



Welcome

Welcome to all visitors! We are pleased that you are here. Father Larry, our pastor, would be delighted to meet you; please introduce yourself to him after Mass.

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 Sat. 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.

AUGUST 30, 2026 BULLETIN

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Mystery of the Mystery

Dolly Parton died this week. She leaves behind an incredible legacy of music, for sure, but also, she'll be remembered as an entrepreneur and even more importantly, as a philanthropist. She did a lot of good for a lot of people. There's much that could be said about her and her life – and all of it would be good. I've never heard a bad word said about Dolly Parton. She frequently spoke about her belief in God, Jesus, and the power of daily prayer, stating that her primary goal in life and music was to "lift people up and glorify God".

In 1971 she wrote a song called

"The Mystery of the Mystery"

There are so many things that

I don't understand

*And I search my mind to try
to find an answer*

But the more I search the less

I seem to find out why

Like where the wind goes,

how does life begin

What happens when we die

It's a simple country song but the essence of it is to wonder about the Mystery and that we will never know everything about the great mystery of life. And that is certainly true.

It's the great mystery that the Catholic Church recognizes as The Mysterion, that is, that we are all living in the great mystery of God. It is a particularly Catholic notion because Catholics believe that God created the universe and that everything in it is sacred. And that, therefore, all is sacrament. The Catholic worldview is sacramental. This means the human and the divine regularly touch and spiritual nourishment flows from God to humans and miracles are present every day.

It means that everyone who ever lived is living in this mystery and most people are wandering about without a clear direction and thus bouncing off one another like we're electronic balls in a game of Pong. We struggle to understand and we can't be sure of anything, and we bounce off the walls. It's like we're deep in the middle of a vast ocean with no sense of direction and every direction is possible. How do we know which way to go? We can travel in any direction, but where will it lead? And what is the point, anyway?

This is where Christ makes his entrance into the universe he created.

He came to show us the way into the Mystery. How do we live? How do we love? He told his disciples, *"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself... and you know the way to the place where I am going."* Thomas said to him. *"Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"* Jesus said to him, *"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."* John 14: 4-6

**Jesus is the way. He is the path.
Il est le chemin. Él es el camino.**

He is our guide into the Mystery. The mystery is deep and the deeper we allow ourselves to follow Jesus into the heart of all existence the more love, joy and peace we will experience.

Ah, but how do we know the way? How do we follow him? We let go of all that is not love. We forget about the self and serve the other. **We live in eternity now.** Requiescat in pace, Dolly Parton.

Peace,
Father Larry

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Interested in becoming Catholic?

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or in learning about the Catholic faith? Our RCIA team explains the faith, answers the tough questions, and accompanies the inquirers on their journey. The meetings take place on Thursday evenings, starting in the fall. Let your family, friends and acquaintances know about this opportunity to learn and have their questions answered.

For more information, please contact the parish office.

PREP

Calling all parents of public school children from Gr 1-7 – register now for PREP classes to help teach your children about the Catholic faith and prepare them for the sacraments. PREP classes are held every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. For more information or to register, contact Marilyn at mvsarte@hotmail.com.



Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is a time of prayer when the faithful adore our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Blessed Sacrament. Father exposes a consecrated Host in a monstrance and sets it on the altar for all to see. This type of worship flows from the Catholic belief that Jesus is really and truly present—body, blood, soul, and divinity—in the Eucharist. It is a wonderful time for prayer, thanksgiving, and worship. You are welcome to come for minutes or hours, daily or occasionally. For more information, call the parish office at 604-936-1311.

Something exciting is coming to Our Lady of Lourdes!

Get ready to Stand Up for Jesus!

We're excited to announce that Stand Up for Jesus Comedy Classes are coming to Our Lady of Lourdes, starting September 26th. Come learn, laugh, grow in confidence, and discover how comedy can be used to share joy and faith with others. More information is coming next week! Stay tuned for details on registration, class times, and everything you need to know.

Invite a friend and prepare to laugh for a purpose!



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Project Advance 2026

Together we support the work of our parish and Archdiocese through Project Advance. Our goal this year is \$60,000. Thank you to all who have donated so far; we have reached the archdiocesan goal for our parish. From now on all Project Advance donations received come back to the parish and go toward finishing St Bernadette Hall. Gifts can be made online at support.rcav.org/project-advance/olol/ by dropping your well-marked "Project Advance" envelope in the collection or by dropping it off at the parish office. Thank you for your support.

HOLY COMMUNION

Anyone who is not able to attend Mass and wishes to receive the Eucharist, please contact the parish office.

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.

BAPTISM

By appointment only.

FUNERAL

Contact Parish Priest before making arrangements.

SACRAMENTALS

For blessing of cars, religious articles and house blessings, please contact the Parish Office.

New Choir Member are Welcome

Do you love to sing and can carry a tune? New choir members are welcome at any of our Masses. The ability to read music is an asset but not necessary. Practices are Wednesday evenings. We would love to have you join and sing with us! For more information, please contact Agnes at 604-671-5365 or joagnes@shaw.ca.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

29-Aug	Saturday	5:00 PM	INT	Ayson-Banico family
30-Aug	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
30-Aug	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Shirley Bens
31-Aug	Monday	8:30 AM	INT	Paul Dufault
1-Sept	Tuesday	8:30 AM	INT	Traditional Learning Academy
2-Sept	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	James & John Wilson
3-Sept	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Mrs Catherine B. Lynn
4-Sept	Friday	8:30 AM	INT	Robert & Cacilda Tang
4-Sept	Friday	7:00 AM	✝	Cedenio family
5-Sept	Saturday	8:30 AM		No Mass

Life Compass Society Annual Walk

The Life Compass Society is holding its annual fundraising walk on September 19 to support life-affirming initiatives. Participants walk, run or bike part of the PoCo Trail, starting at Lions Park. The PoCo Trail is a beautiful location beside the river for the 5 km or 10 km walk or run, or a 25 km bike ride. Registration opens at 9 am and the walk starts at 10 am. Funds raised support pro-life education and vulnerable individuals. **Father Larry is participating in the walk** and he would love your support! Sponsor him by signing up on the sheets at the church entrances.

Upper Room Conference

This year's Upper Room Conference will explore the theme that our life is a mission field, and that by virtue of our baptism, we are already sent on mission. Through powerful keynote sessions from Chris Stefanick, Megan Andres, and a conversation between Archbishop Smith and Eric Chow, as well as breakout sessions to equip you for your specific mission, Upper Room invites you to receive, be inspired, and renewed in where the Lord is calling you. Saturday, October 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Pacific Academy, Surrey. Register at upperroomvancouver.com by September 23.



World Youth Day 2027

The next World Youth Day will take place in Seoul, Korea from August 3 to 8, 2027. If you are interested in attending or want more details, contact Fr. Médard Kamanzi at Our Lady of Fatima at 604-936-2525.

Employment Opportunity

Gamesters Fundamentals, the provider of our before and after school care services, is looking to add to their team! Several part time positions are available, from 2:30 – 5:30 PM on school days, with flexibility for days/time off as needed. Applicants need to be 19 years of age and will be required to take a First Aid course & "The Responsible Adult Course", and have a criminal record check. For more information or to apply, please contact Lottie by text message at 778-227-4335.



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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

Kathleen Lauzon, Gilberte Collette, Ozina Finnigan, Jose (JoJo) Alonco, Ralph Roberts, Anna Kocko 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 **Handmaids of the Lord** 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 Sydney and Noemi Tanudtanud
K of C Anthony Marroquin
Lector Jannie Delli Santi
Prayer Group Alex & Nancy Lim
PREP Marilyn Sarte
RCIA Marilyn Sarte
Pro-Life Ting and Nercy Barona
Project Advance Kathy Gorkoff
Ushers Robert Tang & Terry Charbonneau

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