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Top left photo: Inside St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church on Holy Saturday Night just before the service; top right photo: The youngest child of the night, Angelina Dolores Gaspar Lorenzo, born March 15, 2009. Left to right: The mother Ms. Gloria Gaspar, Fr. Martin Lotho, Bishop Gerard LaPlante with Angelina, Fr. Jürgen Schmode

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As in the past, Holy Week and Easter were busy at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church. We had several baptisms and confirmations on Holy Saturday; all are parishioners of St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church. Baptized were two babies: Ronaldo Tomas Francisco, Angelina Dolores Gaspar Lorenzo

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Picture below: Clergy and people on Holy Saturday Night after the baptisms and confirmations.





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Top left picture: left to right: Mr. Domingo Francisco, Mrs. Jerusha Francisco, Fr. Martin, Bishop LaPlante with Ronaldo Tomas Francisco, born December 23, 2008, Fr. Jürgen, Mrs. Petronila Francisco, Mr. Pascual Tomas, Ariana. **Top right picture:** The Lorenzo family: left to right: Miriam and her husband Francisco, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Ezekiel, Fr. Jürgen, in front Francisco Jr.

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and one adult, Ms. Nadine Jennifer Norton who was also confirmed by Bishop Gérard LaPlante together with Ms. Valeria Arias Vasquez. The families of Ronaldo and Angelina are from Guatemala and are First Nations – Mayan. Ronaldo's sister Ariana was baptized at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church on January 1, 2007. Angelina is the first child of Pedro and Gloria Lorenzo. The mother Gloria was confirmed by Bishop LaPlante in November 2005. Ms. Nadine Norton is part of the family of Mrs. Patricia Fortin, who are Métis; they have been members for more than 30 years. Ms. Norton is originally from Ontario and now lives in Vancouver with Mrs. Patricia Fortin.

Below left picture: Baptism on Holy Saturday night; Bishop LaPlante holding little Ronaldo Francisco
Below right picture: The Confirmations on Holy Saturday Night: Mrs. Pat Fortin, Ms. Nadine Norton (baptized and confirmed) Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Valeria Vasquez (confirmed), her uncle Mr. Mauricio Vasquez.





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Top photos: Easter Sunday morning during Holy Mass at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church

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Ms. Valeria Vasquez and her mother are from Colombia; Valeria is still in high school and her mother works as a nurse aid.

On Easter Sunday the Church was filled to the brim; so that many people were forced to stand. The Our Father was recited in 12 different languages: English, French, German, Tagalog, Spanish, Portuguese, Korean, Nigerian, Aramaic, Dutch, Croatian, and Latin.

Below right photo: Members line up to receive Holy Communion;

below right photo: Fr. Martin Lotho, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Fr. Jürgen Schmode, Deacon Jean Doucet after Holy Mass on Easter. Fr. Martin is a native of the Philippines and has transferred to us from the Igreja Catolica Apostolica Brasileira nas Philipines.





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Top right photo: left to right: Fr. Jürgen, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Mrs. Francisco, her mother holding newly baptized Ronaldo Tomas Francisco;
Top left and below left photo: Clergy greeting the parishioners as they leave the Church. Bread and pastries were distributed after Holy Mass as done every Sunday for the last 25 years.

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above right photo: on the right of Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Mr. Andrew Roy. His father Mr. Don Roy was the Vice-President of the Church for over 25 years and passed away suddenly on March 23, 2009. (Please see the news on our website www.oldcatholicbc.com) Mr. Andrew Roy—who studies law at the University of British Columbia—will continue in the footsteps of his father and serve as a director on the Church board.

