



The Doors

“Behold I have set before you an open door, which no one can close.”

Revelation 3: 8

I hope you noticed the new front doors for the church. It seems to be a hands down, straight up, winner. Seems like everyone agrees: **The doors are beautiful.**

It’s appropriate that this heritage church, Our Lady of Lourdes, would have an attractive façade, that the first thing you see of the church is beautiful and welcoming. The doors were paid for from the Legacy of Mrs. Marguerite Finnigan, a long-time parishioner. Mrs. Finnigan saw fit to leave a certain number of shares in an insurance company for the parish to do something good with it. Marguerite’s daughter, Rosemarie Baker, the executer of her mother’s estate, enthusiastically said yes to my proposal to use the assets to pay for new church doors. We are all grateful their generosity.

Why are the doors important?

There are three things that, when we encounter them, we can say we have seen God, or at least traces of God because they are his attributes: **truth, goodness and beauty.** When we encounter Truth, that’s God. Jesus said,

“I am the way, the truth and the life.”

Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Baruch 5.1-9 2nd Reading: Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11 Gospel: Luke 3.1-6

In the third Eucharistic Prayer, speaking about God’s Kingdom, the priest says *“...there we hope to enjoy forever the fulness of your glory, through Christ our Lord through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.”* Everything that God makes is good. What is not good is not of God.

And beauty, ah beauty. Everyone is attracted to beauty. We want to be around beauty, and we like to surround ourselves with beauty. Think of all the beautiful things and places that you know, the sunsets you’ve admired, the ocean views, the mountains, the smile on your spouse’s face. Beauty!

Many people are attracted to Our Lady of Lourdes because of its simple, elegant beauty. That’s why we work so hard to constantly improve the music and every aspect of the liturgy, the sacred vessels, linens, and vestments. We want the liturgy to be beautiful. These new doors will contribute to that beauty and the simple elegance of the church because, in a sense, the doors play a role in the liturgy.

They are important because they are the gateway to heaven. Jesus said: *“I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.”*

John 10: 9

When we enter the church for Mass we are going to behold a tiny glimpse of heaven. We are welcomed into God’s house where we will witness Jesus becoming physically present at the Mass.

And at the end of Mass, we are sent out of the church, through the doors, to bring the Gospel message to everyone we meet. This also is part of the liturgy – we are sent on a mission. *“Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life!”*

Peace, Father Larry

DECEMBER 8, 2024

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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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PROJECT ADVANCE 2024 Building our Parish Community

Thank you so much, parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes, for your generosity in our Project Advance Appeal! We are doing well and at 75% of our financial goal. We have received \$53,125 of our \$70,000 goal with a participation rate of 27.4%. All donations, large or small, are appreciated and help build our community and, of course, contribute to the purchase of windows for our church basement. Donations are welcome online through our website at ourladyoflourdescoquitlam.ca/donate, or the collection basket (marked "Project Advance" or through the archdiocese at 604-683-0281.

Proposed Restored Window



Rendition from inside

2025 Offering Envelopes

The Offering Envelopes for 2025 are ready for pick up near the church entrance. Please take your box home today but do **not** use the envelopes until 2025. If you would like envelopes and don't see a box with your name of it, please contact the parish office.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

There will be a special Mass and celebration here on the vigil of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Everyone is invited to come on **Wednesday, December 11 at 7 pm** to honour Our Lady with a Spanish/ English Mass including a procession. A reception will follow with food and music. There will be a presentation on Our Lady of Guadalupe highlighting special features and graces about her that are not widely known. All are welcome!



Les Échos du Pacifique Choral Concert

Les Échos du Pacifique invites you to their annual Christmas celebration on **Saturday, December 14 at 7 pm**. Under the direction of Marla Mayson, the choir presents a diverse selection of pieces that we hope surround you with feelings of mystery, peace and love, warm memories of traditional celebrations, the magic of winter's arrival, and the hope and inspiration of a new year. As always, there will be a selection of audience songs that we can all sing together! Hope to see you there!

Advent Penitential Service

As we wait for the coming of Christ let us prepare our hearts to receive him. Through Confession, let us be cleansed of the sin that weighs us down and impedes our closeness with our Saviour. There are Advent Penitential Services in nearby parishes over the next few weeks with several priests available to hear your Confession. The Penitential Service at Our Lady of Lourdes will take place on **December 12 at 7 pm**. See below for the complete listing of Services at nearby parishes.

Begins at 7pm

Thursday, December 12	Our Lady of Lourdes, Coquitlam
Friday, December 13	All Saints, Coquitlam
Tuesday, December 17	St. Joseph's, Port Moody
Wednesday, December 18	Our Lady of the Assumption, PoCo
Thursday, December 19	St. Clare's, Coquitlam
Friday, December 20	St. Patrick's, Maple Ridge
Sunday, December 22	St. Luke's, Maple Ridge
Monday, December 23	Our Lady of Fatima, Coquitlam

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.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Mass times this year follow the same pattern as previous years. Come and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ on **December 25 at 12 am (midnight), 9 am and 11 am (English and French)**. There will be no anticipated Mass on Saturday, December 24 at 5 pm.

New Website Domain and Email Coming

Starting in January we will have a new website address, or URL. It will be the same great website (check us out often!), same information, events and photos but it will be a shorter and less cumbersome to type in. We will also have a new parish email address to contact the office or Father Larry. Details to come. The phone number will remain the same.

www.OLOL.ca

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025

The Holy Father has declared that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is **"Pilgrims of Hope"**, and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. The new liturgical year begins on December 1. The Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica will open for this Jubilee on **December 24, 2024 and close on January 6, 2026**.

7-Dec	Saturday	5:00 PM	†	Clayton Arthur Weeks
8-Dec	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
8-Dec	Sunday	11:00 AM	†	Kyler Tang
9-Dec	Monday	8:30 AM	†	Dr Eduardo & Belen Rellen
10-Dec	Tuesday	8:30 AM	†	Kurniawati Tjhai
11-Dec	Wednesday	8:30 AM	INT	Healing for the Sick and Suffering
12-Dec	Thursday	8:30 AM	†	Francesco Bertani
13-Dec	Friday	8:30 AM	†	Jansen Sarte
14-Dec	Saturday	8:30 AM	†	Chona Floro

To book Mass Intentions please connect with the parish office to request an intention.

Come to ...

SIMBANG GABI

(Misa deGallo/Misa Aguinaldo)

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Holy Mass celebrated at the

All Saints Parish

821 Fairfax St, Coquitlam

Dec. 15, Sun. – 7 pm
Dec. 16, Mon. – 7 pm
Dec. 17, Tues. – 7 pm
Dec. 18, Wed. – 7 pm
Dec. 19, Thurs. – 7 pm

(Sacrament of Reconciliation
AFTER each Mass)

Reception after each Mass at the
 Parish Centre.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

828 Laval Square, Coquitlam

Dec. 20, Fri. – 7 pm
Dec. 21, Sat. – 5 pm
Dec. 22, Sun. – 7 pm
Dec. 23, Mon. – 7 pm

(Sacrament of Reconciliation
BEFORE each Mass)

Reception after each Mass at the
 Upper St Anne's Hall.

Let us prepare for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are ill, especially:

Dr. Erb, Kathleen Lauzon, Ralph Roberts, René & Gilberte Collette, the Quek Family, Father Lucien Larré, Teresita Cunningham, Raymond Albert, Fernand Finnigan and Ozina Finnigan.

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 & Alex Lim
Altar Servers Alex Lim
ACRSS Rep Irenaeus Lim
CWL Josephine (Dollie) Basa
Choir Roger De Villa & Agnes Wan
Couples for Christ Alejandro & Stella Delos Santos
K of C Anthony Marroquin
Lector Suzanne Tkach
Prayer Group Alex & Nancy Lim
PREP Marilyn Sarte
Project Advance Kathy Gorkoff & Francis Gutierrez
Sacristan Alex Lim
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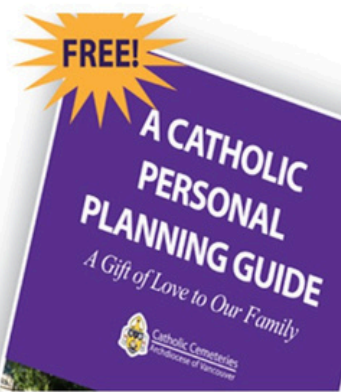
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