

FEAST: PENTECOST



The Paraclete

By Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Ph.D.

He wore steel rimmed glasses and had hair to the middle of his back. The fringe on his buck-skinned jacket bounced as he walked. At least that was the way I was accustomed to seeing Mike as he bopped around town. It was just a few years after Woodstock, and we were all taken with hippie culture. It seemed so free, so new, so exciting. But that day at the entrance of the mall, I scarcely recognized him. His hair was cut and his clothing conventional. He was passing out tracts and spoke to me of the Holy Spirit. I scratched my head and vaguely remembered some talk about the Holy Spirit in confirmation class. But I had to admit that I really did not know much about this third person of the Blessed Trinity.

This is quite common among Christians. God the Father—we can get a glimpse of his tenderness and strength, thanks to Michelangelo's magnificent Sistine ceiling. And baby Jesus in the manger, the savior hanging on the Cross—these are images we can easily visualize. But *Holy Spirit*, *Holy Ghost*? Somehow, we can't feel quite the same way about a dove as we do about a child on its mother's lap. And then what does this "Spirit" do? The Father creates, the Son saves, but *the Spirit*? Jesus calls him the "*Paraclete*" as he prepares the disciples for his departure (John 14:15-21). Frankly, this does not help us much—unless, of course, we get a bit of explanation. This word means "Advocate." This is the word for lawyer or attorney in Spanish and other languages. There may be lots of jokes about lawyers, but when you are in trouble with the law, having a good lawyer is no laughing matter. That's the role of the Holy Spirit— He is our defense attorney.

Now part of the role of the defense attorney is to tell his client how to plead. Sometimes, when the evidence against you is overwhelming, the sentence will be a whole lot lighter if you just plead guilty. The Spirit counsels us to be honest, convicting us gently of sin—not to accuse us, not to condemn us, but to help us win our case. He is the Spirit of Truth. Pope John Paul II's theme was "Be not afraid." Be not afraid of the truth about your sin, your weakness, and your failings, says the Spirit. For the judge happens to be the one who loves you so much that he died for you. Your judge is the same one who saved the woman caught in adultery from the rage of the hypocrites. But he is also the one who told the adulteress to "go and sin no more." This is the real problem. How is she to do that? Sin was where she looked for life. It drew her like a magnet. Drugs, booze and "free-sex" drew my hippie friends like a magnet in the 1970's. If we were acquitted by the Judge through the counsel of the Advocate, how were we to resist the allure of sin?

Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said that the only way to dislodge sin from your life is through the expulsive force of a new love. This is the role of the Advocate. He is the Love of God who is poured into our hearts (Romans 5:5) who drives out unlovely loves. He is the Lord and Giver of true life who makes utterly clear that so many other things that we regarded as "life" are really death warmed over. Once you have a taste of the real thing, you are never again satisfied with imitations. That's why Mike abandoned the drug scene. That's why the Magdalene and the Samaritan woman abandoned all other lovers. That's why the rejoicing in Samaria rose to fever pitch (Acts 8:8).

The Holy Spirit is the real thing. And he does not just come and go. He is with us always.

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Saturday: 5pm
(Anticipated Mass)
Sunday: 9am, 11am & 5pm
Monday – Wednesday 8am
Thursday Mass/Novena:
8am & 7pm
Friday, Saturday, Holidays: 9am
(Fridays in July & August: 8am)
Reconciliation
Saturday: 4-4:45pm
Adoration
Saturday 9:30-10am
Library Hours
Sunday: 10-10:45am, 4:30-5pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9am-4pm

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

June 4, 2017

Pentecost Sunday

Inspired by the Spirit on Pentecost

Dear Friends & Parishioners,

Pentecost Sunday is the feast to move hearts, minds and spirits. It is the celebration that reminds us all we are united in Christ by his very own promise. This gift of the Holy Spirit that was promised and given to all believers on the first Pentecost is promised for you and your children and for all who near and far hear his call.

Our Pentecost celebration after the 11am Mass is a sign of many coming together as one. We bring our diverse traditions and talents and share them at the banquet of the Lord at Mass and with our fellow parishioners after Mass. Having said that, I'm hoping you didn't forget to bring something for the 11am potluck!

Today we also launch our Project Advance Appeal for the year. This year's theme is very much in keeping with what Pentecost is all about - One Faith. One Church. One Family. If you are a parishioner, you should have received your pledge form in the mail by now. If you have not, please pick up a Project Advance brochure at the church entrance.

The details of the Archdiocesan needs for this year's appeal are in the bulletin. I hope you take some time to look these over. Where our parish is concerned, the diocesan target set for OLPH is the same as last year - \$51,000. It is my hope that we can double this amount to raise at least \$102,000. The extra funds will go toward the parish seismic upgrade fund and infrastructure renewal. At this point we are getting quotes for the evaluation of this entire undertaking.



Apart from meeting the targets for this year's contributions, it is my sincere desire that everyone in this parish will participate wholeheartedly in this appeal. It is a testimony of good stewardship to support the work of the Archdiocese and the parish. I hope you will give this matter some prayerful consideration before you make your contribution.

May the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother guide and inspire you in this and all matters regarding the growth of our Church and this parish.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Babu Mathew, C.Ss.R

PROJECT ADVANCE 2017
Live gratefully,
give generously.

Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth - Psalm 104

NEWS & NOTICES

OLPH Jr K Summer Camp: The Junior Kindergarten Program of OLPH Parish is excited to be offering a 2017 Summer Camp. This is a half-day program for children from 3-6 years old. Come join us for some Summer fun with fieldtrips to our local parks, the beach, clay-making, yoga and so much more. Camp Dates: Week 1 July 3-7 | Week 2 July 10-14 | Week 3 July 17-21. For further information please email jrkindergarten@olphbc.ca. Registration forms are available from the JrK classroom. Cost: \$175 per week (Snacks included).

Pro-D Day: There will be no school on Monday June 19 for OLPH students.

PEC Meeting: The next meeting is on Tuesday June 20 at 7pm in the Madonna Room.

PREP Pre-Registration: The Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is for elementary school aged children who are not attending Catholic school. Pre-registration for the 2017/2018 school year is now being accepted. Please contact Elizabeth Towers at 604-440-8809 or email prep@olphbc.ca for information. Pre-registrations continue till the end of June.

PREP Teachers & Teaching Assistants Needed: Would you like to share your talents by helping out as a teacher or teaching assistant? PREP is for children Grades 1-7 who do not go to Catholic school but need to be educated in the Faith. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Towers at 604-440-8809 or email prep@olphbc.ca.

Stewards of Christ's Mission: Being a steward of Christ's mission means knowing the heart of Jesus. Revive your heart for mission as a parish leader through the inspiring testimonies of our speakers and learn how to reinvigorate your parish team/ministry. Encounter Jesus at this 3-day event, the biennial Western Canadian Catholic Stewardship Conference, with keynote speakers and breakout sessions. Gain renewed strength to carry on Christ's mission to the best of your ability. Join us on June 9-11 at Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond. Cost: \$239.00. For info: www.wccsc.ca.

Jesus the Teacher Retreat: Grow in your relationship with Christ. The Jesus the Teacher Retreat is a path of discoveries and reflections, each building on the other. Join us for a weekend of enriching faith and personal discovery, guided by the Ministries and Outreach retreat team and a special Saturday session with Archbishop Miller, CSB. Friday June 9, at 7 p.m. to Sunday June 11, at 1 p.m., at Westminster Abbey, Mission. Cost: \$195. For more information and registration please visit: rcav.org/jesus-the-teacher-retreat.

Development and Peace (D&P) Update: Thanks to your heart-felt generosity both the emergency humanitarian and long-term development aid programs that we were able to put in place to respond to the devastating Super Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines are being implemented. Since 2013 D&P has raised and distributed more than \$12.4 million in grants with local partners to meet local needs and support improved reconstruction to be better prepared and protected in the future. Considerable humanitarian relief has been achieved. God bless your kind support. <https://www.devp.org/en>

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: When the post-abortive woman's carefully constructed defense mechanisms begin to crumble, and she confronts the stark reality of her abortion, her guilt over this act can precipitate an acute plunge in self-esteem. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and restore your self – esteem and worth to what God would want and hope for you. For confidential information and to register call 604-525-0999.

Concert & Book Presentation: Enjoy an evening in song, music, readings in celebration of Sam Rocha's Book: "Tell Them Something Beautiful" - a collection of essays on politics, theology, art and education. Sam Rocha, popular local folk musician, is Assistant professor of Philosophy of Education at UBC, Pastoral Philosopher-in-Residence at St. Mark's College, and editor of the Patheos Catholic channel. June 5th, 7pm-9pm. Tickets are \$10 via online registration or at the door. For info contact: St. Mark's Parish, 5935 Iona Drive, Vancouver, BC 604.822.5514.

Stewardship Reflection

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." --1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and let Him in! Open your heart and be grateful for all the gifts God has given us. Regardless of your circumstance, God has given us all blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God. Generously sharing our gifts keeps us more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".

Stewardship Office, Archdiocese of St. Louis

CALENDAR

JUNE

Pentecost Celebration

Sunday June 4: After 11am Mass. We are celebrating our parish's cultural diversity with a big pot-luck celebration under four general groups – European, Canadian/N. American, Asian and S. American. Wear an ethnic costume if you can!

Bring a Dish: Please bring a casserole-size dish of a meat, vegetable or noodle/pasta/rice dish or dessert with a label or small flag of the country you represent. Knights of Columbus will be at the church doors before Mass to receive your dish for placement at the table.

Door Is Open

Thank you to all who signed up. We have enough volunteers for the next Door Is Open outreach effort.

Children's Mass

There will be a Children's Mass on Sunday June 11 at 9am, the last one before the summer. All are welcome. If you would like to bring a plate of cookies or treats to share, please feel free to do so.



OLPH Triduum Mission & Feast

Archbishop Gerard Pettipas CSsR is our guest speaker at this year's Triduum Novena & Talks. This will climax with a special Mass to celebrate our feast day at 4pm on Sunday June 25 to be followed by a reception.

All are invited. Bring a large dessert to share at the Sunday reception.

-Thurs Novena & Talk June 22: 6:45pm

-Fri Novena & Talk June 23: 6:45pm

-Sat Novena & Talk June 24: 6pm (After the 5pm Mass)

-Sun June 25: Mass at 4pm (No Mass at 11am and 5pm)



Project Advance is crucial to the Church's mission of providing services that benefit all Catholics and countless others in our Archdiocese.

Our annual appeal lets us not only provide for our local Church but also strengthen our parishes. It helps each parish meet its own unique needs and it ensures that the sacrifices of past generations are built upon for the benefit of the future.

To date close to \$98 million has been returned to parishes so they can meet the growing needs they have for their buildings and social programs.

Our Archdiocesan goal of \$3 million helps the communities we serve. Our core needs continue to be the renovation of our secondary schools, the founding of new parishes, the care of the needy and marginalized through our Pastoral Ministries, evangelization and programs for enriching the faith of our youth and young adults.

Your gift supports:

Secondary Schools Construction Fund	\$1,400,000
New Parish Sites Fund	\$650,000
Pastoral Ministries	\$450,000
Serving Chaplaincies to prisons and hospitals; Refugee Sponsorship Program; Migrant Workers, and Office of Life, Marriage and Family.	
Diocesan Outreach	\$250,000
Supporting evangelization & communication efforts.	
Youth and Young Adults	\$100,000
Vanspec	\$50,000
Offering catechetical instruction to children and adults with learning disabilities.	
Special Grants	\$100,000
Total Need:	\$3,000,000
Estimated Annual Rebate to Parishes	\$4.2 MILLION
<small>BASED ON 2016 DISBURSEMENTS: TOTAL FUNDS RAISED IN 2016: \$7.6 MILLION</small>	

SPECIAL GRANTS for 2017

Sancta Maria House of Healing
Catholic Christian Healing home for women struggling with addictions.

Signal Hill Life Education
Promotes the value of human life through education and support services.

Tapestry Foundation for Healthcare - Parkview-Youville Residence
Fosters and provides care and compassion for seniors.

Columbus Residence
A catholic-based non-profit society that provides health care and subsidized housing for seniors.

Domestic Abuse Services - Our Lady of Good Counsel Society
Provides educational programming, a helpline, safe housing and support services to victims of domestic violence.

L'Arche Foundation of Greater Vancouver
Provides homes and programs for people with developmental disabilities.

Catholic Voices Canada Society
Offers professional communication presentations and workshops on controversial issues of concern to the Church.

Saint James Music Academy
Provides free music education to at-risk children and youth of the Downtown Eastside.

Parish-based Refugee Sponsorship
Money has been set aside for Parish-based refugee sponsorship initiatives. Parishes can apply throughout the year to help cover any shortfall or unforeseen expense.

STEWARDSHIP: PROJECT ADVANCE

One Faith. One Church.
One Family.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every year we are called upon to foster the growth of our parishes and wider Archdiocesan family. Each of us responds to this call with their own prayers, creative talent and treasure. Our annual Project Advance Appeal gives us the opportunity to share in supporting the evangelizing mission of our local Church.

Project Advance helps to make our parishes vital communities where we can encounter Jesus Christ in the power of His Word and the nourishment of His Sacraments. It builds our churches where we worship, our schools where we educate our children and our parish hall where we gather for fellowship and service.

Through the projects it sponsors, Project Advance enables us to reach out to those who are struggling and marginalized.

Participation in Project Advance is a straightforward way of showing that we are striving to live the Gospel which we proclaim. It is stewardship in action.

I pray that you will continue to join me in supporting Project Advance and making it a priority in your annual gift giving.

Invoking God's abundant grace upon you and your family, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

J. Michael Miller CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver