



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday Anticipated Mass: 5pm
Sunday Masses: 9am, 11am, 5pm

Mon – Wed Masses: 8am
Thurs Mass & OLPH Novena: 8am, 7pm
1st Thurs: 8am Mass/Novena, 12pm Mass/Novena/Healing Prayer
Fri, Sat & Holidays: 9am Mass
Fri in July & August: 8am Mass

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 4pm - 4:45pm
Adoration
Saturday 9:30-10am

OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

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Feast of the Holy Family

Archbishop Miller’s 2019 Christmas Message



Dear Parishioners,

The birth of Jesus has changed the course of human history. God became man, a Saviour who gave a new direction for us to follow. Everyone involved in the first Christmas events experienced a transformative change in their lives. Mary and Joseph set out on a life-altering journey to Jerusalem. The shepherds were called away from their fields. The Magi responded from hundreds of kilometers away to seek the new-born Child.

After the Nativity, such dramatic changes continued. All who heard the Good News told by the shepherds were amazed. Mary took in what had happened and continued to ponder all these things in her heart.

No one comes through the celebration of Christmas with an unchanged heart. Likewise, in the Archdiocese of Vancouver, this was a year of being led in new and challenging directions. It has been a time of self-examination and of listening, especially to survivors of historic clerical sexual abuse and to those identifying better ways to confront this tragedy. As with those involved in the first Christmas, we are invited to leave behind former ways and to follow the Spirit’s guidance in more faithful directions.

Changing direction – or conversion – is always a difficult challenge. Too often we are set in our ways and resist adopting fresh attitudes and approaches. Pope Francis is particularly good at inviting us to be open to surprising directions – not with new beliefs or teachings, but with novel perspectives on our situation and a willingness to move out of our comfort zones.

During Advent we read about John the Baptist calling people to “prepare the way” for Jesus. This not only means setting out on a specific, possibly unknown path, but also making the route easier for those who will follow.

This year we were called as Catholics in Vancouver to move away from an inward focus, and toward reaching out to victims who have been hurt by those representing our Church. It’s not enough to hope someone else does the difficult work of aiding the stranger on the side of the road. We are all called to prepare the way – and to proclaim to everyone God’s love and mercy revealed in Jesus Christ.

I invite you this Christmas to be open to hitherto unknown paths that the Lord may be proposing to you, whether it’s your relationship with Him and with your neighbour, or the way you respond to the marginalized in your midst. Perhaps the way you’ve always done things – adequate until now – has served its purpose and it’s time to explore new ways of living your life according to God’s plan.

The good Lord has a path for you to follow. Commit yourself to finding it this Christmas season and following it throughout the new year. Whatever road he places before you is the one best designed for you to get closer to Jesus, the Child born of Mary who changed history. With my prayers and blessing, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver

NEW YEAR’S DAY MASSES
(Holy Day of Obligation for Solemnity of Mary)
Wednesday January 1: 9am Mass, 11am Mass



NEWS & NOTICES

Weekly Collection: Sunday Mass Offering Dec 22 & 23: \$6,445.26. Offering for the Needy: \$20. Grotto: \$200. Youth Cookie Fundraiser: \$345. Youth Ministry: \$100. Pope's Pastoral Works: \$340. Thank you for your faith-filled generosity.

Project Advance Report: Thank you to all who have donated to Project Advance. We have received \$116,552 from 155 donors. If you have not made your donation yet, please consider making a sacrificial offering to Project Advance by tomorrow noon to allow time for processing.

2020 Sunday Offering Envelopes: 2020 Sunday envelopes are ready for pick up this weekend in the parish foyer. Please make sure you pick up the right box as some names may be similar to yours and addresses are not printed on the label. If your envelope box is not in the foyer, please contact the parish office.

NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR 2020 ENVELOPES UNTIL 2020 AND DO NOT USE YOUR 2019 OR ANY PREVIOUS YEAR'S ENVELOPES IN 2020.

Women's Faith Study - St. Catherine of Siena: In her mere 33 years St. Catherine of Siena left such a rich legacy that she is named a Doctor of the Church. She is best known for *The Dialogue*, a book of meditations and revelations in which she shares intimate conversations with God. She used her 'feminine genius' to address the problems the world presented her and her words will ring as true today as when she first exhorted fellow Christians: "Be who you are called to be and you will set the world ablaze!" Join us as we gather weekly for 9 weeks for fellowship, encouragement, and to learn more about this great female Doctor of the Church. This study will run at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver every Friday from Jan. 10 through March 13, with the exception of January 24 (no study this night). Register online at rcav.org

RCIA Sponsors: We are looking for sponsors to support this year's catechumens in RCIA. A sponsor's role is to accompany the catechumen in their spiritual journey through prayer and faith-inspired friendship. If you can speak Mandarin or Cantonese, it would be helpful as well. You will not be expected to attend RCIA sessions except on some important dates. Just make some time for sharing the faith! Please email Bertilla if you have questions or if you'd like to help: bwatanabe@rcav.org.

Pro-Life Mass & Prayer Vigil: One of the fundamental answers to abortion is prayer. Please join your voice with ours as we pray on the first Saturday of each month at a different parish for a new culture of life. Mass will be Saturday, Jan. 4, 9 a.m. at St. Joseph Church in Langley. For upcoming dates, visit rcav.org/pro-life-mass-and-prayer-vigil

Fiat: Women's Discernment Group: The Fiat Women's Discernment Group will have our annual snowshoe trip on Saturday, Jan. 11. Meet for 9 a.m. Mass at Christ the Redeemer Parish in West Vancouver and then carpool up to Cypress Mountain. We'll snowshoe the Bowen Lookout trail, enjoying fellowship and fun and having a picnic lunch at the viewpoint. Bring snowshoes (available for rent on the way up the mountain), water, lunch, and dress for the weather. We plan to return to Vancouver by 3 p.m. Check Vocations Vancouver on Facebook to arrange carpools, borrow snowshoes, etc., or contact the Vocations Office at 604-443-3254 or by email at womensvocations@rcav.org to RSVP or for more information

White Mass with Archbishop Miller: All physicians, healthcare providers and their families are invited to White Mass celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB where we will pray for the Preservation of Catholic Medical Ethics in Healthcare. Takes place Friday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. at St. Augustine's Church in Vancouver. Hosted by the Catholic Physician's Guild.

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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

December 29, 2019 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

"Wives, be subordinate to your husbands... Husbands, love your wives... Children, obey your parents in everything... Fathers, do not provoke your children..." (Colossians 3:18-21)

Pope Francis said that families, through their life of prayer and love, become "schools of true human growth." Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, Our Father, does for us.

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