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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.

JULY 26, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

BULLETIN

Magnificent Humanity

Isn't humanity magnificent? I mean, really, take a look around and see the beauty, the complexity, the astounding diversity, the intelligence of the people you come across any given day. And for all that we find ourselves facing ignorance, cruelty, bigotry, greed, stupidity, banality. What a contrast, eh? All this contrast can be found among people, but it's also found within each one of us. The very tension between good and evil is present in our hearts and minds. That is because we all are composed of the unfathomable richness and depth of the image of God.

There is nothing more magnificent than the human person...except for God, of course. And he has made us to be with him and to be like him and that is why humanity is so magnificent – in all our glory and in all our failure.

Pope Leo has recently written his first encyclical of his papacy. It is called ***Magnificat Humanitas - Magnificent Humanity: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence.***

The Pope writes, in the introduction, *"Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together."*

The original Tower of Babel was a project conceived without reference to God and thus reveals the limits of any effort that arises from self-affirmation, **sacrifices human dignity for efficiency** and aspires to reach heaven without God's blessing.

The new Tower of Babel is of course the godless world in which digitalization, artificial intelligence (AI) and robotics are transforming the human landscape in ways that slowly and slyly impinge on our dignity as human beings. The danger being that we become less human. The other choice Pope Leo proposes is to ***"build the city in which God and humanity dwell together"***?

This encyclical is a master lesson on what is necessary for the human race to survive and how it is the role of the Catholic Church to ***"safeguard the human person"***.

AI technology is powerful and is able to change our world faster than we can keep up with it. Pope Leo is pointing out some of the guardrails that are necessary to maintain our humanity. **He wants Catholics to allow their voices to be heard: to refute ideas, philosophies, technologies that disregard human dignity, solidarity and do not contribute to the common good.** We are called to speak out, first by proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel, but also specifically rejecting that which contradicts Catholic Social Justice Teachings. That is a challenge.

Magnificat Humanitas is the most important Catholic teaching document of our age. I will come back to it in future reflections, but I encourage you to read it for yourself or at least read commentaries about it to better understand what it means to be Catholic in this rapidly changing world.

Peace,
Father Larry

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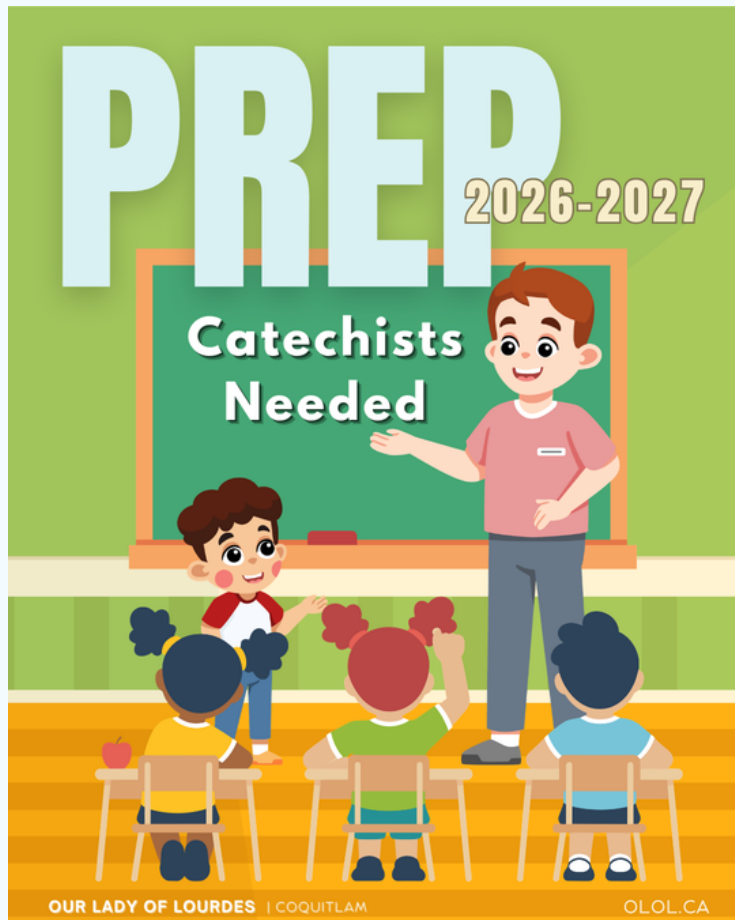
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PREP Catechists Needed

Make a difference in the spiritual life of a child and join our dedicated, fun and amazing team! If you enjoy working with children, can dedicate a couple of hours per week and commit from Sept-May on Wednesdays, we would love to hear from you!

No experience necessary; we will provide training. All catechists must complete our Safe Environment process which includes a Criminal Record Check.

For more information, please contact Marilyn at mvsarte@hotmail.com



"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." – Matthew 5:16

Project Advance 2026

We are grateful to all those who have supported Project Advance. Each and every gift is important! Our parish goal this year is \$60,000 with all proceeds going towards the furnishing of St. Bernadette Hall. Donations are gratefully accepted online at projectadvance.ca, by dropping your envelope, marked "Project Advance" in the collection basket, or by visiting our parish office. Thank you so much for your support!

Pilgrimage to the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Mission

St. Joseph's Parish, Mission, invites you to the historic Fraser River Heritage Park on August 15 to celebrate the Holy Eucharist in honour of Our Lady at 1 pm. The principal celebrant will be Archbishop Richard Smith. After the Mass, there will be a procession to the grotto where the rosary will be prayed, followed by the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome! Please bring your own picnic lunch and chairs. Confessions will be heard on site at 10 am. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org

The B.C. Catholic - New Publishing Schedule

The B.C. Catholic will continue serving readers through a renewed print and digital model. The final weekly newspaper has been published, and beginning in July, readers can follow The B.C. Catholic each week through a new email digest. A redesigned monthly print edition will launch in September and will continue to be mailed to homes through Canada Post. Sign up for the new weekly email at bccatholic.ca/digest

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.



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.

Please mind the rules:

- Rinse out the bottles and containers
- Drain the bottles and containers so there is no liquid left inside
- Wipe any sticky spots off the exterior
- No garbage or 'extras' like Starbucks cups or random cardboard



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

25-Jul	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Mariano & Araceli Venida
26-Jul	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
26-Jul	Sunday	11:00 AM	INT	Ibrahim family
27-Jul	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Dimatulac family
28-Jul	Tuesday	8:30 AM	✝	John Nootebos
29-Jul	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Margarida Jesus
30-Jul	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Liliana Fuenzaida
31-Jul	Friday	8:30 AM	INT	Angie Solidum
1-Aug	Saturday	8:30 AM		No Mass

Archdiocesan Job Opportunities

Administrative Assistant, Archbishop's Office

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is hiring an Administrative Assistant to support the day-to-day workflow of the Archbishop's Office. This includes sorting incoming correspondence, responding to inquiries, liaising with parishes, coordinating the Archbishop's travel arrangements, and other related duties and projects. Learn more and apply at rcav.org/careers.

Manager of Family Services, Gardens of Gethsemani

Gardens of Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery is hiring a Manager of Family Services to provide strategic and pastoral leadership to their advisors, ensuring families receive attentive, respectful, and high quality service during times of need. Through mentorship, collaboration, and a strong ministry mindset, the Manager will help foster meaningful relationships with families, parishes, and the broader community. Learn more and apply at rcav.org/careers.

Ordination of Jerome Robles to the Diaconate

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Archdiocese of Vancouver joyfully announces the Ordination of Jerome Robles to the Diaconate.

The ordination will take place through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by Archbishop Richard W. Smith. It will be held on Friday, October 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral. The faithful are warmly invited to attend and join in prayer for Jerome as he prepares to serve the Church as a deacon.



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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

Kathleen Lauzon, Gilberte Collette, Ozina Finnigan, Father Alan Boisclair, Jose (JoJo) Alonco, Ralph & Marguerite Roberts, Anna, Sister Claire Marie and Robert Magri.

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 **Parishioners** 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

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PREP Marilyn Sarte

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Project Advance Kathy Gorkoff

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