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BULLETIN

Stewardship Reflection Fifth Sunday of Lent There's A Change A'Comin

Vancouver abortion and reproductive health clinic to shut after 35 years

(Vancouver Sun headline, March 28, 2025)

The Elizabeth Bagshaw clinic told Vancouver Coastal Health it'll be closing its doors at the end of June 2025.

I've only been involved in the prolife movement for about fourteen years. For many others it has been twice or even triple that time. Upon awakening to the horror that is perpetrated on individual pre-born humans and the exponential societal collateral damage it causes, we "come to ourselves" as did the Prodigal Son of the parable. We begin to see how huge a problem we are facing. Abortion mindset has grown exponentially since the sixties. It seems the whole world embraced what was a very strong taboo in a very short time and killing innocent human life became acceptable. It boggles the mind.

How can we possibly fight such a juggernaut as the culture of death? It is pervasive and if you speak against it, you are declared to be a misogynistic, right-wing bigot. Your point of view is not welcome in the public square.

But once the mind's eye is opened to the truth that no one has the right to take an innocent human life, it no longer matters how big the giant is, we must not be afraid, we must go after the giant. Because the giant is a big lie and Truth is eternal.

So many people have been standing against abortion, witnessing publicly and praying steadfastly for years, reaching out to one soul at a time. Years and years of praying and rarely do we get to see change. It can become daunting. Yet, we continue to pray and to persevere and to find ways to help women who might be considering abortion. It's the kind of thing that works person to person, soul to soul. Sometimes a life is saved, just one soul. But one soul is more valuable than the whole universe.

The closing of the Elizabeth Bagshaw Clinic is, of course, good news. Anytime an abortion mill closes is good news. In fact, I am elated that we are seeing the beginning of the change a'comin.

I believe that our prayer and witnessing, our diligence and faithfulness are having some effect on that huge abortion juggernaut. I see a crack in their armor. It is possible to change hearts and minds throughout the country, one soul at a time. It has happened in the United States. The tide is turning there. Planned Parenthood is in a shambles mostly due to the prayer and witnessing of 40 Days for Life, the March for Life and many other initiatives. Roe vs Wade was overturned in the United States in 2022, and now nearly half (24) of the States have laws

protecting human life. So yes, there is a change a'comin and it only makes sense because the Truth always wins in the end.

Peace,
Father Larry



Archbishop Miller with OLOL parishioners at the vigil site on March 26, 2025



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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.**

Simon of Cyrene

Jesus carried his heavy cross through the streets of Jerusalem, along the Via Dolorosa. He was already weakened, having stayed up all night and being beaten and scourged in the morning. The burden was extreme, both physically and psychologically. Simon of Cyrene was pressed into carrying the cross for Jesus to offer him relief and to enable him to continue.

Are we a Simon of Cyrene for others? When we become aware of the burden someone else is carrying, what do we do? Do we turn away? Do we tell ourselves they will be okay or that someone else will help them or any other number of excuses? Do we turn toward them and help carry their cross, easing their hardship? It is difficult to carry another's burden. It requires us to give of ourselves and can be mentally draining or time consuming. Yet, as we do so, we will discover the sweetness of the cross in loving our neighbour.

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!

Our prayers and our witness change lives. Be part of the life-affirming, international 40 Days for Life campaign. We pray, asking for an end to the taking of innocent human life. We stand as a witness to the dignity of all human life.

Lenten Penitential Services

This Lent, take an important step in your spiritual journey by returning to Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. No matter how long it's been, our loving God eagerly awaits your return, ready to welcome you with forgiveness, healing and peace. Penitential Services at nearby parishes are listed below and start at **7 pm**. For a full list of Confession Times throughout the Archdiocese visit rcav.org/lent.

Tues., April 8 - Our Lady of Fatima, Coquitlam
Wed., April 9 - St. Clare's, Coquitlam
Fri., April 11 - St. Patrick's, Maple Ridge
Tues., April 15 - St. Luke's, Maple Ridge



Holy Week Schedule

Everyone is encouraged to come to the Easter Triduum, the holiest days of the year.

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 pm

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

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil 9 am

Easter Sunday - Masses at 9 am and 11 am

Farewell Events for Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB



Join us in celebrating Archbishop Miller's 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination and his 16+ years of service to the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Option 1: Farewell Dinner Tuesday, **April 29, 6:30 pm** at the Italian Cultural Centre, Vancouver, \$100 / ticket Option 2: Farewell Mass **Tuesday, May 13, 7:00 pm** at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Free (Advance registration required online) Register at rcav.org.

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

5-Apr	Saturday	5:00 PM	INT	Father Alan Boisclair
6-Apr	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
6-Apr	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Efren Santiago
7-Apr	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Liliana Fuenzalida
8-Apr	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	Efren Santiago
9-Apr	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	Stephane Dufault
10-Apr	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Patriotico & Lorice Gutierrez
11-Apr	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	Gisele Bilodeau
11-Apr	Friday	7:00 PM	INT	Special Intention
12-Apr	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Elaine Pererat

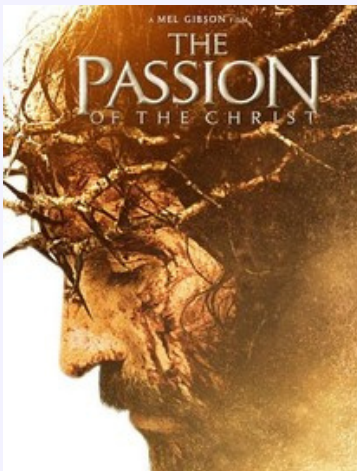
Food for Families

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!

Movie Night in Lent

We will be showing the movie "The Passion of the Christ" on **Saturday, April 12 at 7 pm in the Upper Hall**. This movie depicts the Passion, the final hours of Jesus' life. It is a timely showing, just before Good Friday.



Because of the violence depicted in the film, it is not suitable for everyone.

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.

Neufeld Farms Frozen Foods

The CWL is pleased to offer 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 insert for more details or speak with a CWL member.

BELONG: Catholic Men's Retreat

This half-day retreat is a chance to step away from the busyness of life and meet other men who share your desire to grow in faith and virtue. Deacon Tim Kostamo will offer insights on the adventure of faith and God's call to men, and Archbishop J. Michael Miller will celebrate Mass, reminding us of our deeper connection to Christ and His Church. Through honest conversations, shared experiences, and the celebration of Mass, you'll build meaningful relationships that last beyond the event. At Mary Pattison Chapel at Pacific Academy, Surrey, on **Saturday April 12 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm**. Register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

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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