



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

January 27, 2019

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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)
 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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The Parish Family is Another Level of Connection

Dear Parishioners,

St Paul says that as members of the human body, although different and many, we form one body, as we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body (cf. 1 Cor 12:12-13). In the Church, therefore, there is a variety, a diversity of tasks and functions, a tremendous variety of gifts that the Holy Spirit distributes.

I see this expressed in so many ways in our own parish. There are people with wonderful talents in their personal and professional lives. It is indeed a blessing that so many of you are so willing to come forward and share these gifts with the parish.

Just as the individuals make up the body of Christ, we have another level of connection. The common aspirations we share as being part of a parish family. Together we form one living body, deeply connected to Christ. Being part of the Church means being united to Christ and receiving from Him the divine life that makes us live as Christians. It also means overcoming personal interests and divisions, in order to understand each other better, so that we may appreciate the gifts of one another. We cannot say we love God if we don't love and support our neighbor.

Let us pray to our Blessed Mother for the gift of appreciating one another so that we may grow and thrive in God's grace.



Yours in Christ,
Fr. Babu Mathew, CSsR

Redemptorist Pilgrimage: May 2 – 14, 2019



Shrine of Our Mother of Perpetual Help
 Rome, Italy

As part of our 150th Jubilee Icon of Love celebrations, the Redemptorists all over the world have organized several pilgrimages to visit the actual icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, places where St. Alphonsus and St. Gerard Majella lived. If you are interested in joining this pilgrimage, please contact Brian or Deon at royaleorchid@shaw.ca or call Brian 778-999-4599/778-866-8118.

Your words Lord are spirit and life. - Psalm 19

NEWS & NOTICES

Weekly Collection: Sunday Mass Offering Jan 19 & 20: \$8,171.80. Offering for the Needy: \$360. Solemnity of Mary: \$70. Initial Offering: \$135. Thank you for your faith-filled generosity.

2019 Sunday Offering Envelope Boxes: The 2019 Sunday Offering boxes are available for pick up in the church foyer until the end of the month. After that the envelope boxes can be picked up at the parish office. Please do not use envelopes from 2018 or previous years. You may also wish to consider giving your donation by Pre-Authorized Giving. You can use the PAG form in your Sunday Offering box or pick up a copy at the back pew of the church.

Food Bank: The Food Bank collection this weekend will be cash donations to the Vancouver Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Retrouvaille Vancouver Spring Program: Is Your Marriage in Crisis? – Repair your marriage, rediscover romance and gain the tools you need for healthy, loving communication! Retrouvaille is a Catholic peer ministry which offers a three-phase program for married couples with difficulties of all kinds, including years of misery, infidelity, separation, or even divorce. It is not too late! For confidential information or to register for the program beginning the weekend of April 5 - 7, 2019, call Marc and Candice at 604-530-6710 and leave a message or email us at vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org. More information also available on our websites www.retrouvaille.org and www.retrouvaillevancouver.com

Catholic Press Collection: Feb. 2-3, 2019: February is Catholic Press Month and with it comes the annual Catholic Press Collection. On Feb. 2-3, there will be a second collection at all parishes in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to show their appreciation for receiving The B.C. Catholic. The collection helps defray your parish's costs for mailing the paper. For those who don't receive it, it's also a great chance to help out as all the money collected stays in the parish. Please give generously Feb. 2-3 so we can continue to deliver this vital, award-winning publication to parishioners in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Please visit www.bccatholic.ca for more info on the Catholic Press Collection and the Catholic Press Association.

University Mass 2019: "Let it be done to me according to your word." (Lk 1:8) Archbishop Miller, in partnership with the community of Simon Fraser University, cordially invites university and college communities to the University Mass. All students, faculty, and staff with their families from public and private post-secondary institutions are invited to this annual Mass on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 7:00pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Confessions start at 6pm. A performance on vocation and fellowship will be held at Holy Rosary hall after Mass.

Creation Care: Have we gone too far or not far enough?

What is our Catholic responsibility to care for creation, and how does that affect our daily lives and spiritual journeys? How can caring for creation enliven our faith and relationships? Come learn some spiritual lessons from a saint and a pope. Which saint, and which pope? You'll have to come to find out! Presenter: Sister Damien Marie Savino, FSE. Friday, Jan. 18, 7-8:30 p.m. at John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver. <https://rcav.org/event/creation-care>

World Day for Consecrated Life: The World Day for Consecrated Life was instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1997, a day of prayer for women and men who have devoted their lives to God in consecrated life. Join Archbishop Miller, CSB, in celebrating and witnessing the renewal of vows of those consecrated to God at Mass on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 12 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, Vancouver. All are welcome. Please pray for all who have made commitments in the consecrated life. <https://rcav.org/world-day-for-consecrated-life>

Men's Silent Retreat: Open to all men (age 16 and above). This is a silent retreat designed for spiritual discernment and formation. Everyone will have the opportunity for confession and spiritual direction with the priests of Miles Christi from San Diego, CA. Space is very limited and all retreats have sold out early so register early to avoid disappointment. Spiritual retreats are particular graces; they are privileged opportunities where the soul, separated from the busyness of daily life, may dispose itself to listen to God, place itself under the direction of the Holy Spirit, and totally correct itself to establish the Kingdom of Jesus Christ in it, in order to love him and serve him more. March 15-17, 2019, at Westminster Abbey, Mission. Financial help may be possible. Please inquire with application. For more info, visit <https://rcav.org/event/mens-silent-retreat>

Stewardship Reflection

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..."
(Nehemiah 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need without expecting anything in return.

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