



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.

JANUARY 19, 2025

## Stewardship Reflection Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Dignity

What is the one thing that all human beings possess equally, and which cannot be taken from them? If you read the title of this reflection, you might have guessed correctly: Dignity!

The inherent dignity of the human person is the first of the four pillars of Catholic social doctrine. (The other three are: Solidarity, Subsidiarity, and the Common Good)

**"The dignity of the human person is rooted in his creation in the image and likeness of God, therefore all humans receive an incomparable and inalienable dignity from God himself. This means that each human individual possesses the dignity of a person who is not just something, but someone, a someone who is capable of self-knowledge, of self-possession and of freely giving himself and entering into communion with other persons."** (CCC357)

Human dignity is not the measure of some list of external factors, attributes, or abilities. It is not earned; it is not dependent on one's abilities. It is not surrendered, nor is it lost by the deterioration of physical, psychological, or cognitive abilities. The severely impaired hospice patient has no less dignity than a Nobel Prize winner or superstar athlete. Human dignity is not conditioned on anything that we can do, or fail to do, or lose the ability to do.

The human person has the unique ability to make abstractions about himself, the capacity to wonder, to think about tomorrow, to reach for the stars, literally.

*"I often looked up at the sky and asked myself the question - what is the stars, what is the stars?"*

*Juno and the Paycock, (Sean O'Casey 1924)*

# BULLETIN

We are made to wonder, and we're made to search for truth and to seek the right order for our lives. We find that order when we search for the end and the purpose to which all creation is ordered.

*"Creation, including the human person, is properly ordered when, and only when, it is oriented toward God."* *Citizens Yet Strangers, Kenneth Craycraft, p51*

And yet we can see all around us massive dismissal of human dignity by society at large. People with limited imaginations believe that the child growing in the womb of its mother is not really human. They dismiss the dignity of that person in the womb because an embryo or a fetus, or a child, has no power. They believe dignity depends on some attribute or another, like size, viability, ability to communicate or have some other sign of usefulness. The entire euthanasia industry in Canada comes down to the usefulness of a person compared to the cost effectiveness of caring for someone deemed "not useful".

This lack of imagination and of right thinking has huge implications for all of us: for individuals, for families, for nations, for humanity itself. For ignoring the dignity of the human person at the level we do, is a catastrophe.

So, my Brothers and Sisters, look into this word 'DIGNITY' walk all around it, find its meaning, have discussions about it. This isn't only about abortion and euthanasia but it's about the dignity of all. It has been said, and I agree with this, "The saddest thing in the world is not poverty; it is loss of dignity." Perhaps that might lead you to stand for and uphold the dignity of every person on earth.

Peace,  
*Father Larry*

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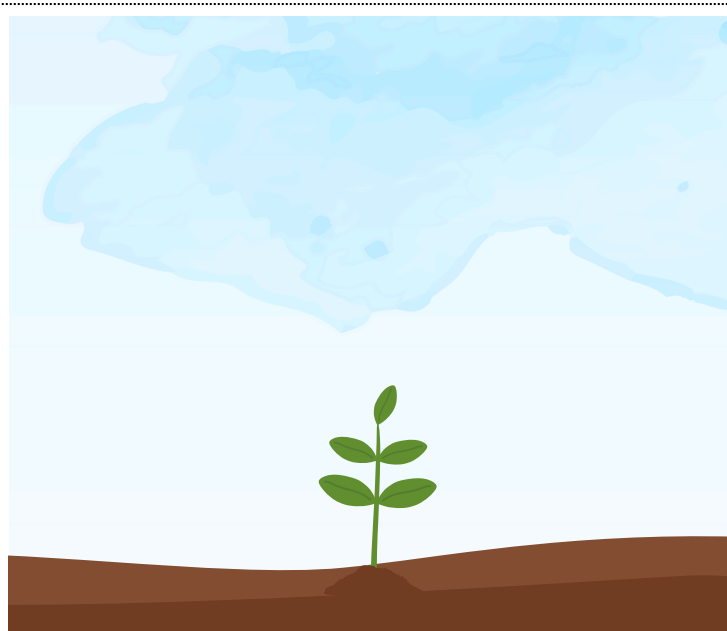
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### Funerals Next Week

We have lost two long-time parishioners whose funerals will be next week. The funeral for **Marianne Fournier** will be on Tuesday, January 21 at 11 am. The funeral for **Raymond Albert** will be on Friday, January 24 at 11 am. All are welcome to attend.



**Let's have  
breakfast  
together**

**Enjoy the delicious taste of a  
warm pancake, sausage and  
egg breakfast.**

**February 2nd (After the 9am and 11am masses)**

Children under 5 years old: **Free**

5 to 12 years old: **\$4**

Over 12 years old: **\$6**

Altar servers: **Free**

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### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



We are all invited to pray, especially this week, for Christian unity. We, together, are the Body of Christ and He is hurting. During the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from **January 20-31** Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity. There are several prayers services in Metro Vancouver and you are invited to attend: Monday, Jan 20 6:30 p.m. St. Anthony's West Vancouver; Tuesday Jan 21 12:00 p.m. St. Ann's Abbotsford 7:00 p.m. St. Peter's New Westminster; Wednesday, Jan 22; 3:30 p.m. John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver or 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's Parish, UBC; Thursday, Jan 23 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph the Worker Richmond; Friday, Jan 31 6:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Delta. More information is available at [rcav.org/wpcu](http://rcav.org/wpcu)

#### 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 Parish Office.



## SEMINARY OF CHRIST THE KING

### Vocation Live-In

Are You Interested in the priesthood or the life of a religious brother, and want to see for yourself what seminary life is like? Come and see! The next Live In at Westminster Abbey in Mission is on the weekend of **February 8-9**. For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board in the church vestibule and then call 604-826-8975 or email [rector.minors@sck.ca](mailto:rector.minors@sck.ca)



**Father Larry, we love you!**

January 18th, 2025

### THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

18-Jan	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Binner & Lefebre family
19-Jan	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
19-Jan	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Chung & Wong family
20-Jan	Monday	8:30 AM	INT	Francisco Serra Sitja
21-Jan	Tuesday	8:30 AM	INT	Edwina Boongaling
22-Jan	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	Normita Pilorin
23-Jan	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Yolanda Panganiban
24-Jan	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	All Souls in Purgatory
25-Jan	Saturday	8:30 AM	INT	Governance of Canada

### Jubilee Year 2025

A Jubilee Year is celebrated by the universal Church every 25 years, dedicated to encouraging the faithful to embark on pilgrimages, repent of their sins, forgive others, and renew their focus on spiritual life. Every Jubilee Year presents the opportunity of gaining plenary indulgences or the total remission of temporal punishment due to sin. We can apply these indulgences to ourselves but we can also offer it for the souls in purgatory. Archbishop Miller has designated three sites in the archdiocese where the faithful may make a pilgrimage locally and gain a plenary indulgence. They are: **Holy Rosary Cathedral; St. Jude's Parish in Vancouver; St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Agassiz**. As with any plenary indulgence the following conditions must be fulfilled: Detachment from all sin, even venial. Sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope. These three conditions can be fulfilled a few days before or after performing the works to gain the indulgence. Learn more about this special year at [rcav.org/jubilee](http://rcav.org/jubilee)

### A Call to the Permanent Diaconate?

With strong support from Archbishop Miller, the Permanent Diaconate Program is currently starting a sixth cohort of men who will begin formation for the permanent diaconate in September 2025. The Permanent Diaconate Office is holding two Inquirers' Sessions for those interested in the permanent diaconate. Men, with their wives, wishing to be considered for this new cohort must attend one of these sessions. **The final session will be held on Saturday, January 25 at St. Nicholas Parish, Langley, from 10 am to 12 pm.**

### 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 **Couples for Christ** for sponsoring.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

**Alpha** Anthony Marroquin & Alex Lim  
**Altar Servers** Alex Lim  
**ACRSS Rep** Irenaeus Lim  
**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  
**Project Advance** Kathy Gorkoff & Francis Gutierrez  
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