun."

Sure, that's a natural way of looking at it. But I ask you this: if you scratched the surface and searched a little deeper, would you not find in your heart, a desire for devotion? A desire to love God more and to know his love better? Of course you do because our souls, yours and mine, are completely restless until we're at home with God. But we're not home yet, we're still on the pilgrimage, and on this journey through this soup called space and time, we must keep the end in mind. That end is to be with God forever when our pilgrimage on earth is finished, when our race is run!

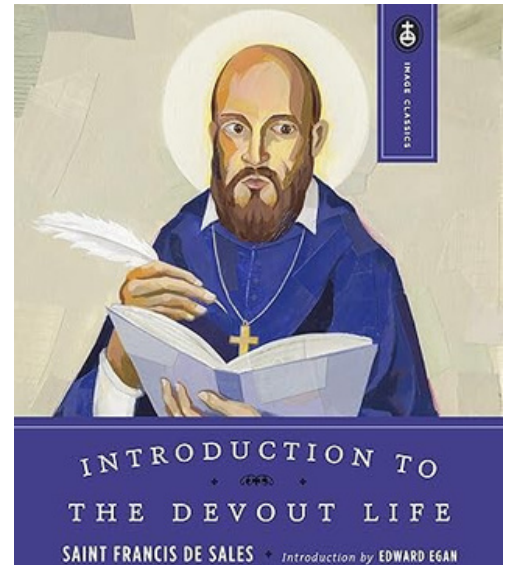
The two visions proposed here are not mutually exclusive. Everyone receives a personal call from God. Each of us has gifts, charisms, duties, circumstances that are not the same as anyone else's. What Jesus is asking of us is that, wherever we are in this world, whatever job we have, whatever our family circumstances, we are called to love.

But what is this love? And how does it show itself? How do we express it? Living in a harsh world does not deprive us of the ability to will the good of others, even those who are our enemies. Working in a secular environment, even where sin abounds, the grace of God abounds more. That grace is present perhaps due to our presence.

Living among others, we share God's grace by our witness, by our attitude. We show and share the **fruits of the Holy Spirit: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity.**

If these fruits are seen in us by others in our lives, we must be living a devout life. In the midst of hard work, difficult times, even tragedy, if we can maintain our peace and our joy, we are bearing witness to the greatest love, the love Christ has for all of us.

Lest you think I'm on my high horse telling you to become as holy as I am, I offer a quote from St. Francis de Sales' *Introduction to the Devout Life*: "It is true, my dear reader, that I write about the devout life although I myself am not devout. Yet, it is certainly not without a desire of becoming so..."



Brothers and Sisters, we are not called to be successful, we are called to be faithful. Let us commit ourselves to faithfully loving God and our neighbor better every day and we will be living a devout life.

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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## Family **FUN DAY** Sunday, July 13

Only a couple more weeks until our Family Fun Day! Come, enjoy the good food, fun games and entertaining music. Bring your family, friends and neighbours for an enjoyable day! Raffle tickets, with excellent prizes, are still available to purchase at \$10 each with the draw taking place during the Family Fun Day celebration. Food contributions of ethnic foods, baked goods, either homemade or bought, are welcome. Please let us know you are bringing food by signing up in the church or by emailing the parish at [office@olol.ca](mailto:office@olol.ca). See you there on **Sunday, July 13 from 12 noon to 4 pm!**



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### Corpus Christi Procession

Thank you to all who participated in the Corpus Christi Procession last weekend. There were about 150 people singing and praying in procession from here to Our Lady of Fatima.



### Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil

Join us for a monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life, from conception to its natural end. Mass will be followed by the Rosary and other prayers either at a church with Adoration or at a local hospital. All are welcome! **Saturday, July 5, at 9:00 am at St. Paul Parish in Richmond.**

### Garden Bee

Since our last attempt at a Garden Bee was a washout with heavy rain, we are trying again on Saturday, July 5. All gardeners and garden lovers are invited to come and tend to our beautiful garden. Father Larry guarantees sunny weather this time. Please bring your own tools, gloves, kneepads, water, sunglasses and hat. Lunch will be provided. **Saturday, July 5** after the morning Mass.

### PREP Registration

Tomorrow is the last day to take advantage of our early-bird registration fee for PREP. The Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) provides school children who do not attend Catholic schools with teaching about the Catholic faith and preparation for the sacraments. For more information or registration forms, please contact the parish office.

#### 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 6:00pm.

#### 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

28-Jun	Saturday	5:00 PM	INT	Frieda Magri & Jessica Weeks
29-Jun	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
29-Jun	Sunday	11:00 AM	+	Rodolfo Sr & Agueda Lavilla
30-Jun	Monday	8:30 AM	+	Julie Deduque
1-Jul	Tuesday	8:30 AM	INT	Sara Martinez
2-Jul	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	Stephane Default
3-Jul	Thursday	8:30 AM	+	All Souls in Purgatory
4-Jul	Friday	8:30 AM	INT	Tomi Tuulos
4-Jul	Friday	7:00 PM	+	Gregoria Boongaling
5-Jul	Saturday	8:30 AM	INT	No Mass

### Bottle Drive

Please drop off your recyclables, in clear plastic bags, in the large wooden bin outside on the north side of the church.

Access is from the parking lot and down the stairs. We accept aluminum cans, plastic bottles, glass bottles, milk and juice containers.

Thank you for your support for the Knights of Columbus who in turn support the parish.



### Our Lady of Fatima Statue

We have the honour of hosting a special statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

This particular statue was blessed by the Bishop of Fatima on October 13, 1947 and has travelled the world ever since, bringing Our Lady's presence and her graces.

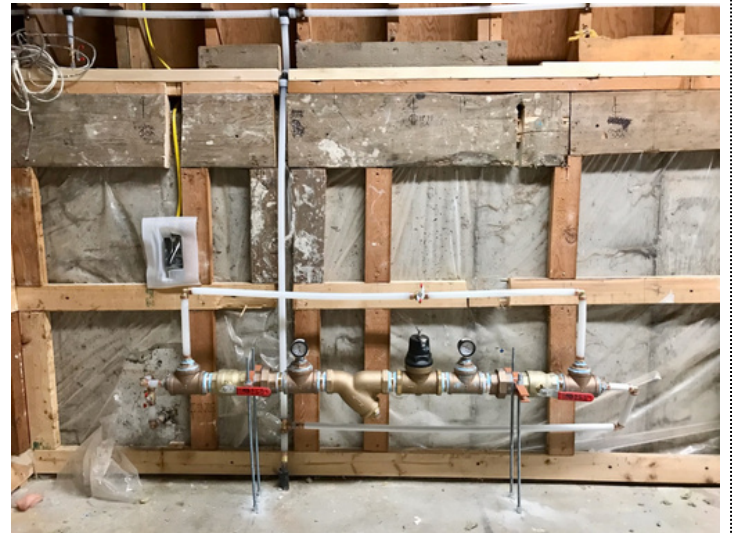
She has visited more than 100 countries, including in Russia and China, with the great message of salvation, hope and peace.

The church will be open on **Monday, July 7 from 7:30 am to 7:30 pm (Mass is still at 8:30 am)** to allow for this unique time of prayer. Plan to attend!

### Hope on the Horizon 8-Day Program

Are you 19-35 and looking for a life-changing experience this summer? Hope on the Horizon invites you to step into the life of a street missionary in downtown Vancouver serving those on the margins. Food, accommodations, and even scholarship support are provided. Choose between a one-week mission (August 10 - 17) or a six-week immersion (July 14 - August 22). For more info or to apply by July 10, go to [catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon](http://catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon).

## CONSTRUCTION CORNER



This bazooka looking contraption has been installed as an upgrade to allow greater water pressure into the facility.

More photos visit:

[OLOL.ca/construction-corner](http://OLOL.ca/construction-corner)

Week 12

### 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, Jose (JoJo) Alonco, Ralph and Marguerite Roberts.**

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 **Handmaids of the Lord** for sponsoring.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

**Alpha** Anthony Marroquin  
**Altar Servers** Alex Lim  
**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  
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**Ushers** Robert Tang & Terry Charbonneau  
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