



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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August 4, 2019

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother John, and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. --Mark 9:2-3



The Transfiguration, Raphael 1483-1520

Do you see the glory of God in your life? Oftentimes this is a real struggle. We can easily become aware of all the problems we face and can focus in on them. As a result, it is often easy for us to miss seeing the glory of God in our lives. So do you see God's glory in your life?

The feast we celebrate today is a commemoration of the fact that Jesus literally revealed His glory to three of the Apostles. He took them up a high mountain and was transfigured before them. He became dazzling white and radiant with glory. This was an important image for them to have in their minds in preparation for the very real image of the suffering and death Jesus was about to undergo.

One lesson we should take from this feast is the fact that the glory of Jesus was not lost on the Cross. Sure, His suffering and pain was made manifest at that time, but it doesn't change the fact that His glory was still just as real while He suffered on the Cross.

The same is true in our lives. We are blessed beyond measure and God still desires to transform our souls into glorious beacons of light and grace. When He does this, we must strive to constantly see it. And when we suffer or face some Cross, we must never take our eyes off the glorious things He has done in our souls.

Reflect, today, upon the beautiful and profound transformation that God has done and continues to desire to do in your soul. Know that He wants you to fix your eyes upon this glory and forever remain grateful for it, especially as you endure any cross you are given.

Prayer

Lord, may I see Your glory and the glory that You have bestowed upon my own soul. May my eyes forever remain fixed on that grace. May I see You and Your glory especially in difficult times. Jesus, I trust in You.

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



Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. – Psalm 90

NEWS & NOTICES

Weekly Collection: Sunday Mass Offering July 27 & 28: \$22,377.28 (includes pre-authorized payments for the whole month). Pro-Life Donations: \$20. Offering for the Needy: \$175. Catholic Missions: \$10. 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.

Email Fraud Warning: The Archdiocese has received multiple reports from parishioners and priests who have fallen victim to a recent internet email phishing scam. Imposters, posing as priests and using email addresses that are similar to those of our priests, have been emailing people asking for personal donations, gift cards and other forms of financial assistance. Never respond to emails requesting Google Play cards, iTunes cards or any other form of personal financial assistance, even if it appears to be from a priest, deacon, religious or parish staff. If you have any doubt, please contact the sender by other means to verify any requests.

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 our website www.olphchurch.ca and on the back pew of the church. Feel free to fill it out and email it to us along with a digital copy of 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.

Choir Members for 9am & 11am Masses: The OLPH choir is seeking new members: we especially need singers who can commit to the Sunday 9am and 11am Masses. Rehearsals are on Monday evening 7-8pm. Please contact Music Director Catherine Walsh for more information: catherine.organist@gmail.com.

Summer Institute: The Archdiocesan Institutes strive to provide opportunities for all Catholics to get involved in faith formation. We hope to create a community formed in the faith and empowered to continue the ministry of Christ through active engagement in the Church and the world. The next Institute is Saturday, Aug. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Holy Cross High School in Surrey. \$40 per person, includes lunch. Cost increases to \$45 after Aug. 21. Register at www.rcav.org/oc-summer

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 included.

- 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.

Stewardship Reflection

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."
(Luke 12:15)

The Gospel message today is contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle and become more "other-centered" and less "self-centered."

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