

The Old Catholic Church of B.C.



L'Église Vieille Catholique de C.B.

„Coast to Coast“

„D'un océan à l'autre“

23 March 2008



Top left picture: The Church on Holy Saturday night ready for the Easter Vigil
Top right picture: The last snow of the season

Christ is Risen!
Easter 2008

Picture below : Inside packed St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church
on Easter Sunday Morning during Holy Mass





Top left picture: Bishop Gérard LaPlante baptizing Mrs. Teresa Sutherland, nee Gilligan;
top right picture: The confirmation

The Baptisms and Confirmations on Holy Saturday Night—Easter Vigil

On Easter the Church traditionally baptizes the newly convert. This year we had four adult and one infant baptisms. On Holy Saturday night we had three baptisms, all from the Gilligan family, who are of Irish descent. Fr. Jürgen met the family at the funeral of Mr. Edward Gilligan Sr. in 2006, who had three daughters and a son. The youngest daughter—Teresa—never got baptized (she is also a good friend of the reporter, who published two stories of the Church in the Vancouver Echo). Teresa started to attend St. Raphael's and wanted to get baptized. Two of the grandsons of Mr. Edward Gilligan Sr.—Dustin and Ted Jr.—were also not baptized and desired baptism, too. This Easter Vigil then, Bishop Gérard baptized and confirmed Teresa, Dustin, and Ted Jr. Gilligan.

Below left picture: The baptism of Mr. Ted Gilligan Jr.;
right Picture: The confirmation





Top left picture: Bishop Gérard LaPlante baptizing Mr. Dustin Gilligan; top right picture: The confirmation



Left picture: Fr. Gordon Hangerud was very happy to provide the musical back-drop during the service—at 84 years of age!

Below left picture: After the baptism; right Picture: left to right: Fr. Jürgen, Mr. Ted Gilligan Jr., Mrs. Teresa Sutherland, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Mr. Dustin Gilligan, Mr. Jean Doucet





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Top left picture: The baptism of Marcos Lorenzo-Wells top right picture: Below left picture: The baptism and confirmation of Ms. Rosalita Lynn Wells by Bishop Gérard LaPlante

The Baptisms and Confirmation on Easter Sunday

On Easter morning we had the baptism of a mother and her son. Ms. Rosalita Lynn Wells is Blackfoot First Nation from Lethbridge, Alberta, her husband Mr. Ramiro Lorenzo is of Mayan descent, originally from Guatemala. Their son Marco was born in Surrey. The Lorenzo family has been attending St. Raphael's since 2004. Mr. Francesco Lorenzo, the brother of Ramiro, was baptized and confirmed in November 2005 at St. Raphael's, his boys were baptized in our Church. The family of his wife Miriam, nee Tomas, also attends St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church. Miriam's sister Gloria is the god-mother of Marcos.

Below left picture: left to right: Mr. Pedro Lorenzo (Godfather), Mr. Ramiro Lorenzo, Ms. Rosalita Lynn Wells, holding Marcos, Ms. Gloria Tomas (Godmother), Bishop Gérard LaPlante

Below right Picture: left to right: Ms. Gloria Tomas (Godmother), Fr. Jürgen, Ms. Rosalita Wells, Bishop Gérard LaPlante with Marcos, Mr. Jean Doucet, Mr. Ramiro Lorenzo, Mr. Pedro Lorenzo (Godfather)





Top top right picture: Happy faces for Easter; Bishop Gérard LaPlante, member Mr. Gilles Guay, visitor and poet Mr. Samuel Thomas

We are no more strangers and foreigners,

but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God.

Every Sunday we recite this part of our liturgy and this Easter Sunday was a true reflection of it. The Our Father was recited in more than 12 different languages: English, French, German, Spanish, Mayan, Italian, Mandarin, Tagalog, Dutch, Polish, Croatian, and Latin. Beyond the representatives of these countries, we also had members from Sri Lanka, Austria, USA, Jamaica, India, Lebanon, Taiwan, Macau, Trinidad, Guatemala, and Mexico—to name a few more. **All tightly packed into St. Raphael's;** attendance for the services of Holy Week exceeded all expectations. We are a truly Catholic –universal– Church with members from all parts of the world.

Below left picture: member Mrs. Josie Claude (originally from Haiti); below right Picture: The distribution of bread after Holy Mass—at **St. Raphael's every Sunday for more than 30 years.**





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Top left picture: Bishop Gérard LaPlante with Mr. & Mrs. Joseph and Lyla Haddad (originally from Lebanon); Mr. Lu Yi Ling (originally from China)



Left: Mr. Jean Doucet & Mr. Lu Yi Ling. Mr. Lu works with Computers in Victoria, BC and came over the week-end for a visit. His mother attends a Church in mainland China and he shared with us the experience of the Church in that country.

Below left picture: Bishop Gérard LaPlante with member Mr. Don Dyer, who has been attending St. Raphael's for more than 33 years. right Picture: every member from a different country: Mr. Waring from Canada, Mrs. Woslowski from the Philippines, Mr. Paul Theys from Belgium and Mr. Martin Tomas from Mexico





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Top left picture: Bishop Gérard LaPlante Dr. Margaret Dobson (originally from Poland); top right picture: Mr. Tony Klymchuk—of Ukrainian descent—with his wife Barbara, members for 30 years.



left picture: members of the Heide family greeting clergy and friends. Mrs. Louise Heide—a member for more than 30 years—passed away on March 26, 2007 and her children came to commemorate the anniversary

Below left picture: The former trade commissioner of Austria, Mrs. Egger with Bishop Gérard LaPlante right Picture: Bishop Gérard LaPlante with Marco and his father Mr. Ramiro Lorenzo; Mrs. Doris Fistravec



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The last snow storm of the season

