



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

MASSSES & SERVICES

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)
Children's Mass: 9am 1st
Sunday of the month Oct-June
Children's Liturgy: 11am
All Sundays except the 1st
Sunday from Sept- June
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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Archbishop's Statement on Sexual Abuse Revelations in the Church

To the faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver:

Over the past few weeks, a number of very serious accounts of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church have become public.

Like you, I am devastated by these accounts of profound evil.

What the victims of sexual abuse have endured has shaken me and broken my heart. I grieve for what they have suffered at the hands of their abusers and by those who betrayed their spiritual fatherhood by failing to protect those entrusted to their pastoral care. In addition to being sexually abused, many victims were treated very poorly by authorities in the Church. The failure of Church leaders to prevent the abuse, covering it up by moving abusers around, their lack of care and concern for victims: these were grave failures and terribly wrong. We are all rightfully outraged and discouraged by these actions.

As a bishop, I am especially upset with those bishops and priests who failed to protect the most vulnerable among us. They did not live up to their calling as shepherds and, even more, as spiritual fathers. What father would come to know that his child had been abused and do nothing about it? What father would cover up the abuse and tell his child to "get over it" in order to protect the family's "reputation"? Would that they had acted like Jesus, who showed his anger towards those who defiled the temple!

If you are aware of any situation of abuse happening now, please immediately contact law enforcement authorities. If the abuse involves a member of the clergy or any person engaged in ministry in our Archdiocese, please also make us aware. You may find our webpage on reporting abuse at: <http://rcav.org/safe-environment-reporting/>. If you know of any sexual abuse that occurred in the past, but have not reported it before, consider doing so now.

For a number of years now, the Archdiocese of Vancouver has had a robust abuse prevention policy in place. We report allegations of sexual abuse to law enforcement. We offer to pay for counselling for victims. We are looking at ways to offer other support as needed.

I call on the faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver to join me in doing penance in reparation for the grave sins committed within our Church against our brothers and sisters. In order to heal as a community of faith, we must first acknowledge our brokenness before the Lord.

Within the next few weeks, I will issue a pastoral letter outlining our plans, including prayer, fasting and services of reparation in all our parishes at a date to be determined. The pain inflicted on so many victims affects us all and compels each of us to offer our prayers for them and to do penance for the sins committed against them.

Most Reverend J. Michael Miller, CSB

Archbishop of Vancouver

17 August 2018

AUGUST 29: PRAYER FOR THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

O God, who willed that Saint John the Baptist should go ahead of your Son both in his birth and in his death, grant that, as he died a Martyr for truth and justice, we, too, may fight hard for the confession of what you teach. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Redemptorist Pilgrimage



As part of our 150th Jubilee Icon of Love celebrations, the Redemptorists have organized a pilgrimage to visit the actual icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and places where St Alphonsus and St Gerard Majella lived. Cost not confirmed yet.

EXCERPT: DAY 9 HIGHLIGHTS

Day 9: May 10 - Assisi – Sites of St.

Francis and St. Clare After an early breakfast and drive to Assisi for a guided tour that begins with Basilica of St Claire, we continue walking down to the Basilica of St. Francis where we celebrate Mass in one of the chapels and have a visit of the Basilica. Our local guide will take us through the Basilica complex splendid with art work divided amongst the upper and the lower Basilica. Visit the crypt that houses the tomb of St. Francis. After Lunch we proceed to Pisa. Overnight in Pisa.

12-DAY ITINERARY

Day 01: May 02 2019 - Canada to Rome / Naples

Day 02: May 03 - Arrive in Rome – Marianella – Naples

Day 03: May 04 - Pompeii – Amalfi Coast

Day 04: May 05 - Excursion to Scala

Day 05: May 06 - Sites of St. Alphonsus and St. Gerard Majella

Day 06: May 07 - Amalfi – Montecassino – Rome

Day 7: May 08 - Papal Audience – Holy Doors of Rome – Relics of Jerusalem

Day 8: May 09 - Rome (Vatican)

Day 9: May 10 - Assisi – Sites of St. Francis and St. Clare

Day 10: May 11 - Pisa – Padua

Day 11: May 12 – Venice – St. Mark's

Square Murano Glass Factory

Day 12: May 13 – Goodbye Italy

NEWS & NOTICES

Weekly Collection: Sunday Mass Offering Aug 18 & 19: \$4,967.20. Offering for the needy \$90.00. Initial Offering: \$5.00. Thank you for your faith-filled generosity.

Project Advance Report: On August 22 pledges were at \$59,519 with participation from 104 donors. We have now exceeded our archdiocesan goal of \$52,000. All funds raised now will be rebated to the parish. Our total goal is \$104,000 which will go toward the Parish infrastructure renewal. Please make a prayerful contribution to Project Advance this year. Thank you for your support!

Children's Liturgy: In this program, children up to 7 years are taught the Gospel message of the day in simple and fun ways. Children's Liturgy is available at the Sunday 11am Mass starting Sept 23.

RCIA Begins September 23: If you are interested in the Catholic faith or have been away from the Church for some time and would like to come back, join us on Sunday mornings for The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). It is a beautiful journey of spiritual discovery culminating in Easter celebrations on April 21 next year. If you are already in the faith and know of people who have not discovered Jesus, have missed receiving First Communion and Confirmation, or simply fallen out of the practice of the Faith, extend a personal invitation to them to join us on this spiritual journey. Starting Sunday Sept 23, 9am-10:30am. Application forms available in the church foyer and parish office.

Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil: Join us for a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents on Saturday, Sept. 1. Mass is at 9 a.m. at Gardens of Gethsemani (Evangelist Chapel), Surrey, followed by the Rosary. For upcoming dates visit <http://rcav.org/pro-life-mass-and-prayer-vigil/>

Encourage: Spiritual support meeting for members of EnCourage. Join us on Sunday, Sept. 16, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. For more info please contact encourage@rcav.org.

Summer Institute: The 3 Ls – A way of life for every ministry: Self-awareness is an important part of everyday life. It can help one gain a better understanding of oneself and live a better and more fulfilling life. This course will help you learn how beneficial becoming more self-aware can be. Through this course you will gain new perspectives and become more spiritually equipped for service to yourself, your family, and your community. This course is on Aug. 25 at Notre Dame Secondary; Vancouver, from 10am-4pm. Cost is \$40 per person and includes lunch. For information and registration: <http://rcav.org/oc-summer/>

Good Shepherd Annual Conference: Reclaim wonder and awe! See the Faith from the eyes of a child, experience amazement and learn the art of listening to God with children. There are many joys that CGS methodology offers to children and most importantly to adults. Come and see! For the first time ever, the Archdiocese of Vancouver is proud to sponsor the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Association of Canada's Annual Conference from October 19-21, at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel. Cost: \$100/day or \$150 for both conference days. Silent auction and raffle draw available. Register today for this unique conference and experience CGS for yourself: rcav.org/cgs-annual-conference/



Family Celebrates Permanent Residence Status in Canada

This Brazilian family from Coimbra chose to celebrate their newly acquired status as permanent residents of Canada with a special Mass celebration and a tea reception with friends at Our Lady's Grotto last Saturday. It is not every day that we think about how wonderful it is to be part of this great nation. This family certainly appreciates it! A warm welcome to Cristiano, Otani, Joao, Tiago and Marilia. We wish them all the best. May they settle happily into their new home.

Stewardship Reflection

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve... As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

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