



## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

### MASSES & 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 1<sup>st</sup>  
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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September 2, 2018

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Feast of the Nativity of Mary: September 8

Mary was born to be the mother of the Savior of the world, the spiritual mother of all men, and the holiest of God's creatures. Because of her Son's infinite merits, she was conceived and born immaculate and full of grace. Through her, Queen of heaven and of earth, all grace is given to humankind. Through her, by the will of the Trinity, the unbelieving receive the gift of faith, the afflicted are tendered the works of mercy and the members of Christ grow in likeness of their Head.

In Mary all human nature is exalted. We rejoice in her birthday just as the Church has done from the earliest times. This is one of the three birthdays in the Church calendar — the Birth of Jesus (December 25), the Birth of John the Baptist (June 24) and the Birthday of Mary. All three were born without original sin, although Mary and Jesus were conceived without sin, and St. John was cleansed of original sin while in the womb at the Visitation of Mary.

On Our Lady's birthday the Church celebrates the first dawning of redemption with the appearance in the world of the Savior's mother, Mary. The Blessed Virgin occupies a unique place in the history of salvation and she has the highest mission ever commended to any creature. We rejoice that the Mother of God is our Mother too. Let us often call upon the Blessed Virgin as "Cause of our joy", one of the most beautiful titles in her litany.

Since September 8 marks the end of summer and beginning of fall, this day has many thanksgiving celebrations and customs attached to it. In the Old Roman Ritual there is a blessing of the summer harvest and fall planting for this day.

The winegrowers in France called this feast "Our Lady of the Grape Harvest". The best grapes are brought to the local church to be blessed and then some bunches are attached to the hands of the statue of Mary. A festive meal which includes the new grapes is part of this day.

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## 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. Details of the cost will be available soon.

### EXCERPT: DAY 10 HIGHLIGHTS

Today we drive to Pisa, the hometown of Galileo and the Leaning Tower - one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The Duomo's Bell Tower/Cathedral together with the Baptistery are all a part of the Field of Miracles. The Cathedral is dedicated to Our Lady of the Assumption. After lunch, we drive through stretches of olive groves and vineyards to the beautiful city of Padua and the magnificent Basilica of St. Anthony. Enjoy a stroll through beautiful Padua Square with its lovely gardens and fountains. Later after a delicious dinner we will check into our hotel. Overnight in Padua /Mestre.

### 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 25 & 26: \$6,244.40. Thank you for your faith-filled generosity.

**Project Advance Report:** On August 28 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!

**Labour Day Schedule:** Mass on Monday September 3 is at 9am.

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

**Children's Mass:** Children's Mass will resume again on Sunday October 7 at 9am and will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. There are occasional changes to the first Sunday schedule so please check the bulletin for updates.

**Madonna Group Meeting:** The Madonna Group will meet at 12 noon on Wednesday Sept 5 in the Church Hall. Fr Bill will lead us down memory lane with his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary video. Please contact Monica Cheung at 604-739-8837 if you would like to attend.

**Sunday Morning Coffee:** The work of hospitality is a beautiful service to the parish community. We need helpers on Sunday mornings for the 9am after-Mass coffee. It's a wonderful service for the whole family to work on together - kids can select the kind of donuts or cookies to serve, dad can make the coffee and mom can help with serving. Everyone helps with clean-up! If you can help, please sign up on the sheet in the church foyer.

**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.

**St. Teresa of Calcutta Feast Day:** Archbishop Miller will be celebrating a special Mass in honour of St. Teresa of Calcutta's Feast Day on Wednesday Sept. 5 at 7 pm at Sacred Heart Parish, Vancouver. This event is hosted by the Missionaries of Charity.

**Good Shepherd Annual Conference:** 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 two conference days. Register today for this unique conference: [rcav.org/cgs-annual-conference/](http://rcav.org/cgs-annual-conference/)

### OLPH Parish Social Justice Talks 2018

Fr. Gonzalo Ituarte is a Dominican friar and priest, a former Provincial of his order who led the Dominican Mission to Ocosingo (Chiapas, Mexico). He served for many years as Vicar for Peace and Justice of the Diocese of San Cristobal de las Casas in Chiapas, working with the renowned late Bishop Samuel Ruiz Garcia. Fr. Ituarte is a member of the International Interreligious Peace Council.



#### Saturday September 22, 2018 (Talk in Spanish)

*"Él me ha enviado a proclamar la buena nueva a los pobres: Una reflexión por Fr. Gonzalo Ituarte, O.P sobre su trabajo con los pueblos indígenas de Chiapas."* Come and meet other members of the Spanish community. **Mass: 9am with Fr. Ituarte. Coffee immediately after. Talk (Spanish): 10am.**

**Madonna Room. By donation.**

#### Thursday September 27, 2018

*"He has sent me to proclaim the good news to the poor: A reflection by Fr. Gonzalo Ituarte, OP on his work with the indigenous people of Chiapas."*

**Mass: 8am with Fr. Ituarte. Coffee immediately after. Talk: 9am. Madonna Room. By donation.**

## Stewardship Reflection

*"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." JAMES 1:22*

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship. The hard part is living it! What do you do to live God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

*Stewardship Office, Archdiocese of St. Louis*

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