



Above left: The baptism of Leopold Baliban

top right picture; The baptism of Junno Baliban

4 Baptisms at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church

On Sunday, June 22, 2008 we had 4 baptisms in our Church, all from the Baliban family.

The Baliban family

We met Mr. Ilie Baliban while he was fixing the building at the corner of 51st & Fraser. After a short discussion we showed him the Church and during the time together we learned that four of his five children were not baptized. We invited him in and arranged for the baptisms. Mr. Baliban is originally from Romania and a former air force pilot; he works now as an independent contractor for electrical repairs. He came to Canada in the late 1980's first to Quebec, later to Toronto, where he met his wife Margarita, a schoolteacher, who is originally from the Philippines. They moved out to Vancouver in the early 90's and have made their home in Richmond.



above left picture baptism of Ryan Baliban

above right: The family Baliban with their 4 newly baptized children and Fr. Jürgen Schmode, Mr. Jean Doucet and family friends,

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Above left: Bishop Gérard LaPlante with newly baptized Jessica Baliban in the arms of her godfather Mr. Harvey Wilson, top right picture: greeting the parishioners after Holy Mass, seen her with Bishop LaPlante long time member Mrs. Demelo



above pictures: on the left: Dr. Birch and his partner greeting Bishop Gérard LaPlante On the right: the baptismal party with parents, godparents, relatives and friends in front of St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church