



## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

### MASSSES & SERVICES

**Saturday Anticipated Mass:** 5pm

**Sunday Masses:** 9am, 11am, 5pm

**Mon – Wed Masses:** 8am

**Thurs Mass & OLPH Novena:**

8am, 7pm

**1<sup>st</sup> Thurs:** 8am Mass/Novena,

12pm Mass/Novena/Healing

Prayer

**Fri, Sat & Holidays:** 9am Mass

**Fri in July & August:** 8am Mass

**Children's Mass:** 9am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
of the month Oct-June

**Children's Liturgy:** 11am

All Sundays except the 1<sup>st</sup>

Sunday from Sept- June

### Reconciliation

Saturday 4pm - 4:45pm

### Adoration

Saturday 9:30-10am

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

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The Epiphany of the Lord

## Pope Francis: 2020 A Year to Cultivate Hope & Peace



*At the Angelus prayer on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Pope Francis urges us to live the year 2020 in gratitude for the blessing of God's love in Jesus Christ. The Pope also apologizes for losing his patience yesterday while greeting the faithful near the Nativity scene in St. Peter's Square.*

Pope Francis addressed the crowds gathered in St. Peter's Square on Wednesday, at the start of the new year. "Last night we concluded the year 2019 by thanking God for the gift of time and all its benefits," he said. "Today we begin the year 2020 with the same attitude of gratitude and praise."

### Show us the Son

The Pope recalled the liturgical feast of Mary, the Mother of God, which recurs on January 1<sup>st</sup>, saying she "blesses us by showing us her Son."

"She blesses the whole Church; she blesses the whole world. Jesus, as the Angels sang in Bethlehem, is 'joy for all people'. He is the glory of God and peace for humanity."

Pope Francis said Jesus, the Savior, is God's blessing for every man and woman, because He defeated evil at its root.

### God loves us always

The Pope said Jesus reminds us that God loves us, even when we have lost our "self-esteem by remaining prisoners of vicious cycles".

"To those who are victims of injustice and exploitation and see no way out, Jesus opens the door of fraternity, where they can find welcoming faces, hearts and hands, where they can share bitterness and despair, and recover some dignity."

Pope Francis said those who are seriously ill and feel abandoned should remember that Jesus is close to them and tenderly touches their wounds, turning weakness into "a force for good."

"To those who are imprisoned and are tempted to close in on themselves," he said, "Jesus reopens a horizon of hope, starting with a small glimmer of light."

### World Day of Peace

Pope Francis also recalled his message for the 53rd World Day of Peace, celebrated on New Year's Day.

"For the year 2020 the Message is this: 'Peace as a journey of hope', a journey in which progress is made through dialogue, reconciliation and ecological conversion."

### 2020: Journey of Hope

In conclusion, Pope Francis invited us to "descend from the pedestals of our pride and ask for the blessing of the Holy Mother of God" who shows us that we are blessed in Jesus.



Lord every nation on earth will adore you. – Psalm 72

## NEWS & NOTICES

**Weekly Collection:** Christmas Mass Offering Dec 24 & 25: \$12,693.15. Dec 21 & 22 Sunday Offering: \$1,135. Dec 28 & 29 Sunday Offering: \$3,593.85. Christmas Offering: \$185. Thank you for your faith-filled generosity.

**Thursday Mass & Novena:** Starting in February the Thursday Mass and devotions will be in the morning at 9am and at noon every week. There will be no Mass/devotions in the evening. The noon Mass on the first Thursday will continue to be a special Mass & Novena with benediction, healing prayers with the relic of St Alphonsus followed by fellowship over soup in the hall.

**2020 Sunday Offering Envelopes:** 2020 Sunday envelopes are ready for pick up this weekend in the church 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 2019 OR ANY PREVIOUS YEAR'S ENVELOPES IN 2020.**

**Vancouver Marian Conference:** Come join fellow Catholics in a day of praise, worship, fellowship, and listening to talks given by Fr. James Blount, S.O.L.T., Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, Fr. Joseph Aytona, CPM, and Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz, CSMA. Music and song by Anna Nuzzo. This will enrich your faith and give glory to Jesus and honour to the Virgin Mary. Takes place Saturday, Jan. 18 from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Canadian Martyrs Parish in Richmond. Register online at [www.eventbrite.com/e/vancouver-marian-conference-2020-tickets-80429529889](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/vancouver-marian-conference-2020-tickets-80429529889)

### Children's Christmas Mass



### Stewardship Reflection

*"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11)*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything especially that one thing that means the most to us.

Stewardship Office, Archdiocese of St. Louis

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