



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 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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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Pope Benedict XVI gave the following meditation on Aug22, 2012 at Castel Gandolfo.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today marks the liturgical memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, invoked under the title: "Queen." It is a feast of recent institution, even though it is ancient in its origin and devotion: It was established by the Venerable Pius XII in 1954, at the conclusion of the Marian Year; its date was set at May 31. On this occasion, the Pope stated that Mary is Queen above every other creature on account of the elevation of her soul and the excellence of the gifts she received. She never ceases to bestow all the treasures of her love and care on humanity (1954).

Now, following the post-conciliar reform of the liturgical calendar, it has been placed eight days after the Solemnity of the Assumption, in order to emphasize the close bond between Mary's queenship and her glorification in body and soul next to her Son. In the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Church, we read: "Mary was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen of the universe, that she might be more fully conformed to her Son" (Lumen Gentium, 59).

What does it mean that Mary is Queen? It is a consequence of her being united with her Son, of her being in heaven, i.e. in communion with God. She participates in God's responsibilities over the world and in God's love for the world. There is the commonly held idea that a king or queen should be a person with power and riches. But this is not the kind of royalty proper to Jesus and Mary. Let us think of the Lord: The Lordship and Kingship of Christ is interwoven with humility, service and love: it is, above all else, to serve, to assist, to love. Let us recall that Jesus was proclaimed king on the Cross, with this inscription written by Pilate: "King of the Jews" (cf. *Mark 15:26*). In that moment on the Cross it is revealed that he is king.

And how is he king? By suffering with us, for us, by loving us to the end; it is in this way that he governs and creates truth, love and justice. Or let us also think of another moment: at the Last Supper, he bends down to wash the feet of his disciples. Therefore, the kingship of Jesus has nothing to do with that which belongs to the powerful of the earth. He is a king who serves his servants; he showed this throughout his life. And the same is true for Mary. She is queen in God's service to humanity. She is the queen of love, who lives out her gift of self to God in order to enter into His plan of salvation for man. To the angel she responds: Behold the handmaid of the Lord (cf. *Luke 1:38*), and in the *Magnificat* she sings: God has looked upon the lowliness of His handmaid (cf. *Luke 1:48*). She helps us. She is queen precisely by loving us, by helping us in every one of our needs; she is our sister, a humble handmaid.

Thus we have arrived at the point: How does Mary exercise this queenship of service and love? By watching over us, her children: the children who turn to her in prayer, to thank her and to ask her maternal protection and her heavenly help, perhaps after having lost their way, or weighed down by suffering and anguish on account of the sad and troubled events of life. In times of serenity or in the darkness of life we turn to Mary, entrusting ourselves to her continual intercession, so that from her Son we may obtain every grace and mercy necessary for our pilgrimage along the paths of the world. To Him who rules the world and holds the destinies of the universe in His hands we turn with confidence, through the Virgin Mary. For centuries she has been invoked as the Queen of heaven; eight times, after the prayer of the holy Rosary, she is implored in the Litany of Loreto as Queen of the Angels, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Virgins, of all Saints and of Families. The rhythm of this ancient invocation, and daily prayers such as the *Salve Regina*, help us to understand that the Holy Virgin, as our Mother next to her Son Jesus in the glory of Heaven, is always with us, in the daily unfolding of our lives. The title of Queen is therefore a title of trust, of joy and of love. And we know that what she holds in her hands for the fate of the world is good; she loves us, and she helps us in our difficulties.

Dear friends, devotion to Our Lady is an important element in our spiritual lives. In our prayer, let us not neglect to turn trustfully to her. Mary will not neglect to intercede for us next to her Son. In looking to her, let us imitate her faith, her complete availability to God's plan of love, her generous welcoming of Jesus. Let us learn to live by Mary. Mary is the Queen of heaven who is close to God, but she is also the Mother who is close to each one of us, who loves us and who listens to our voice.



Coronation of the Virgin, Diego Velazquez, 1645

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Lord, make haste to help me! – Psalm 40

NEWS & NOTICES

Weekly Collection: Sunday Mass Offering August 10 & 11: \$4,685.89. Offering for the Needy: \$1,223.00. Thank you for your faith-filled generosity.

Fr. Bill Comerford's Farewell: Fr Bill will be completing his 10-year ministry with our parish and will return to Toronto on September 7. He will be living at the St. Patrick's Redemptorist Community at 141 McCaul St, Toronto, ON. M5T 1W3. He can also be reached at 416-979-9992. To wish him well, a farewell gathering will be held on Sunday Aug 25 after the 11am Mass. All are welcome.

Becoming Catholic: If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, you are welcome to register for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). The journey of getting to know Jesus and finding out more about the Catholic church begins on Sunday Sept 22. We gather between 9am and 10:30am. Registration forms are available in the church foyer and the parish office. You can email your completed form to Bertilla. Her email: bwatanabe@rcav.org.

Joining the Parish: If you would like to be part of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, please email reception.olph@rcav.org for a registration form or drop in at the parish office during office hours. Registration forms are also available on the ledge of the back pew in the church. Feel free to fill it out and email it to us along with your Baptism certificate.

PREP: The Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is for elementary school aged children who are not attending Catholic school. Please contact Elizabeth Towers at 604-440-8809 or email prep.olph@rcav.org for information.

Men's Retreat: Are you ready to take the next step in your faith journey? Life Restoration, in partnership with the Archdiocese of Vancouver, is inviting all men to attend this incredible retreat, Sept. 20 - 22, in Princeton, B.C. With amazing presenters, times of personal and group prayer, Mass and confession, fellowship, adventure, rest, and the rugged beauty of Rockridge Canyon, this retreat offers something for everyone. Upgraded rooms are available, but will sell out quickly. For more information and to register, go to www.liferestoration.ca/mensretreat.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Noon Mass, Novena & Veneration of the Relic of St. Alphonsus

Come and join us at 12:00 noon on the first Thursday of each month, starting September 6, 2019 for a beautiful Mass and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help as well as special healing prayers with the relic of St Alphonsus. Email your prayer intentions to olphnovena@gmail.com. Fellowship in the parish hall over soup to follow. All are welcome!

Family Golf Day

OLPH Parish will be hosting our 1st Family Golf Day on Saturday, September 28, 2019. We invite parents, students, staff and parishioners to participate in this new event that will be both a community builder and fundraiser for the Parish.

Don't golf? No problem! Come socialize with the OLPH community by joining for dinner. Since golf rounds will be staggered, we recommend a 6PM arrival time if you are joining for the dinner only portion.

- Musqueam Golf Course: 3904 West 51 Avenue, Vancouver Tee Time: 4:00 PM
- Ticket Prices: Adult \$85 / Student \$80 / Dinner Only Option \$35

With the exception of the "dinner only option", your ticket purchase includes: a 9-hole golf round, a bucket of practice golf balls (used at driving range), pull cart and a burger dinner: French fries, salad, dessert & beverage.

- OTHER EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES: 50/50 Tickets – \$20 / Longest Drive – \$20 / Best Team Score – \$20 / Raffle Tickets – \$20. Look out for registration details in the coming weeks.

PROJECT ADVANCE

Live gratefully, give generously.

You can make a donation to Project Advance by filling out the pledge form you received in the mail or using the detachable envelope on the leaflet.

You can also go to www.rcav.org. Just indicate that your parish is OLPH.



Stewardship Reflection

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." (Luke 12:51)

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

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