



The Visitation: Go Where God Wills Us

The feast of the Visitation recalls to us the following great truths and events: The visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth shortly after the Annunciation; the cleansing of John the Baptist from original sin in the womb of his mother at the words of Our Lady's greeting; Elizabeth's proclaiming of Mary—under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit—as Mother of God and "blessed among women"; Mary's singing of the sublime hymn, *Magnificat*("My soul doth magnify the Lord") which has become a part of the daily official prayer of the Church. The Visitation is frequently depicted in art, and was the central mystery of St. Francis de Sales' devotions.

The Mass of this day salutes her who in her womb bore the King of heaven and earth, the Creator of the world, the Son of the Eternal Father, the Sun of Justice. It narrates the cleansing of John from original sin in his mother's womb. Hearing herself addressed by the most lofty title of "Mother of the Lord" and realizing what grace her visit had conferred on John, Mary broke out in that sublime canticle of praise proclaiming prophetically that henceforth she would be venerated down through the centuries: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. Because He that is mighty, hath done great things to me, and holy is His name" (Lk. 1:46). —Excerpted from the *Cathedral Daily Missal*

And Mary rising up in those days went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda. [Lk. 1:39]
How lyrical is this opening sentence of St. Luke's description of the Visitation! We can feel the rush of warmth and kindness, the sudden urgency of love that sent that girl hurrying over the hills. "Those days" in which she rose on that impulse were the days in which Christ was being formed in her, the impulse was his impulse.

Many women, if they were expecting a child, would refuse to hurry over the hills on a visit of pure kindness. They would say they had a duty to themselves and to their unborn child which came before anything or anyone else. The Mother of God considered no such thing. Elizabeth was going to have a child, too, and although Mary's own child was God, she could not forget Elizabeth's need—almost incredible to us, but characteristic of her. She greeted her cousin Elizabeth, and at the sound of her voice, John quickened in his mother's womb and leapt for joy.

With what piercing shoots of joy does this story of Christ unfold! First the conception of a child in a child's heart, and then this first salutation, an infant leaping for joy in his mother's womb, knowing the hidden Christ and leaping into life.

How did Elizabeth herself know what had happened to Our Lady? What made her realize that this little cousin who was so familiar to her was the mother of her God? She knew it by the child within herself, by the quickening into life which was a leap of joy. If we practice this contemplation taught and shown to us by Our Lady, we will find that our experience is like hers. If Christ is growing in us, if we are at peace, recollected, because we know that however insignificant our life seems to be, from it He is forming Himself; if we go with eager wills, "in haste," to wherever our circumstances compel us, because we believe that He desires to be in that place, we shall find that we are driven more and more to act on the impulse of His love. And the answer we shall get from others to those impulses will be an awakening into life, or the leap into joy of the already wakened life within them.

Excerpted from The Reed of God, Caryll Houselander

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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 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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May 26, 2019 6th Sunday of Easter

Project Advance Kick Starts Centennial Anniversary Fund

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

This is, indeed, a grace-filled time of year to reach out in a spirit of gratitude to promote the good news of God’s love for all. Project Advance was launched by the Archdiocese of Vancouver to do precisely this. This annual Appeal invites donations from parishioners all over our diocese to support infrastructure development programs as well as educational and social justice services essential to spreading the Gospel.

This year, the Archdiocese hopes to raise \$3.25 million. Of these funds, \$1.65 million will go toward Catholic secondary school construction, \$650,000 for new parish sites and \$850,000 for Archdiocesan ministries. To raise this amount, a fundraising target is assigned to each parish by the Project Advance office based on the parish’s size and Sunday Offering contributions. Our apportioned target has been set at \$52,000. Parishes are encouraged not just to hit this target but to exceed it so that the extra funds can be rebated to the parish.

With this in mind, we have set out our own parish goal at \$104,000. The additional funds will help us with our own infrastructure renewal development plan. In preparation for the Centennial Anniversary of the Redemptorists’ arrival in Vancouver, we hope to develop the site of the current rectory.

This development project will provide:

- new, safe accommodation for the Redemptorist Fathers
- a financially viable living arrangement for the Redemptorists in the wake of the proposed School Tax.
- 1/2/3 bedroom units for parish families including teachers, seniors and couples
- a multi-purpose room which the parish can use

The project would usher in a new era of sustainable living for the Redemptorists and parish families. The idea is already gaining considerable interest among many of our parishioners. More details will be available in the coming months. The funds we hope to raise through Project Advance will allow us to get things moving in the right direction.

I hope you will take the time, dear friends, to pray about how you can make a Project Advance donation which will contribute in a very concrete way, not just to the legacy of the Redemptorist mission in Eastern Canada, but also to the lives and living conditions of seniors, teachers and couples.

You can make a donation to Project Advance in the following ways.

- Return the enclosed pledge form with your donation to OLPH Church
- Go online to www.rcav.org and indicate that your parish is OLPH

I hope you appreciate the importance of your participation in such a worthy cause for the growth of the Archdiocese and our parish. I offer my sincere thanks and gratitude in anticipation of your generous response to our 2019 Appeal.

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



**PROJECT
ADVANCE
2019**

**Live gratefully,
give generously.**

Let the peoples praise you O God, let all the peoples praise you. - Psalm 67

NEWS & NOTICES

Weekly Collection: Sunday Mass Offering May 18 & 19: \$4,792.05; Work of Vocations: \$230; Offering for Needy: \$1,160.75. Thank you for your faith-filled generosity.

OLPH Parish/School AGM: All are welcome to attend this AGM at 7pm Thursday May 30 at OLPH School Gym.

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 2018/2019 school year is open till June 30. Please contact Elizabeth Towers at 604-440-8809 or email prep.olph@rcav.org for information.

Choir Members for 11am and 5pm Mass: The OLPH choir is seeking new members: we especially need singers who can commit to the Sunday 11am mass and Monday evening rehearsals (7-8pm). Please contact Music Director Catherine Walsh for more information: catherine.organist@gmail.com. If you are interested in helping out at the Sunday 5pm Youth Mass or joining OLPH Youth Ministry, please contact Theresa Barao: olphyouthmin@gmail.com.

The Role of the Laity in the Reform of the Church - A modest but Urgent Proposal: Join Dr. Michael Higgins and panelists Sr. Sue Mosteller, Dr. Angus Reid, Fr. Ronald Rolheiser and Dr. Lynda Robitaille for an evening of dialogue on how the laity can shape church leadership. John Henry Cardinal Newman provides a marvelous foundation for considering and valuing the role of the laity in the life of the church. How do we use some of Newman’s insights for our modern predicament? How do we move forward as a church ever reforming? Dr. Michael Higgins will explore one vital direction whereby the laity can influence and shape credible and meaningful spiritual leadership for our time. Monday, May 27, 2019 – 7:00, University of British Columbia – Westbrook Room 100, 6174 University Boulevard, Vancouver. Cost: Free.

St. Anthony’s Novena: The annual St. Anthony of Padua Novena will take place from June 5 – 12 at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Vancouver with all Masses starting at 7:30 pm, preceded by confessions at 6:30 pm. On Thursday, June 13, St. Anthony’s Feast Day celebration starts with a procession at 6:30 p.m., Mass at 7:30 p.m., and a fiesta celebration afterwards. There will be no morning Masses from June 5 – 13 and no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, June 8.

Focus on Life Gala Dinner: Whether it’s accompanying women facing a crisis pregnancy, helping young people understand their inherent worth, or advocating for the value of all human beings, Focus On Life is dedicated to transforming our culture and our communities. Come celebrate with us on Monday, May 27, at the Italian Cultural Centre in Vancouver. Parking is free. Doors open at 5:30pm and dinner begins at 6:30pm. Register online at focusonlife.ca.

Vocations Afternoon with Poor Clares: A “come and see” afternoon for women from Grade 12 to age 40 who wish to discern a religious vocation. Takes place on Saturday, June 1, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Clare’s Monastery in Mission. Please call Sr. Marie Therese (Be sure to mention her full name since all the names of the sisters begin with “Marie”) at 604-826-2818.

Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil: Join us for a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents. Takes place on Saturday, June 1. Mass is at 9 a.m. at Holy Spirit Parish, New Westminster, followed by the Rosary. For upcoming dates, visit rcav.org/pro-life-mass-and-prayer-vigil/

Fiat: Women’s Discernment Events – Hike and Mass: Fiat, the women’s vocation discernment group for the Archdiocese of Vancouver offers events for single, Catholic young women ages 18-35 open to discerning and responding to God’s call in their life. We meet next on Saturday, June 8. Email womensvocations@rcav.org or call 604-683-0281 for more information.

A letter from the Zakarian family who OLPH Parish sponsored for two years.

This letter is for our supporting Parish and everyone who helped our family. We are speechless. There aren't enough words to express our gratitude for everything you have done for the last 2 years. Thank you! May all of you find peace, love, success and luck with your beloved ones. Thank you for helping our family to settle and feel welcome in Canada.

Love, The Zakarian Family – Maria, Vikin, Naroud, Varak

Stewardship Reflection

“... do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” (John 14:27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you.

Stewardship Office, Archdiocese of St. Louis

CALENDAR

JUNE
International Festival

Our International festival gatherings leading up to Pentecost Sunday have just begun. All are welcome to join in. We invite parishioners to share the food and aspects of their culture with short music or dance presentations, if you like, after the 11am Mass. If you are participating, please contact Lara. Email: olphchurchvolunteers@gmail.com. Or sign up in the foyer.
Sunday June 2: The Americas
Sunday June 9: Pentecost Sunday BBQ

OLPH Golf Fundraiser

JOIN US FOR A
GOLF OUTING
• SAVE THE DATE •
06.13.19
MUSQUEAM GOLF COURSE
3904 WEST 51 AVENUE, VANCOUVER

THIS NEW ANNUAL EVENT IS A PARISH FUNDRAISER DESIGNED TO BUILD A SENSE OF COMMUNITY AMONGST THE OLPH FAMILY AND FUN FOR ALL INVOLVED, INCLUDING OLPH PARENTS, STUDENTS, STAFF AND PARISHIONERS

• VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES •
• 4PM START •
• TICKET PRICING AND DETAILS TO FOLLOW •

For more information and to register, please pick up a form in the church foyer.

OLPH Novena/Triduum & Feast



Bishop Jon Hansen, CSsR of the Diocese of MacKenzie- Fort Smith and Northwest Territories is our guest speaker at this year’s Triduum Novena & Talks. This will climax with a special Mass to celebrate our feast day at 5pm on Sunday June 23 to be followed by a reception and potluck dessert from parishioners. All are invited.

Friday June 14 – Wed June 19: Novena after morning Mass
Thurs Novena & Talk June 20: 7pm
Fri Novena & Talk June 21: 7pm
Sat Novena & Talk June 22: 6pm
Sun June 23: Mass at 5pm

Reception to follow. Please bring a dessert to share!



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. To date close to \$105 million has been returned to parishes so they can meet the growing needs they have for their buildings and social programs.

The Archdiocesan goal of \$3.25 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 Archdiocesan Ministries.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2019	
Archdiocesan Priorities:	
SECONDARY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUND	\$1,650,000
NEW PARISH SITES FUND	\$650,000
ARCHDIOCESAN MINISTRIES	\$850,000
Hospital Chaplaincies	\$150,000
Social Justice Refugee settlement, migrant farm workers and anti-human trafficking	\$150,000
Youth and Young Adult Ministry	\$150,000
Evangelization Programs Alpha, Discover Discipleship, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, PREP	\$150,000
Family Life Programs Parenting and Marriage Enrichment, Theology of the Body	\$100,000
Prison Ministry	\$100,000
First Nations Supports outreach programs with Indigenous people	\$50,000
SPECIAL GRANTS	\$100,000
TOTAL NEED:	\$3,250,000



Archbishop Miller’s 2019
Project Advance Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The 2019 Project Advance Appeal is highlighting our youth and young adult ministries as well as our Catholic schools. Along with families and parishes, these ministries are building the Church’s future on the firm foundation of faith. I invite you to join me again, or for the first time, in supporting our parishes, families and communities through Project Advance.

This year, the archdiocesan goal is to raise \$3.25 million through the Appeal. These funds are critical in fostering our mission of evangelization, which aims to strengthen and proclaim our faith through life-giving ministry and outreach programs.

A significant portion of these funds will also help build the future of our Church through the construction and renovation of our regional secondary schools and the acquisition of land for new parishes. Provision for infrastructure is necessary for us to have safe and inspirational places for our community worship, education and gathering community. Through the hard work of volunteers, donors and pastors, Project Advance is also a proven way for parish communities to raise funds for their own parish priorities.

I am grateful for the impact you have had in the Archdiocese and at your parish through Project Advance. The need, however, continues. So let us pray that your generous participation in Project Advance will also continue.

Thank you most sincerely for your steadfast commitment to the Lord and to his Church. Invoking God’s abundant blessings upon you and your family, I remain
Sincerely Yours in Christ

+ J. MICHAEL MILLER CSB
ARCHBISHOP OF VANCOUVER

SPECIAL GRANTS FOR 2019

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| • SANCTA MARIA HOUSE | • SIGNAL HILL LIFE EDUCATION SOCIETY |
| • L'ARCHE FOUNDATION OF GREATER VANCOUVER | • NET MINISTRIES OF CANADA INC. |
| • LUKE 15 HOUSE | • DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES |
| • PROVIDENCE HEALTH CARE | • CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH |